

Don Walker's memories of Deddington.

Names of certain areas of Deddington referred to only by the locals.

The Plantation.

This was the area from the top of Oxford Hill on the west side to the bottom where there was a cottage. This was the home of Miss Millar the nursery schoolteacher at Deddington School. She lived there with her sister.

Brickyard Hill.

Continue down the Oxford Road on the right hand side. At the crown of the hill was a Bungalow facing the Road Adjacent to Plundon Lane, behind the Bungalow were the remnants of the old brickyard.

The Beeches.

A very short stretch of pavement from the crossroads to Earls Lane. Large beech trees in the garden where Holly Tree Bungalows are overhung the pavement dropping hundreds of Beech nuts which the children on their way to school would collect then take the outer case off and eat them. It was on this pavement where a large Tree Trunk used as a barrier which had a wheel on the end to pull across the road supposed to delay an invasion in WW2.

Back Lane.

Now called Earls Lane which brings you to the Health Centre but always known as Council Yard. Here was an Air raid Shelter formed with reinforced concrete partially underground. Evidence of this area can still be seen on the North Wall of the car park. This was supposed to be for the dignitaries of Deddington whoever they may be.

Beeches Bowls Club.

This was over the road from the Council Yard and privately owned by Mr Maurice French a retired farmer. Members who played here were known as THE UPPER TENS. He also had a tennis court laid for his daughter.

The Chicken Run.

This area was from the crossroads, stay on the pavement and go south to Hudson Street, turn left to the market square, left again past the Unicorn, up to the Hermitage once again, left to the crossroads. In the evening when dad came home from work he would say 'do you want to go round the chicken run?' my brother Roy in his peddle car and me on my old trike.