

Only connect! Live in fragments no longer." - E M Forster's most quoted words. A speeding car in Hempton Road kills a much-loved dog and tornadoes in the Gulf displace millions and raise the price of petrol. The connection? a widely shared addiction to speed today as if there were no tomorrow. Tomorrow belongs to our grandchildren when

diminishing supplies of fossil fuels will inevitably cost much more. 50 mph was unrealistically promoted as the Green Speed Limit, but even an under-rated 4-year-old Skoda has a trip computer. The challenge is to aim at an average 50 mpg on every trip. Who will join an 'Over-50s Club' ?

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October

Mon	3	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am- noon. ➡ p.7
Wed	5	Monday Morning Club: Trip to Towcester Races. Bus leaves Market Place at 1pm. ➡ p.7
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Sat	8	LIVING ROOMS PROJECT: Concert by Brass Bits, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.5
Sat	8	Deddington Football Club: Race Night at the British Legion Club; first race 7.30 pm ➡ p.7
Tue	11	WI: Bring & Share Harvest Supper, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.7
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Wed	12	History Society: Peter Sheasby on <i>The Swere Project</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.7
Fri	14	Deddington Players: <i>Many Hands Make Light Work</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
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Sat	15	Deddington Players: <i>Many Hands Make Light Work</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
Sat	15	British Legion Club: a rather special celebration: be there at 8.00 pm to find out. ➡ p.7
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Fri	28	Babies & Toddlers Group: Visit by Ian Taylor, photographer, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am ➡ p.7
Sat	29	Christina Rees on <i>The Daughters of Li Tim-Oi</i> , bring & share supper, Parish Church, 7pm ➡ p.13
Sun	30	Deddington Players: those interested read through next pantomime, Windmill Centre, 3pm.

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Weekly Meetings

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

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Meeting in Town Hall, 21 Sept 2005.

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public.

STUDENT GRANTS

Gary Chapman, Luke Garrett and Felicity Sullivan were each awarded £100 to buy books.

NOVEMBER FAIR

PC "keen to re-start this traditional event", which "ran from 1393 to 1984", "for the children of the village". PC to apply for road closure order, estimated cost £75 to be set against £150 rent from the Fair provider. Buses will be re-routed via the main road. Safety, especially of children, will be a priority. Dates and times of Fair confirmed: Start-up 6pm Thursday, 17 November, closing 10pm each evening, and departing by 12 noon Sunday 20 November.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (1) Castle Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington. Change of use of black barn from agricultural storage to business storage. (2) Clifton Mill, Clifton. Listed Building. Revision to existing planning consent, from oak shakes to thatch on outbuildings roofs. (3) The Manse, Bullring, Deddington – fell pyrus tree. (4) Home Farm Cottage, Clifton. Two-storey extension and attached double garage, with studio over, plus front porch. (5) Russett Cottage, The Stile, Deddington. Single storey rear extension. (6) Castle End, Castle Street, Deddington. Thin and reduce yew tree. (7) No 35, St John's Way, Hempton. Rear conservatory.

PC objection: (8) No 2, Philcote Street, Deddington. Raise roof with 2nd floor extension/loft conversion. Revised drawings still not accurate. Restriction of neighbours' light. Overall roofline changed, in conservation area.

Majority verdict: (9) Bengal Spice, New Street, Deddington. Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of existing approval, to allow take-away service and extended hours to 10 pm on Sundays/Bank Holidays. Some Councillors re-stated concerns about parking, traffic, noise and cooking smells. PC voted 5-3 not to object, provided all previous objections and regulations had been met satisfactorily and that neighbours had no valid (planning) objections.

CDC refusal: (10) No 11 The Beeches, Deddington. Over-development of site.

CDC approvals: 13 Mackley Close; Daeda Cottage; Laurel House (Antiques Centre); Clydesdale Beauty Salon; Merrybower; Monks Court; Holcombe Hotel; 23 Gaveston Gardens – all in Deddington. Stonewalls; Hempton House – both in Hempton. Denbigh Place; Roseville – both in Clifton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Removal of dangerous trees in Castle Grounds to cost £320.
- For the second year, there is a bull in Brian Fuller's field through which the Circular Walk passes. CDC will be pressed to take action.

- CRE subscription renewed at £25.

- Deddington Market Management Group congratulated on early repayment of loan.
- Any allotments not fully cultivated by March 2006 will be forfeited.

ROADS AND PATHS

'Give way' road markings and white lines have been covered in tarmac at Philcote and St Thomas Streets. Double yellow lines on the Hempton Road have been extended. 'Keep clear' sign in the Bullring was outside a garage which has now become a shop. Badly parked vehicles overhang the new 'Better Ways to School' path by Castle House: safety of children is at risk. Overhanging vehicles on the west side of the Market Place, obstruct path. Kerb blocks (granite sets) in Hopcraft Lane, Philcote Street, Hempton Road and elsewhere need replacing. All these matters are being attended to. Proposed crossing by the Library has been confirmed. There will be no audible signals. Crossing on Hempton Road will be near Wimborn Close. C/Cllr Jelf undertook to find out the installation date(s) for these two crossings.

B4031 : Heavy continental lorries have been using South Newington as a rat-run and if this is closed off, as seems likely, there would be a potentially dangerous increase in traffic on the Hempton Road. PC fully supports C/Cllr Jelf in demanding a 7.5 tonne weight limit on B4031 in the parish of Deddington and beyond. Larger vehicles should be confined to major roads and well established routes.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £7,594.58, including £2,448.12 grasscutting; £1,744.88 security lighting at Windmill Centre; £1,063.97 imprest, mostly stewards' wages.

Investments totalled £567,339.83, of which £17,580.77 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £252,537.67 Alliance & Leicester @ 4.2% on 30 days; £297,221.39 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight.

Cash Flow - expenditure broadly in line with budget.

Audit 2004/5 - all questions dealt with.

AN OFFER PC CAN REFUSE

The owners (not the tenants) of Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, offered to provide parking for 20 cars, for a fee of £10,000. Chairman pointed out this would equate to a 60% increase in the precept and is not acceptable to PC. Business funding or sponsorship would be the preferred way.

VILLAGE STEWARDS

Gary Rose, a village steward, is to have a hip operation and will be out of action until at least the end of the year. John Coleman, the other steward, will continue single handed.

NEXT MEETING Wed 19 Oct, Town Hall, 7.45pm.

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

It seems hard to believe that we are in our third week of school as I write this. The children have settled in remarkably well and it is lovely to welcome so many new families to our school community. Already we are turning our thoughts to next year's intake, and, if anyone has a child who is 5 during the academic year 2006/2007, please ensure that your CAF form for admission to school is completed and sent off. Should you need an application form please pop into school to collect one. All forms need to be returned by Friday 18 November. If you do not return an application form, you could miss out on your first choice of school.

The new playground is usable and we are awaiting the new fencing to finish it. This will be followed by the new car park being finished during the Autumn mid-term break. We have an open afternoon planned for 18 October from 2.00pm: everyone is welcome to visit the school and see us at work, including the new playground.



Many thanks to the members of the community who donated all their Sainsbury's and Tesco's vouchers last term. We had a tremendous response and the goods that we ordered are now arriving. The new PE equipment is wonderful. This term we will be collecting the Tesco sports vouchers, so please drop any in that you would like to donate.

It has also been lovely to welcome our new Deputy Head this term, Miss Jane Bellinger. Jane has moved up from Croydon to join us, but is originally a Banbury girl and enjoying being back in familiar surroundings. She is teaching Year 6 this year. They are currently looking forward to their residential trip to Devon in the first week of October with some of Year 5. Let's hope the weather is kind. We have now had last year's Year 6's results confirmed and they should be justly proud of the excellent results they achieved. We have some of the best results for several years across the subjects. Well done Year 6, Mrs Phethean and Mrs Davison.

Thanks to the vote taken by the school council last year we also have two new animal members of the school. Thumper and Snowy are two young Lion Head rabbits who are now living with us, and the children are doing a great job in looking after them. Thank you to Mrs Ravie, one of our parents, for donating them to us.

Judith Tinsley 338430

Pre-School

We have been very busy at Pre-School since the start of term. The children have been enjoying sharing stories and photographs about their holidays. We have been talking about Harvest Festival, and discussing fruits and vegetables from around the world. The children have been bringing in various examples for us to talk about. We also made cards for Grandparents' Day. A big thank you to Cathy Alsworth who has offered to look after the Pre-School garden.

There are a couple of job opportunities coming up

PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA and helped to make the 2004/2005 year such a success. We had a great year! The result was some £7k+ net enabling us to provide valuable resources for the school. The PTA AGM on the 12 September was extremely well attended and a new Committee was formed. Some of the 2004 committee were re-elected, myself included. We are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team this year.

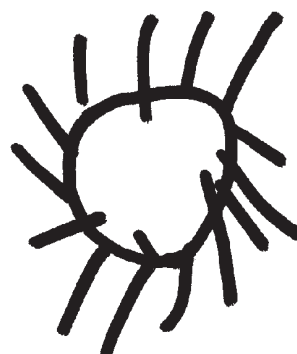
We have some very exciting plans for the 2005/2006 year. Fireworks Night is on Thursday 3 November. This promises to be a bigger and better display and for the 2nd year running we have increased our investment in this! Santa's Float and Santa's Grotto will be visiting before Christmas too, and we plan to have a Race Night in early March. The Deddington Challenge was a huge success earlier this year and we have booked this into our calendar again for May 2006.

The Children have been very busy designing their Christmas Cards again this year and these will be available for sale very shortly.

Stella O'Neill PTA Chair 338769

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Rowena Dickerson

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

Parish Church in October

Sun	2	10.30 am	Morning Praise (Theme : Animals)
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	6	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, Baptism (& Children's Church)
Wed	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	16	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Tue	18	6.30 pm	ST LUKE Eucharist
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Eucharist (and Children's Church)
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist
Fri	28	6.30 pm	SS SIMON & JUDE Eucharist
Sat	29	7.00 pm	Bring & Share Supper with Christina Rees
Sun	30	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP) - preacher : Christina Rees
		3.30 pm	Commemoration of the Departed



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), John Dane (07903 478206), or one of the Churchwardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or Judy Ward (337187).

St John Hempton

Suns 2 & 16	9.00 am	Eucharist
23	6.00 pm	Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS	Sept 11	Molly, Toby and Jamie Levene
	Sept 18	Harriet Pegworth
WEDDINGS	Aug 27	Roy Hart & Karen Edwards
	Sept 10	Martin John Smith & Maria Florence Matallah
FUNERAL	Sept 6	Stanley Brain

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 12 & 26 October, 7.30pm
2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 12 & 26 October, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - September : **SANTAL MISSION** - 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 Preacher - Pastor Isabel Walton;
Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday **morning** services are held together with the Wesleyan Reform Church.
Sunday evening services are held at the Chapel at 6.00 pm with Communion on the first Sunday of the month. The speakers will be announced.

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

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

Now you see it ...

It is rare for a building in the parish to be so dramatically demolished. When Ken Reeves vacated his Earls Lane vicarage in April 2000, he fully expected it would be replaced at once, as did everyone. Hence it was not immediately let. The negotiations, between the Oxford diocese, the local education authority and agents, who did not share the local sense of urgency, have wasted five costly years. The disagreements were



over the relative values, ever changing as the years passed, of the land to be swapped so as to give the school a better playing field, and the church space to build a new vicarage and two new dwellings. It is surprising that squatters have not taken advantage of an empty and, recently, unsecured property. Now at last an end is in sight, and John Dane and his family can look forward to a new home. *CJH*

Meanwhile, also in Earls Lane ...


In the new NHS league table Deddington Health Centre came seventh in the Cherwell Vale Primary Care Trust area. The league table was introduced as part of the new GP contract which started last year. Deddington scored 90.4%. It lost points as it had only transferred 60% of patient records from paper to computer. Points are awarded for the treatment of major illnesses assessed on the basis of the



practice's patient entries. Regular nurse-led clinics attract extra points. 20% of points are derived from a patients' questionnaire. On the basis of the points awarded the Health Centre has qualified to be a Training Practice. Under the new GP contract for each point scored an extra £77.50 is received for the next year. Practices which came low in the table tended to be those in areas where the recruitment of staff is more difficult. A case it seems of to those who have more is given.

There is a Patient Participation Group at the Health Centre, meeting monthly. Those interested should e-mail sue.wilkins@gp-k84055.nhs.uk. *CJH*

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Sally Haslam on 01869 338216

A LIVING ROOMS PROJECT EVENT

E-MAIL FROM COUNCILLOR RAY JELF

You will no doubt be well aware of the petition presented recently to Oxfordshire County Council's Transport Implementation Committee calling for a ban on HGV vehicles travelling on the A361 through South Newington.

For those not familiar with the village of South Newington, I would advise that in the village the A361 has four right angle bends which make negotiation by HGVs very difficult and dangerous. The problem is further compounded by the lack of a footpath in the area, making walking an extremely hazardous occupation. For these reasons I had absolutely no hesitation in lending my support to South Newington residents in calling for a ban. However, my support was and is conditional upon a 7.5 tonne weight limit being placed on all the roads crossing the Deddington area which lead to the A361 and I therefore welcome the Liberal Democrat Party's support in my endeavour in obtaining the necessary weight limit restrictions.

E-MAIL FROM ANTHONY PRICE

The residents of South Newington so much enjoyed the quiet during the recent road closure that they have raised a petition to ban HGVs (over 7.5 tonnes) on a permanent basis. The local Councillor and MP are making themselves more popular (locally) by supporting this. Maybe this will lead, one day, to extra votes. Our local Liberal Democrats correctly point out that a ban would significantly increase traffic on the Hempton/Deddington road and they are now jumping on the "ban the HGVs" bandwagon. The spectre is raised of people all over the country, with nothing better to do than think of their own selfish interests, organising petitions with the help of their local politicians. Do they not realise that removing trouble from their own doorstep causes double trouble elsewhere? Do they want all HGVs to wend their way round the country, using the fewer and fewer areas where residents have not yet persuaded their local council that their road is "an accident waiting to happen" and should be closed to large vehicles. Do they not realise that the goods they themselves buy are carried in these vehicles and the cost of these goods would increase considerably? We should NOT be campaigning for the B4301 to be restricted - it is obviously absurd to transfer traffic from an A road to a B road. Rather, we should be campaigning for the A361 in South Newington to be KEPT OPEN. Perhaps a case could be made for some restriction, but not at the 7.5 tonne level. Our roads are a national asset, paid for (several times over) by several taxes to the national government. Please keep local government, with its parochial interests, out of it.

(CC to the PC, Ray Jelf, Tony Baldry and relevant agencies. Ed)

Please address all letters to:

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5 The Leyes, Deddington
E-mail:
op@kristin.demon.co.uk

FROM J.W. COLE, HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON

While I have sympathy for South Newington, what is needed is a bypass to eliminate the problem – not shifting the problem to us, in Hempton and Deddington. The local MP and the Councillor are a pair of stupid asses – who should likewise be eliminated.

(Copy sent to Banbury Guardian; Mr Cole is disabled and uses a scooter. KT)

FROM MRS. LOUISE GILLES, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

I am writing this after thinking hard about how to express the anger I feel at the driver who so callously killed Mr. Flux's dog on the morning of Saturday, 3rd. September.

Mr. Flux was walking his two dogs, on leads, along the Hempton Road by the Windmill Centre when one dog, Lady, stepped off the pavement onto the roadside. Mr. Flux indicated to an approaching driver, coming from the Hempton direction, to slow down while he got Lady back on to the pavement. To my amazement the driver ploughed straight into Lady, killing her instantly, and just missing Mr. Flux. The driver then carried on speeding down the road without even bothering to slow down.

I find it very hard to believe that a person hitting a dog at that speed did not realize what he had done. The road was clear but the driver did not even try to go round the dog. The worrying thing is that children using the Windmill Centre could also become casualties of drivers who ignore the speed limits in our village.

The upset caused to Mr. and Mrs. Flux by this irresponsible driving will be with me for a long time. I hope people will take note of the speed limit and support any traffic calming measures in Deddington.

(Copy sent to P.C.)



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Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team

Hanwell Athletico (h)	Drew 1-1	L.Rawlings
Cropredy (a)	Drew 2-2	B.Durrant, S.Flemming

The 1st team made an unbeaten start to the season, drawing their opening two matches. Lloyd Rawlings was on target against Hanwell and late equaliser from Cropredy denied Deddington victory with the game ending in a 2-2 draw.

Reserve Team

KEA (a)	Drew 3-3	A.Kite (2), T.Spencer
Heyford Utd. (h)	Lost 1-5	A.Kite

The Reserve side gained a useful point in their opening game of the season, with a battling 3-3 draw away to KEA. Adam Kite scored 2 goals on his debut for the club; Tim Spencer also found the back of the net. Kite was again on the score sheet against Heyford Utd. but this proved to be a consolation goal as a strong Heyford side ran out 5-1 winners.

75 Club Winners; 26/8/05 C.Bolton £100; 2/9/05 M.Reason £50; 9/9/05 A.Shepherd £50; 16/9/05 Mrs D.Keats £50.

The Football Club is holding a race night at the British Legion Club on Saturday 8 October with the first race at 7.30 pm. If you would like to 'own' a horse in one of the races, please speak to any club member for details. Everyone is welcome – please come and support your local team.

Steve Plumble (01295) 278258.

WI

Barbara Upton and Doreen Watkins introduced members to the intricate craft of lace making. Barbara explained the history: the Flemings introduced the craft and the first reference is 1390. It eventually became a rural cottage industry. A display of an exquisite collection of modern and antique lace was talked about and admired by members. All this whilst Doreen demonstrated her skill with dozens of bobbins holding very fine thread making intricate patterns as well allowing members a 'hands on' go if they so wished. On 11 October there is 'Home grown' entertainment with a bring and share harvest supper.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Players

Rehearsals are under way for our autumn evening entertainment of the play 'Many Hands Make Light Work' by Steve Davies. This will be performed at the Windmill at 7.30pm on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 October. Tickets at £7 and £5 (concessions), which include refreshments and a glass of wine, can be purchased from Bluebells or by contacting 338153. See you there!

Lucy Squires 338442

The Monday Morning Club

Coffee morning as usual, 10.30 am on Monday 3 October. There are lots of decisions for members to make! We will be taking bookings for the race afternoon at Towcester on Wednesday 5 October - the bus leaves at 1pm and you will be home around 6.30 pm. CDC has instituted a mobile cinema for Senior Citizens' groups: we will be showing *Ladies in Lavender* at the Holly Tree on Wednesday 12 October at 6.30 pm. The next cinema evening is booked for Thursday 1 December, so please give us some ideas about what you would

like to see. Please be in touch with me if you want to come; membership of the Club for 2005 is £3. We will also be taking reservations for Christmas lunch on 5 December.

Jean Flux 338153

Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group

The toddlers are off on an outing to the Snakes and Ladders activity centre in Abingdon, on Wednesday 12 October from 10-12. There is no session at the Windmill that morning. We meet as usual throughout the October school holiday and Ian Taylor is coming on Friday 28 October to take informal photographs of the children during the session - ideal Christmas presents!

Lucy Squires 338442

Book Club

Our read for September was *The Line of Beauty* by Alan Hollinghurst and we are about to start Alexander McCall Smith's *The Sunday Philosophy Club*. The following is a summary of our discussions at our last meeting on *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali: 'A beautifully descriptive and often funny read. The author is very perceptive and the characters strong and real. This story of a rebellious Asian immigrant girl gave us an insight into cultural differences and feelings of isolation - particularly poignant in view of the recent London suicide bombings'. Next meeting 27 October. Call me for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington & District History Society

Our 2005-6 season opened with an enthusiastically received talk by Kate Tiller on church, chapel and people. At least one owner of a former nonconformist chapel has as a result launched himself into researching its history! We await the results with interest. Incidentally, if anyone has a piece of historical research that they would like to see brought to a wider audience, we are always looking for material to fill the pages of our newsletter, 224, which is distributed free to members.

On Wednesday 12 October (Windmill Centre, 7.30) Peter Sheasby will talk to us about the Swere Project, which has attracted such interest locally. The talk will be illustrated with Peter's superb photographs. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Our speaker on Wednesday 9 November is Malcolm Graham, on the photographic collections at the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies in Oxford.

Chris Day 337204

Deddington Royal British Legion

The refurbishment is complete and the new "super TV" installed. As well as our usual opening hours, we will open on selected evenings to enable members to watch specific sporting events (advertised at the club premises). Details of club membership were published last month.

We are thrilled that our Branch Standard Bearer, Dave Keats, is to parade our standard at the annual televised Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance on Saturday 12 November in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Royal British Legion. Remembrance Sunday is 13 November. There is a parade at 10 am starting from Legion Headquarters to the memorial in the churchyard,

followed by a Service of Remembrance in the church at 10.30 am. All villagers are welcome to join us in the parade and in the church. Following the service there is "Open House" in the clubhouse. Please make this a special year on the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The AGMs of the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Deddington Royal British Legion Club Limited is at the clubhouse on Saturday 3 December and is open to members only. See the DN diary for other events DeddingtonRBL@aol.com **Raymond Morris 338143**

1st Deddington Guides

A new term and we're busy reforming patrols and planning ahead. We congratulated ourselves on becoming 34 years old this month: Mrs Jean Ward held the first meeting of 4 girls at Maunds Farmhouse in 1989! There have certainly been many more guides through the unit since then: hopefully each girl enjoyed the fun of guiding and has gone on to be a thoughtful member of the community.

In the last two weeks we learnt a lot about sharing and making decisions together. We enjoyed finding out about autumn plants and made a superb collage of flowers, leaves and moss. Future activities include practising cooking on different stoves and learning about safety. Please call if you are interested in joining us.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Our fifth session started on 14 September and we welcomed our three new Anchor section helpers aboard and look forward to a successful year.

We still have spaces in our Anchor section (boys in Years 1, 2 and 3) and our new Company section (boys in Years 7, 8 and 9). New activities this session include table tennis (Company section) and electronics (Junior section).

Our brass band goes from strength to strength and now meets in the church Living Room on Monday evenings.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington Badminton Club

We started the season with a great victory in mixed Division 2 with an 8-1 win against Marlborough. Our club night is Tuesday from 7pm; again can we appeal to ladies to come, we need you! Our Junior coaching is going well (23 subscribers), but with only one court we are unable to cope with more! Our Junior men's team face their first matches during October. Our home matches are on Wednesdays for those who would like to come and add their support.

Janine Beckwith 347539, Mark Tyler 338056

Deddington Youth Club

Our new Youth Leader, Julie Wileman, is settling in to the challenges of running the Monday meetings and is enjoying getting to know the members and their needs. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for the cookery competition for young people - "Ready Deddy Cook" - to be held on Saturday 22 October: we are entering two teams of three. The committee is trying to expand further the

Youth Club activities to ensure that there is something for everyone.

Mauveen Forsyth 338384



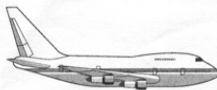
Clare Newcome has just started a 3-year course at Oxford Brookes University, studying Youth & Community Work with Applied Theology. Part of her course



work involves hands-on experience and for this she will be staying in Deddington at weekends, and opening a club for young ['11+'] people which will meet in the church. She also plans to open a club in Barford. To find out what will be happening and when, send her an email to crnchia@hotmail.com. She came

to Deddington straight from completing a gap year spent with family in Perth, Australia and then travelling in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Look out for her Laotian trousers - a tall angle lens would have been needed to include them in her photo. She hopes also to be involved with the village youth club when Julie Wileman has settled in there.

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"Ready Deddy Cook"

As part of its celebration for the Farmers' Market "Month of Taste" Deddington Farmers' Market is holding a competition for budding young chefs at this month's market on Saturday 22 October. After shopping at the market observed by a team of judges the 11-16 year olds in teams of 3 drawn from village organisations will cook a two course meal for three people at The Unicorn Hotel. If you would like more information please contact Sue Shattock (338880) or myself. *Geoff Todd (338532)*



4th birthday cake

DOLL

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

One of DOL's missions is to preserve local material for posterity. This month we have added recordings of the voice of Sidney Berry who was born and bred in Deddington early in the last century. These reminiscences, along with the recording of Fred Deely, can be found at www.deddington.org.uk/spokenword. They form the beginning of a collection of oral history pieces that DOL intends to host. Please contact me if you know of any parishioners willing to transcribe these recordings Colin Clark 338064 or colin.clark@deddington.net

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Norman Stone

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Apologies. Those circumstances, traditionally described as unforeseen, have laid hold of the FDF Newsletter 2. But the Newsletter will reach members in October and already there is much to look forward to in connection with next year's festival programme.

Kristin Thompson

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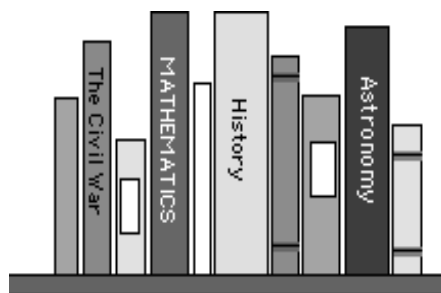
Please bring your car to be [? pressure-] washed at the Fire Station on Saturday 15 October, 10.00 am ~ 4.00 pm, and support the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.



Anne Waters 338281

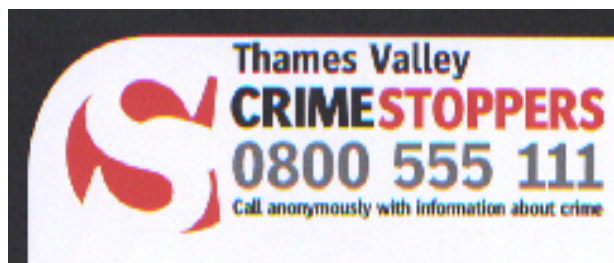
Reading Voyage

Congratulations to the 24 children who successfully completed the Reading



Voyage. At a ceremony in the Library on 7 September they were presented with their medals. Thanks to a generous but anonymous donor, they were also given a book each. There is a display of photographs in the Library and copies will be available to the children at the beginning of October. If you didn't finish there is still time but alas there might not be any books left - but you will still get a medal!

Rosemary Arnold

**Deddington Police Office**

The summer months this year have proved to be very demanding on police resources. This time of year is normally very busy with lots of events taking place. The events in London back in July were a further drain on resources, and all this at a time of year when many officers are on annual leave. Consequently policing at a community level has been disrupted, with local officers having to provide cover for absent colleagues.

Despite this the level of crime in and around the village remains low. Since the beginning of August to mid-September a total of 8 crimes have been recorded which are made up of 2 Burglaries, 3 thefts from person and 3 thefts from vehicles. Two of the thefts from vehicles involved the removal of number plates from cars parked in the street. For the same period last year a total of 19 crimes were recorded. I am very pleased to see that recorded crime is down. That is in the main due to vigilant members of the community reporting suspicious incidents to the police, enabling positive steps to be taken to prevent crime occurring.

If you have any information about any crime or suspicious incident then please contact your local officer, PC John Weaver at Deddington on 01869 338444 or contact the Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

[Sadly no one spotted the number plate of the car which killed Lady, the Fluxus' dog - see page 6. Ed]

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1855:

3rd October - Robert (his youngest son) left for Exeter College, Oxford.

5th October - A recruiting party paraded the Town this evening.

7th October - Sunday - Mr. Brogden did not return home as was expected - excuse that he was too ill to do so, being attended by a medical man 3 times a day - tho' yesterday he wrote to say he should return, tho' he should be unable to take the Duty. Mr. Brogden returned from London about 8 o'clock this evening. A third sequestration was fixed on the Church Doors today for the sum total of nearly £1,700 - from Clayborne & Fearon (solicitors) in London.

15th October - Was in Oxford to attend the Sessions. Attended the Court during an Appeal case - was called out to examine a lunatic pauper, and to hear a poaching case from Baldon - which lasted a considerable time. Convicted the two men - being as far as was known their first offence - in £1 each fine and costs or 21 days with hard labour to House of Correction.

18th October - At 10 o'clock this morning I married George Dungate and Sarah Tame - he had lived 7 years with us (as footman) and she 19 years (as nurse to Betsy and housemaid). They are going to live at Souldern and occupy our farm there.

19th October - Heard a case in Mr. Field's office - sent a tramp to prison for 21 days for begging and using obscene and threatening language.

22nd October - We started for Brighton, being my birthday, for a month, by first train. I thank God for having preserved my life and spared me to this day!

Buffy Heywood

DEDDINGTON FAMILIES 2005

Dear Reader,

I have tried to bring alive Deddington customs, people and events dating back to 1978 in these pages. Before it is too late - I'm soon nearing my own dotage - I would simply love to add a chapter concerning the people dwelling in the three villages of the Parish in 2005. There is no need to reiterate customs or events. The pages of our Deddington News are full of them every month. I would like to hear from folk, young, old and middle-aged, who are gathered together in this community, and will be interested to know what happy, sad, pleasant or tortuous roads have brought them to this Parish. It would also be fascinating to know on which continent, in which country, county or district they were born and what personal family customs they have brought to this place. Although, sadly, I cannot call myself a Deddingtonian (my natural habitat being Dane Hill, Duns Tew) I have almost both feet in Deddington Parish and would be happy to visit or hear from anybody interested in helping me build up a series on Deddington Families in 2005.

Ruth Johnson

WELL REMEMBERED

STAN BRAIN was born, one of seventeen children, in Swerford in 1932. Stan began his working life as a stonemason and moved to Deddington in 1958 to work at Castle Farm. He enjoyed the farm and he enjoyed Deddington life. He played Aunt Sally for the Crown and Tuns and was a skilled dartsman. He was a great supporter of Deddington Football Club. He loved his own garden and liked to help other people with theirs. Later in life Stan put much energy into combing car boot sales and auctions for bargains, many of which were (rather eccentrically) hoarded away at Mackley Close. Stan was his own man and cultivated his own idiosyncratic way of life. He was a character, cheerful and generous, a good neighbour held in much affection in the village.

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direct help and support to thousands of craftspeople, farmers and producers in developing countries who benefit from the assurance of a good market and a fair price for their work.. This month the stall is in Deddington Church on Saturday 22 October, but catalogues are readily available at other times and orders can be placed by contacting me.

Hugh Marshall

337761



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PRUNING

I once cut an overgrown rambler rose down to the ground. My parents, who had asked me to prune it, were horrified and assured me that it would never recover. When, the following year, it grew up again strongly I was convinced that I had 'green fingers' and that pruning, if not my life's vocation, was child's play. Now, if the gardening books are anything to judge by, it seems far from simple. Alternatively it could appear that there are so many different approaches to the right time and manner of pruning that almost whatever you do and at whatever season, there will be an 'expert' to confirm your action.



One thing is clear – that pruning is mostly a winter exercise, when the sap is not rising and the plant is more or less dormant (I won't get into 'summer pruning' or 'dead-heading' at the moment).

Pruning has three main aims: to remove dead or diseased wood; to encourage new growth, often from the base; and to give the plant a good shape. The first is obvious. Disease needs to be controlled and old wood merely crowds the space, looks unsightly, obstructs light and air, and can be a breeding place for nasties. Encouraging new growth is the tricky part. Does the plant flower or fruit on new growth or on last year's shoots? Get that wrong and you are in trouble. Does new growth come from ground level or from higher up perhaps where the grafting or budding took place, as with most roses and fruit trees, to grow the particular variety on an established stock? Clearly it is the fruit or flower, not the stock, that is to be encouraged by pruning back to a strong, outward-facing bud. There also needs to be sufficient space between branches for light and air to help the natural processes of growth. A crowded plant will often turn out to be a weak plant (but not with every type of plant!). Finally, shape and size are largely a matter of aesthetics and choice to produce a plant that looks good in the place where you want it to grow.



What you need for pruning are: sharp secateurs; stout gloves; decisiveness; and just one book or adviser to guide you – more than one will lead to confusion. As I found years ago, a dose of luck is also helpful.

Hugh Marshall

[We all miss Marianne Elsley's usual article and send her and Ralph our best wishes . Ed]

November diary

Thur 3	PTA: Fireworks Night, Deddington School
Sat 5	Church Bazaar: Parish Church, 10 am-2 pm.
Sat 5	British Legion Club: Guy Fawkes evening, 8pm.. Non-members welcome, collection in aid of Royal British Legion.
Mon 7	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holy Tree, 10.30 am-noon.
Tue 8	WI: Dr R Bell, <i>Changes in Childrens' Illnesses and treatment over 40 years</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
Wed 9	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Wed 9	History Society: Malcolm Graham on the photographic collections at the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Sat 12	Warriner Choir Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Sun 13	Remembrance Day Parade, Legion Headquarters at 10am. Service of Remembrance, 10.30 am.
Wed 16	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm
Sat 26	Deddington Farmers Market, 9 am ~ 12.30 pm.
Sun 27	LIVING ROOMS PROJECT: Craft Fair, Windmill Centre, 3.00 ~ 6.00 pm

It Takes One Woman

It took the diminutive figure of Li Tim-Oi to rattle the cage of the male-dominated Church as the first woman priest. She learnt New Testament from Geoffrey Allen who retired to Philcote Street in 1969. Now the LI TIM-OI FOUNDATION is administered from his house making grants to empower women in the Two Thirds World. They call themselves *The Daughters of Li Tim-Oi*. In male-dominated cultures it takes one woman to challenge a society where domestic violence is common and even child sacrifice, and women are blamed for the spread of HIV/AIDs. Christina Rees, a familiar voice on Radio 4, visited them and will tell their stories at a Bring & Share supper in the church from 7 p.m on Saturday 29 October. Pick up an invitation from there.

Since Ed Newell left Deddington, what's he been up to ? Now a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral and Director of St Paul's Institute, his latest book is to be published this month, with the title '*What Can One Person Do ?*'. Central to it are the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which seek to halve extreme poverty globally by 2015. His co-author is Sabina Alkire who visited Deddington in 2003 when her sister Hannah, the cellist half of ACOUSTIC EIDOLON, gave a recital here. Sabina works with Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, New York, and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the MDGs. He will be lecturing on the Goals in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday 10 October at 6.30 pm. On 6 July more than 2,700 people heard the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the

We remember the Fallen on Sunday 13 November. As we remember the 400th Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, do we remember our sisters and brothers in the animal kingdom ? The fireworks season is heralded above, and many of us enjoy these celebrations but they can mean total misery for animals and birds. Thousands are sedated each year, whether before or after the events. Others are so distraught that they bolt and get lost or are injured. Animals' hearing is more sensitive than humans', and so when an explosion is loud to us it is many times louder to an animal. We know the explosion is coming, whereas it is unexpected by the animal.

Horses and sheep are particularly vulnerable to fireworks and can bolt into barbed wire fences and sustain horrific injuries. These casualties are usually not discovered until the following day.

Bonfires too are sources of terror for small wild animals. A bonfire that has been laid some time before an event will surely contain hedgehogs, rodents and the odd rabbit. None of this is new. We all know about it. So please can we make an effort this coming season to set an example and give all animals and birds a break from this annual terror period ?

Support and enjoy in safety your local public displays.

Ted Johnson RSPCA 338355

Chancellor of the Exchequer and others speak at St Paul's Cathedral as part of a lecture entitled 'Global Poverty: A Challenge to the G8'. Ed's book priced at £7.50 can be pre-ordered from Amazon.



Cartoon: Joel Kaufman

HEDGES AND SONGBIRDS

Bird life is better, it is thought, if hedges are tall and overgrown - better for nesting, feeding and concealment. A hedge cut before the fruits of the year are mature reduces the food supply; a hedge cut without regard to the best practice for regeneration of vegetative growth reduces nesting sites. On the other hand, in Queen Anne's reign in lowland Scotland, 'Quickset hedges were hardly anywhere to be seen, and the want of them was not regretted, for it was believed that they harboured birds which would eat the corn.' (G.M. Trevelyan, 1958. *Illustrated English Social History, The Eighteenth Century*. Longmans, Green & Co., London, p. 131.)

Most hedges in Deddington parish are low in height (1-1.5 m), without wooded segments of tall trees; consequently the number of hedges 'good for birds' is small. In 1996, the Banbury Ornithological Society (BOS) surveyed Deddington hedges to determine which are good for birds. The following table is based on the information in their map.

Assessment of Lanes Based on 'Good for Birds' Hedges

Name	Not Good	Partly Good	Very Good
Chapman's Lane	not good		
Cosy Lane		partly (1/3) good	
Drover's Road	not good		
Green Hedges Lane	not good		
Jerusalem Lane	not good		
Paper Mill Lane			entirely good
Plumdon Lane			entirely good
Satin Lane *			entirely good
Snakehill Lane		partly (1/2) good	
Tithe Lane	not good		
Total:	5	2	3

Note: * Satin Lane was examined for the BOS survey, but it is not one of the nine historic green lanes.

On this assessment, seven of ten lanes - Chapman's, Cosy, Green Hedges, Jerusalem, Snakehill, Tithe and the Drover's Road - are sparse in trees and rated poor for birds, regardless of other characteristics of their hedges.

Paper Mill and Plumdon Lanes are good because they are continuously wooded for some distance, without regard to other characteristics of the wood. Our survey shows that a lane poor in terms set by the BOS may still provide some satisfaction to birds. For instance, yellowhammers (*Emberiza citrinella*) make the greatest use of hedges that are stout and medium in height, dense and compact, but not tall and wooded.



Bird life on Leadenporch Farm was studied by Tony Morris for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). A survey conducted in 1997 showed that hedges that are tall and overgrown - but open - are less useful for nesting sites than those which are dense and compact, even if those hedges are not tall and densely wooded. 'Yellowhammer territory density was significantly higher on fields with hedges and/or ditches than on boundaries that consisted of tree-lines (often overgrown hedgerows) or isolated bushes'.

Tall open hedges are sites where predation of eggs and nestlings by magpies is significantly greater than in low, dense, compact hedges.

Two arguments may be made for not maintaining hedges: it is costly and without any return on today's farm, and secondly insecticides do a better job of killing insects than birds. But, in general, birds are more interesting to observe than dead beetles. For the first point, cooperative ventures between farmers and the parish council might lead to a plan and partial funding for periodic replacement of worn and degraded hedges. *Walter Meagher*

The material of this essay is drawn from the book in preparation, *The Deddington Flora*. ED