

December

- Thu 1 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Gosford Park, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm. ➡ p.11
 Sat 3 Children's Activities: Parish Church, 9.15 - 1pm.
 Sat 3 British Legion AGM: Clubhouse, 10 am. ➡ p.10
 Sat 3 1st Deddington Scout Group: Bring & Buy sale, Windmill Centre, 10am- noon. ➡ p.10
 Sat 3 Hempton Bazaar, 10am-1.30 pm. ➡ insert
 Sun 4 CHOROS: Advent Carols by Candlelight, Parish Church, 6.30 pm.
 Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch, O&CV College, leave Market Place at noon. ➡ p.11
 Wed 7 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
 Sat 10 PTA: Santa's Float from 5pm in Hempton, Barford & Deddington west of traffic lights. ➡ p.3
 Sun 11 PTA: Santa's Float from 5.30 pm in Clifton & Deddington east of traffic lights. ➡ p.3
 Tue 13 WI: Eightieth Anniversary celebrations, Unicorn Inn, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Wed 14 History Society: Christmas Social, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.11
 Thu 15 Art Group: Christmas Lunch at The Red Lion, 12.30 pm. ➡ p.9
Fri 16 PARISH SURVEY - deadline for return to qualify for Free Draw ➡ p.2
 Fri 16 Babies & Toddlers Group: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am. ➡ p.10
 Fri 16 British Legion: Bumper Christmas Bingo, open to all, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Fri 16 Hempton Carol Service, Hempton Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.6
 Sat 17 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm.
 Sat 17 PTA: Santa's Grotto, Town Hall, 9 am - midday. ➡ p.3
 Sun 18 British Legion: Christmas Meat Draw, 2 pm at the Clubhouse. ➡ p.10
 Wed 21 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45pm. ➡ p.2
 Sat 24 Carol Singing: Market Place, 6.00 pm.
 Sat 24 British Legion: Christmas Draw, 8 pm. ➡ p.10

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the **DN** - and a
donation box -
are available at
Bluebells.

January

- Tue 3 Badminton Club restarts. ➡ p.11
 Wed 4 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.
 Tue 10 WI: Members' Travels, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Tue 17 **DEDDINGTON NEWS** : Copy date for February issue - no January issue.
 Wed 18 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45pm. ➡ p.2
 Thu 19 Deddington Players: Robin Hood, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Fri 20 Deddington Players: Robin Hood, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Sat 21 Deddington Players: Robin Hood, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. ➡ p.10
 Mon 23 Youth Club: restarts. ➡ p.11
 Thu 26 Book Club: Another Kind of Loving by Sylvie Nickels. Call Sally Lambert for venue. ➡ p.9
 Sat 28 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
 Sat 28 NORTH COTSWOLD CHAMBER CHOIR: concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.8
 Tue 31 Disco at British Legion, 9 pm till late. ➡ p.10

Weekly Meetings

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

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Meeting in Town Hall, 16 November 2005

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Haslam, Putland, Rollason, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public. Cllr Westley granted leave of absence until February. Cllr Ellis's membership due to lapse.

PARISH CLERK.

Graham Pitts has resigned w.e.f. 30 November - three years' service warmly applauded.

STOP PRESS: Lorraine Watling of Steeple Aston. appointed w.e.f. Monday 28 November.

PARISH PLAN SURVEY

Household, business and youth surveys distributed early in November; **return by 16 December**. CDC welcomes 'invaluable information from parish surveys for inclusion in districtwide Community Planning process'.

PARKING

The May-June trial period, relocating day-long business commuters from the 61 spaces in the Market Place to Solar Designs, Earls Lane and High Street, had yielded on 22 June (compared to 27 April) 27 extra spaces at 10am, 9 at 2pm, and -4 at 6pm. At these times 46%, 34% and 44% of spaces were available. Meeting planned with employers to explore a voluntary, more permanent and mutually beneficial solution. Some businesses advertise that parking is 'free' in Deddington; should they expect to contribute towards the cost of keeping such a benefit 'free'?

HIGHWAYS

Chair & C/Cllr Jelf had met C/Cllr Robertson, OCC Cabinet 'Highways' member, who has promised to chase progress on much delayed projects. Cllr Putland has taken over Highways chair from Cllr Haslam.

CLEAN-UP

CDC offering twice-yearly blitz teams and extra wheelie bins at events. Also exploring use of grasscrete-type paving to make parking on verges possible.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (1): 4 Mill Close, Deddington: 2 storey side extension. (2) Park House, Tithe Lane, Clifton: insertion of 3 windows in garage front. (3) Heritage House, St Thomas St, Deddington: change workshop use to vet surgery for small animals - opening times submitted. (4) Laurel House Antiques Centre, Deddington: cellar floor repairs. (5) 2 Murdock Close, Deddington: 2 storey side extension & 1 storey front extension. (6) Monks Court, Deddington: orangery at rear. (7): 6 Hempton Road, Deddington: 2 storey side extension & 1 storey rear extension - neighbour objects. (8) Unicorn Hotel, Deddington: fire exit door at side.

CDC approvals: Tays Cottage, Tays Gateway, Deddington; 2 Philcote Street, Deddington: Stable Cottage, Hempton Road, Deddington; Home Farm

Cottage, Clifton. Three Horseshoes, Deddington: permission for frontage alterations not needed. Bengal Spice, Deddington: referred to CDC Planning Committee.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Policing needed to end joyriding in Mackley Close on Friday nights.
- Grass Cuttings absorbs 74% of PC budget; prolonged growth had necessitated extra expenditure. Extra weed growth on walkways also noted.
- Parish precept is 59p per week for 888 dwellings. *[less than a weekend paper. Ed]*
- A copy of the Cherwell Local Plan for 2011 is available at the parish office.
- Loss of young trees in Clifton Road hedgerows reported.
- PC agreed to explore holding its February and March meetings in Hempton and Clifton to encourage interest in PC election due in May.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £7,736.89, including £3,046.38 grasscutting and £1,424.52 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages.

Investments totalled £552,221.47, of which £2,462.11 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.

NEXT MEETING Wed 21 December, 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

Deddington Parish Plan Survey Forms

can be returned to - the Parish Office, Windmill Centre; Deddington Library; Parish Church; 14 The Daedings, Deddington; Cherry Trees, High Sreet, Deddington; The Finches, Old Plough Walk, Hempton

Deadline for completion:

Friday 16th December 2005.

to qualify for a FREE PRIZE DRAW

- Meal for Two, plus bottle of house wine* – Bengal Spice
- Meal for Two, plus bottle of house wine* – Peppers Pizza & Pasta
- Meal for Two, plus bottle of house wine* – The Unicorn

[* NB : 'House juice' for under-age winners !]

- £15 voucher – Eagles Fresh Foods

It seems hard to imagine that Christmas is nearly with us and the school is already well into preparing for all the excitement this time of year brings. We start our Advent celebrations on 2 December with our special decoration day. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us in decorating and preparing our school for Christmas.

Our youngest children are preparing their Christmas presentation with the Deddington Pre-School and looking forward to showing everyone at the church on the afternoon of 14 December. In Year 1 the traditional nativity is being rehearsed whilst Year 2 are practising a lovely musical about a donkey. This will be performed in the church on 13 December. Key stage 2 have gone all out with costumes and carols this year with their story of the 4th wise-man; with the recorder group and choir also learning new tunes and songs. These will be performed in the church on 15 December.

The end of this term also leaves us with many farewells to say: Mrs O'Neill is returning to Tasmania with her husband; Mrs Graham is moving to Worcester to further her educational experience, and Mrs Stevenson is leaving us to travel and continue with her post-graduate studies. We thank them for all their loyalty and hard work, and will miss them all very much and wish them every future happiness. Interviews will be taking place very soon. I look forward to introducing our new members of staff to you next year.

28 November was a big day for the school as the footings were dug for the new Early Years Unit. At long last we can make definite plans to welcome our Pre-School on site and look forward to having purpose built accommodation for our youngest children. This will allow our F1 children to remain as fully active members of our school community for social and group occasions, but give them all the resources for a high quality education in a stimulating environment.

Judith Tinsley 338430

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

The children have been celebrating a variety of different religious occasions through November and all enjoyed making their 'Firework Decorations'. Our holiday club ran once again through the half-term week and was enjoyed by a number of children, along with a visit from the 'Community Bus'.

We are busy practising for our annual 'Carol Concert' to be held in the Church on 14 December at 1.30 with the school. Our 'Pre-school Christmas Party' is on 9 December at the Windmill Centre with some interesting entertainment.

Whilst normal Pre-school sessions will finish for Christmas on 9 December, we will be running a holiday club through the following week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: please sign up in the foyer of Pre-school.

Sarah Payne



PTA

After days of driving rain and high winds the rain stopped and, by some small miracle, the wind speed dropped too before our Fireworks Night! It was a fantastic display; the extra investment for a second year running was well worth it! However, more impressive was the outstanding support received from our community! Thank you all so much for donning wellies and woollies & coming along to this event. I must thank the Co-op & Farmers Market Committee, who very generously supported our Fireworks night, and all those who gave their time to help organise the event, we are very grateful.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and we have a superb new range of Christmas Cards designed by the children on sale from any member of the committee or from the Library. Viv O'Donnell has very kindly allowed us to reproduce one of her paintings for a Christmas card too!

Santa's Float is revved-up and coming to your street on the weekend of 10 & 11 December. This weekend is great fun for the PTA and as usual, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Santa's Magical Grotto will be in the Town Hall on Saturday 17 December during the Farmers' Market. Santa is really looking forward to meeting all the children, so please come along and help him make your Christmas special! See below for details.

Stella O'Neill PTA Chair

Deddington Primary School PTA

Registered Charity Number 1052715



Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's Float



On Saturday 10th December from 5.00pm in Barford, Hempton & Deddington (west of the lights)

On Sunday 11th December from 5.45pm in Clifton & Deddington (East of the lights) & Market Place.

Santa & his little helpers will be very grateful to receive your generous donations.



Santa's Grotto!

Visit Santa in his Magical Grotto in the Town Hall at the Farmers Market on Saturday, 17th December 9.00am - 12.00 noon.

Come and tell Santa what you'd really like him to bring you for Christmas. Have your photo taken with Santa and receive a special gift too! £3.00 per visit.

SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON www.deddingtonchurch.org

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

Parish Church in December

Thur	1	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
		6.30 pm	World AIDS Day service
Sun	4	10.30 am	Morning praise
		6.30 pm	CHOROS Concert
Wed	7	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	11	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
		3.45 pm	Christingle Service
Wed	14	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	15	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	18	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
		6.30 pm	Carols & Readings with BRASS BITS
Wed	21	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sat	24	11.30 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Midnight Eucharist
Sun	25	10.30 am	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Eucharist
Mon	26	6.30 pm	St STEPHEN Eucharist
Tues	27	6.30 pm	St JOHN Eucharist
Wed	27	10.00 am	HOLY INNOCENTS Eucharist
Sat	31	11.30 pm	Watch Night Service

St John Hempton

Suns 4, 18 & 25	9.00 am	Eucharist
Fri 16	7.00 pm	Carol Service

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Services of Thanksgiving : 12 Nov Valerie Ince;
15 Nov Leslie George

Baptisms : 20 Nov Jack Harry Friday & Sinead Crystal Kaye

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 7 & 21 Dec, 18 Jan, 7.30pm
2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 11 & 25 January, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - December : **TOYBOX CHARITY** - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink **GiftAid** envelope] into the Parish Church chest.



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).

in January 2006

Sun	1	10.30 am	NAMING OF JESUS All Age Worship
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	4	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	5	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Fri	6	6.30 pm	EPIPHANY Eucharist
Sun	8	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, Children's Church & Baptism
Wed	11	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	15	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed	18	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	19	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	22	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Wed	25	10.30 am	Eucharist & Children's Church
Sun	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings December and January 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 at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation. Sunday evening services will now be held at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m.** December and January services will be arranged by Pastor Derek Walker of Oxford Bible Church - details to be announced.

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

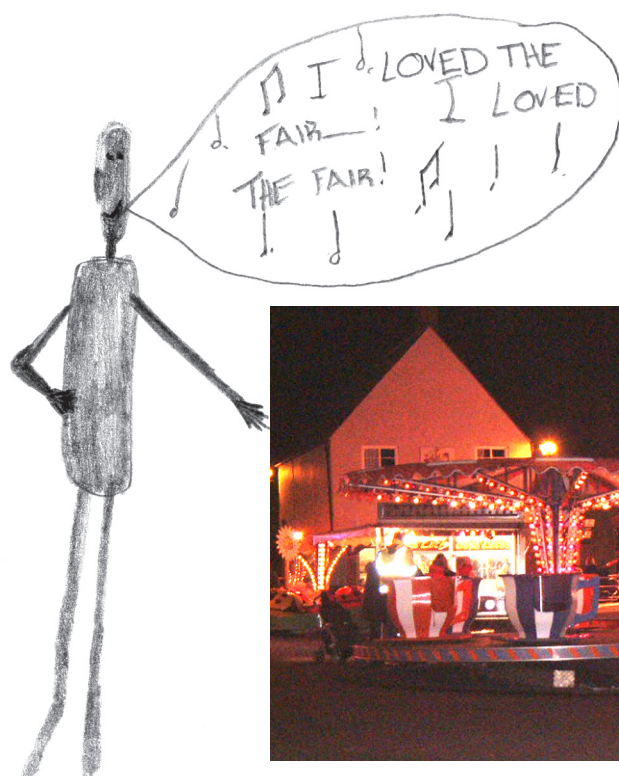
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Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats - 5.30~6.00 pm.
Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.
The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Carols at Hethe at 11.30 pm, Midnight Mass at 12.00.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Adderbury - Mass at 9.00 am; Hethe at 10.30 am

FEAST OF EPIPHANY Friday 6 January: (Holiday of Obligation) Mass at Hethe at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm
Vigil Mass of the FEAST at Adderbury, Thursday 5 January 7 p.m.



Deddington Fair

Bumping into friends in our dodgem, laughing hysterically as the chairs threw us around the market place, whirling about in a great big tea-cup, rolling ping-pong balls and winning giant hammers, candy floss melting in your mouth, shooting corks at sweets (Max could do it), having a good evening with your friends. The Deddington Fair was great! *William, Ed & James*



I had a great night on Friday at the Deddington Fair. My favourite parts were the bumper cars, the fast ride and the shooting game! Afterwards we all went out for a great Chinese! It was a fun night for all of us - thanks! *Matt*

FUNNY HOW THINGS TURN OUT

It was never my intention to run a marathon but my neighbour and running partner, Paula, was determined that we should enter the 2005 New York Marathon. This was back in February. Entry for mere mortals is by lottery and I heard in May that I had gained a place. I rang Paula to share the good news only to learn that she hadn't been successful. What to do now? Well, I've always enjoyed a challenge...

The Day itself started very early for me and the support team of Charles and Louise. We had to be at the bus stop for 6am., even though the race didn't start until

10.10am. It was quite foggy at the start on Staten Island but, unfortunately, it didn't last and the temperature was soon hot, with high humidity. I managed to complete the course in 5 hours and 40 minutes, much longer than I had expected from my training schedule, and so missed having my name in the *New York Times* listing by 3 seconds. However, it was a fantastic experience and another box ticked off on the list of 101 thing to do before you die, but, NEVER AGAIN!

And what of Paula? She should hear in December if she has a place in the London Marathon next April. Fingers crossed.

Linda Page

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Good Neighbours?

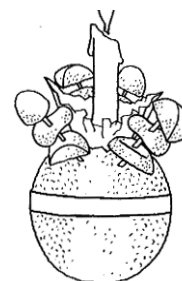


- Would you feel happier if someone checked your house while you are away?
- We can water plants, feed the cat, forward your post and shop for your return.
- Two local mothers with excellent references.
- Please call 01869 343570 or 347400.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Deddington Parish Church
Sunday 11 December
at 3.45 pm

Bring children to this candlelit service



The Children's Society

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Support with your donations the Children's Society's work with children who run away from home



Just in time for **CHRISTMAS**

Some things, like stuffing the turkey, have to be done at the last possible moment. But others, including stocking fillers, an extra gift, something to take to a party, wrapping paper and ribbons, chocolates or that extra packet of Christmas cards that you hoped you might not need, can be done earlier. But in case you are not already organised, come and check out the Fair Trade stall in Deddington Church on Farmers' Market day - in December it is on the 17th. There will be all the usual mouth-watering chocolate, dried fruits, coffee, tea and much more in addition to Christmas specialities. Alternatively come at 11.30am on Sundays 11th and 18th to the church, or ring me on 337761 after 7 December.

Whatever you buy from us, whenever you buy it, every purchase helps a worker in a developing country to earn a decent living – and most of it has been produced by small local co-operatives of farmers or craftspeople.

Don't leave it too late; but we can still order from the Traidcraft catalogue up to and including Saturday 17 December and get delivery in time. *Hugh Marshall*

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Saturday 3 December sees the Hempton Christmas Bazaar in the Church and Church Hall from 10.00am. There will be plenty of stalls, including tombola, gifts, books, grand draw, refreshments and something for children. All money raised goes to the Friends of the Church.

There will be no Evensong in December as the 4th Sunday is Christmas Day when Eucharist will be celebrated at 9.00am. This year's Carol Service will be on Friday 16 December at 7.00pm followed by refreshments. January will see Church services return to normal with Eucharist being celebrated on the 1st and

Make Christmas Different

This suggestion is for people who will have a spare room in their house at Christmas. It helps to prevent those little squabbles that sometimes occur when families are forced into each other's company for too long. This idea is equally suitable for couples who see each other every day of the year already; and for sociable people expecting to spend Christmas alone.

A Chinese, Indian or other foreign student, staying in your home for a couple of days, finding out what the British Christmas is all about, will make your festivities interestingly different. And you will make a big difference to a young adult far from home who might otherwise spend Christmas on a deserted university campus.

For more information look at www.hostuk.org, or call

. I am the local organiser for this voluntary scheme and have hosted students at Christmas a number of times. *Hilary Chalmers*

HOST Regional Organiser, Oxfordshire

3rd Sundays and Evensong on the 4th.

The Friends of the Church are getting quotes for the re-decoration of the interior walls of the Church, to make things look nicer after all the building work that has been done. £108 was raised by the cyclists who rode for St. John's Church in September. Half the money raised goes to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and half to our Church.

Thieves and vandals have been at work in the village, with a trailer stolen and the windows in the telephone box and bus shelter smashed.

Please, if you have any news about the village, let me know. There is no issue in January but anything to go in for February would need with me by the middle of January.

Les Chappell 338054

FROM TED JOHNSON, DANE HILL, DUNS TEW

Following my plea in the October issue of the DN concerning the firework season, here is a précis of an RSPCA report of an 82% increase in calls to the Society about firework distress. Between Friday 4 November and Sunday 6 November this year, 255 calls were made to the RSPCA cruelty hot line (08705 555999). During the same period in 2004, 140 calls were received. Some examples:

- A dog was hit by two cars and killed after she bolted in panic from the noise of two rockets.
- A cat died after having rockets tied to it.
- Children were seen throwing fireworks at a terrified horse.
- Another terrified horse escaped from a field and ran loose in the street.
- A hedgehog needed veterinary treatment after being hit by a firework.
- A Canada Goose was injured when hit by a firework.

I am not saying any of these cases are attributable to our area, but I am suggesting that there is a need throughout the land for greater adult control over the use of fireworks.

Please address all letters to:
KRISTIN THOMPSON,
5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
e-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

E-MAIL FROM MOIRA BYAST, HEMPTON

I am researching past Deddington families and have a long list of villagers in the 17th and 18th centuries. I am trying to put "flesh" on the bare bones of the names. If anyone has old deeds in their house and doesn't mind looking for me, I would love to have information about who lived where and when. They don't have to be as early as the 17th century, even 50 years ago is still history. Also, if anyone would like to know if I hold any information connected with their surname, I would be willing to pass on anything I have. Contact me on: 01869 338637. Or e-mail: thebyasts@connectfree.co.uk

E-MAIL FROM ROBERT FORSYTH, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Deddington OnLine is constantly looking for interesting historical material from within the Parish to place on the village website. In this respect we would welcome any information about The Red Triangle Club and/or The Deddington Institute which existed up until 1925 and used to meet in what is now the Royal British Legion Club. I can be contacted on: 01869 338384 or by e-mail to: rob.forsyth@deddington.net

E-MAIL FROM LINDA PAGE, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

I am writing to thank all those in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton who sponsored me for the New York Marathon on 6 November this year, in aid of the Early Years Unit at Deddington Primary School. Thanks to your wonderful generosity I have the magnificent total of almost £1,500 to hand over to the PTA. A special thank you to Deddington Cricket Club which, on "Presidents' Night" at Bengal Spice, raised an impressive £88.78 for me. [See page 5]

E-MAIL FROM ALEXANDRA JARDINE, CLIFTON

On behalf of the Clifton Crew I would like to say thank you to Sue Shattock, Geoff Todd and everyone else who organised the Ready Deddy Cook Competition. We can't begin to imagine the amount of hard work involved. We all enjoyed ourselves greatly and we are also pleased that we won!

Welcome Alexandra with the help of the Clifton Crew as the new Clifton Village Correspondent, and thanks to Carol Drawmer and her helper Eleonore Bruyere. Ed

The DN has had a letter from John Cole of Hempton Road, Deddington, relating to his letter published in the October issue. He would like to withdraw his remarks about the Local Councillor. Ed

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

It is well into November as I write this, yet still the garden has a little colour. A few days ago a friend brought me a posy of flowers, the bright colours looked lovely; blue Plumbago, red Sedum, White Viburnum, some Penstemon with attractive leaves.

But mainly it is time to clear up, cut down, sweep up leaves and tidy up. The last pruning ought to be done and the containers emptied. The Begonias look bare and we must take them out and wrap the corms in newspaper for the winter. When I potted them up last March I cut the bigger ones in half and they did very well all through the summer. I would like to bring in my favourite Geraniums, the ivy-leaf ones, and encourage them to flower indoors. And what about the containers? Last autumn I planted two long ones with small bulbs, Narcissi Tête-a-tête and Grape Hyacinths, and then planted Forget-me-nots and Pansies over them, with a few ivy plants to fill in. The result was most satisfactory. After that, we shall clear out the shed. There is always something to do. Happy gardening to you all.

Marianne Elsley

NORTH COTSWOLD CHAMBER CHOIR

Rachmaninov's Vespers

Saturday 28 January, 7.30pm. in the Parish Church. Details from Rosemary Nixon - 01608 677304



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- Creating and advising you on composting areas
- Creating vegetable plots and giving you growing advice
- Turfing and lawn care

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Home: 01869 347298 Mobile: 07941 657465
...creating angelic gardens

Dear Garden,

The cold spell in mid-November reminded me that it is time to put everything to bed for the winter. Even though many of us were still mowing the grass at the beginning of the month, it has been very different lately with parts of the garden almost perpetually covered in frost, leaves pouring off the trees and the remaining annuals and other non-hardy plants keeling over in the cold.

I bought some horticultural fleece and wrapped up several tender but precious items. I think I did it just in time. Geraniums and non-hardy fuchsias are either in the conservatory – where there is a heater for very cold nights – or under wrappings in the greenhouse. This year's seedling dahlia tubers have been put away under paper not far from the Christmas bulbs that are being encouraged to start off in a dark, cold corner of the garage.

So now it is time for you to rest whilst we get hectic over Christmas and Hogmanay. Looking back, it's not been too bad a year together. I know that you might say that I could have done a whole lot more, and accuse me about all those plans that were made 12 months ago. But we had some excellent tomatoes from early on in the greenhouse; the runner beans were just about enough for the household over several months whilst the raspberries, albeit in the herbaceous border, were delicious. There are herbs in many places in the garden, rhubarb, and your little tree produced some excellent pears.

All that, and flowers almost continuously from spring bulbs through to the winter jasmine now flowering brightly on the wall. I am happy that the little alpine garden-in-an-old-sink, which was one of the projects I did get around to doing, will be enjoying the cold as does also the big pot of gentians which open up to an intense blue whenever the sun comes out.

Thank you, garden for all the pleasure and colour and food that you produce. I hope you have a good rest – and that includes the sprouts and leeks and other good things that stay in the ground until required.

I am sure that all the other gardeners both at the Satin Lane and Hempton allotments or, equally, out of sight in nearly every home, will echo my thanks for another good garden year. See you before the Spring!

Hugh Marshall



Friends of Daeda's Wood

As part of our celebration of Daeda's tenth birthday next year, we plan the publication of *The Diary of Daeda's Wood*, following its evolution from a field of barley to mini-jungle. We would like as many of its visitors as possible to contribute, so if you have any thoughts or special memories of the wood to share, please get them to me at 26 The Daedings by 10 Jan for possible inclusion.

Another celebration will be a Family Picnic on the lines of those held for the Millennium in 2000 and the Jubilee in 2002 - maybe 11 June 2006.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new Licensing Act came into force at the end of November. The Windmill has received its Premise Licence, which replaces the old Theatre and Public Entertainment Licences. However, the Committee decided not to apply for an Alcohol licence, but to rely on using Temporary Event Notices (T.E.N.s) when the sale of alcohol is required. The new system allows any given location 12 TENS per year. If any organisation hiring the Windmill wishes to sell alcohol, they MUST have the permission of the Windmill Committee before applying for their licence. If an event covers up to 96 hours then our understanding is that one TEN would be sufficient, but there must be no more than 15 'days' in the year covered by the 12 TENS allocated to the Windmill centre. Private events not selling alcohol do not need a licence.

Would any of our regular users, who might be selling alcohol, please let Joyce Minnear, the Booking Secretary, know well in advance of events in 2006, so that the Committee can control the allocation of the 12 TENS the Windmill is allowed? (NB it is no longer allowed to use the alcohol licence of an outside organisation such as a Pub for an event in the Windmill.)

The Windmill has been awarded a grant by the 'Awards for All' Lottery to resurface the main hall and to buy additional chairs to replace the old wooden ones, most of which are nearing the end of their useful life. If any organisation feels they could use these chairs, please call Joyce Minnear (338529), or they will be sent to landfill.

As part of our programme to improve the facilities we have allocated funds to re-carpet the upstairs meeting room, and agreed to upgrade the stage. This item will be funded by the Deddington Players.

The All-weather court is proving popular and is currently booked Monday to Thursday in the evenings. If any group would like to use the court during the day or on Fridays and the weekend, please contact Joyce Minnear. Mark Tyler is now the Chairman of the Windmill Committee.

Jim Flux Treasurer

Tennis Club

We hope to play a lot of tennis through the winter this year. The courts are in good condition - not slippery - and the windbreak makes a surprising difference.

Children's coaching is in the Windmill Centre and numbers are restricted, so if you haven't booked a place yet please ring Steve Ashby on 01295 263855. Ladies Friday morning coaching continues from 10-11 am, non-members are very welcome.

Deddington have three adult teams entered in the Floodlit League so there are matches booked right through until March.

Katie McGovern 338771

Deddington Art Group

The Art Group is led by Frank Palmer and supported by me as contact and 'booking' agent for models and arranging local events and sales. We meet at the Town

Hall on Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Our Christmas lunch is at the Red Lion on 15 December and all members are welcome.

Ken Dodgson Wilkinson

Book Club

Our book for November was 'Waiting for the Barbarians' by J M Coetzee. There will not be a meeting in December, but we shall be gathering again in January to discuss 'Another Kind of Loving' by local author Sylvie Nickels. We are delighted that Sylvie has agreed to come to the meeting to talk to us about her book.

Here is a summary of our thoughts from our last meeting on 'The Sunday Philosophy Club' by Alexander McCall Smith: 'a charming old-fashioned read. A good opening chapter, after which the story line was a bit thin. The female characters reacted well with each other, but the males were not so well drawn. We liked the constant philosophical questioning, particularly regarding the decline of good manners. The author betrays knowledge of Edinburgh society and hints at hypocrisy behind the respectability. We were left with some loose ends, which set the scene for the next book.' Next meeting 26 January 2006. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Town Football Club1st Team Results

Wroxton (h) (Jersey Cup) Won 5-1 S.Flemming (2), T.Alexander, K.Laird, G.Gilkes.
Kineton (h) Won 3-2 G.Gilkes (2), J.Flemming.
Barford (a) (Junior Shield) Won 6-5 G.Gilkes (2), T.Alexander (2), D.Walker(2).

Bodicote (a) (Coronation Cup) Lost 0-4

Hythe (a) (Jersey Cup) Lost 0-3

The 1st team have been involved in some high scoring games recently. The most extraordinary came against the 'old enemy' Barford in the Junior Shield. With only 10 minutes to go Deddington were losing 1-5, but when the final whistle arrived Deddington had turned the result around to 6-5 in their favour. To rub salt into Barford's wounds ex-Barford player Grant Gilkes scored 2 of the goals. Unfortunately the team suffered heavy defeats in the other cup competitions. The League form remains good and the team are in the upper reaches of the Premier League.

Reserve Team Results

Steeple Aston Res (a) Drew 1-1 D.Keys.
Wroxton Res (a) (Geoff Wilson Cup) Won 9-2 D.Keys (4), T.Spencer, P.Kirsopp (2), L.Rawlings(2).
Wroxton Res (h) Won 5-2 D.Keys (2), A.Pearce, A.Kite, P.Smith.
Bodicote Res (h) Won 2-1 A.Kite (2).

The Reserve side have had an amazing turn around in results and performances. An unbeaten run has pushed the team up the league and they now sit in a healthy mid-table position in League 2. If this form continues a promotion push cannot be ruled out. Danny Keys has been in electrifying goal-scoring form, with Wroxton on the receiving end of 6 of his goals. Adam Kite continues to score on a regular basis, his 2 goals ensuring victory over Bodicote.

75 Club Winners: 21/10/05 C.Summers £50; 28/10/05 P.Chard £100; 4/11-05 Mr C.Smith £50.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

WI

Dr Robert Bell, retired paediatrician from the Horton Hospital, gave us a glimpse of the enormous progress made in the treatment of children's illnesses during the last 40 years. Many illnesses normally associated with childhood have either been eradicated or are successfully treated with vaccination or antibiotics. Statistics reveal the survival rate for very premature babies has risen dramatically. This was a very interesting and hopeful talk by Dr Bell. On 13 December Deddington WI celebrates its 80th anniversary at the Unicorn Inn. At our meeting on 10 January 2006 we will talk about members' travels.

Rene Mahony

338438

Royal British Legion Branch & Club

The Club was well supported throughout the month and the installation of the new plasma screen television with "Sky" coverage has proved extremely popular. The refurbishment of the toilets is almost complete and has been well received.

The Branch was very busy with the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance weekend. Our Standard was paraded by Dave Keats at the Royal Albert Hall London Festival of Remembrance and was a very memorable occasion. We were blessed with beautiful weather on Remembrance Sunday when a record number of villagers attended both the Deddington War Memorial and Parish Church for a service and the Act of Remembrance.

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal, and to the business premises in the village who agreed to sell poppies, with a special thanks to the Church who collected £463.25. Thanks to those who took part in the parade and the services, especially the bugler Graham Wallington, the Revd Dr Hugh White, Pastor Isabel Walton and the church officials who helped with the introduction of the new form of service.

As a result of everyone's generosity and hard work, we are sending the Royal British Legion Central Fund just over £4,000, which is a record for us.

There is a disco on New Year's Eve from 9.00 pm till late. It is open to non-members, but by ticket only at £2.50 per head available from the bar 3 pm to 11.00 pm Fridays, noon to 11.00 pm Saturdays and noon to 7.00 pm Sundays.

Raymond R Morris 338143 DeddingtonRBL@aol.com

1st Deddington Guides

Our newly formed patrols Kangaroo and Pink Panther are working really well together under their newly elected leaders Gemma and Rachel. So far we have seen two wonderful "playlets" and some beautiful finger puppets are being made in readiness for a show.

We celebrated All Saints Day with plays and presentations. In particular we found out more about St Patrick and St George and their traditions and we learnt how the saints' selfless behaviour did so much for other people. We also played some autumnal games (with a nod at Hallowe'en) during the evening, enjoying apple bobbing and the mummy game, which involved two chairs, lots of loo roll and some mummified Guides.

We've been learning about the composition of the Union Jack, the meaning of Remembrance Day and our 'lefts' from our 'rights' for church parade.

We've become quite "crafty" too of late - really enjoying painting, making Mexican gods' eyes and working with beads. All this interspersed with some very energetic games keeps us fit!

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

1st Deddington Cub Scouts

The Cubs are now well into arrangements for the Bring & Buy sale at the Windmill Centre on 3 December. We hope to make enough to buy at least one goat for Farm Africa. Stalls will include, cakes, games and Christmas crafts. The Cubs will be rewarded for their hard work at the Egyptian-themed Christmas party.

On a very chilly Sunday the Sixers visited the new Neptune Wood near Abingdon, one of the Trafalgar Woods, where they planted some oak trees. They then went on to make wooden key rings and complete a tree trail.

James, Seb and Adam recently received their Silver Awards at a ceremony in Wantage, this is the highest award that Cubs can earn, well done all of you.

1st Deddington Scouts

The Scouts are very busy preparing for the show that will complete the work for their Entertainers badge. The show entitled 'A Christmas Mess' is a mixture of music and comedy and has been written, staged and advertised by the Scouts. It was produced in only seven weeks and we hope that parents and guests enjoy the performance.

Thanks to all the Cubs and Scouts who turned out for Remembrance Day, we appreciated your support.

Boxes for the Christmas post will be in Eagles, Deddington and Barford Post Office from 3-17 December and cards can also be brought to the Bring & Buy sale. The last delivery is the week beginning 18 December.

Jo and Peter Churchyard 338071
jchurchyard@hotmail.com

Deddington Players

The cast is hard at work for the January pantomime, 'Robin Hood of Daeda's Forest'. We take to the stage on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 19-21 January 2006 at the Windmill Centre. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year at Bluebells or by calling 338153. Look out for the posters for more details but put the date in your diary now!

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

The children in our group are looking forward to the festive season. Our Christmas party is on Friday 16 December when we will enjoy lots of party food and a visit from Father Christmas. By the time you read this the parents will already have enjoyed their Christmas night out. We are meeting right up until Christmas as usual, and possibly between Christmas and New Year if there is sufficient demand. Make it your New Year's resolution to join us!

Lucy Squires 338442

Monday Morning Club

Our December meeting on Monday 5th is Christmas lunch at the Oxford and Cherwell Valley college. The bus leaves the Market Place at noon. Coffee mornings as usual, 10.30 am on Monday 9 January (not the 2nd which is a Bank Holiday), and 6 February. The next cinema evening is Thursday 1 December, when we will show *Gosford Park*. For 1 February we have obtained *Vera Drake*, a film that won awards for both Imelda Staunton and the director. The first Wednesday of the month is the usual day of the Deddington Ladies' Club meeting, but they have most generously offered to have their meeting the next week on Wednesday 8 January. Films evenings begin at 6pm. *Jean Flux 338153*

Deddington Youth Club

We are very grateful for the positive response we have had for help to organise football. It looks as if, with a monthly rota system, we have a referee/coach in place for every club evening. Thank you to all who have voluntarily offered their time and expertise.

Our Christmas party is planned for the last evening of the term, Monday 12 December, and we start weekly meetings again on Monday 23 January.

Maureen Forsyth Chairman

Deddington Badminton Club

A poor month for us as we lost 5 matches, with the Men's A team still to win a match this season. Our ladies are faring better, with a win over Marlborough. As mentioned in last month's newsletter our junior nights are full. We are still looking for more ladies, so if you

fancy joining there is still time. We finish club nights on 20 December and restart on the 3 January, breaking for the Panto. *Mark Tyler 01869 338056*

Deddington & District History Society

On 4 November Moira Byast organised a very successful workshop at the branch library offering advice to all-comers on family history. We hope to organise more such joint events in future.

Our annual Christmas social is on 14 December at the Windmill Centre (7.30pm). These are among the most popular events that we organise, and this year promises to match those in the past: Moira Byast and Sue Shattock are preparing a Tudor Feast, with accompanying entertainments! Please book your tickets by contacting Moira on 338637.

Our speaker on Wednesday 11 January is John Wilson on 'Preserving our past. Or, did your grandmother ever give you one of these?' He will bring along a large collection of artefacts and curios for us to examine, and he is happy to advise on any that we care to bring along. It will be an informative and fun occasion.

Chris Day 337204

The Holly Tree Club

The Holly Tree Club has received £4,500 funding from the SITA Trust to revamp and upgrade the toilets and kitchen. This will include alterations to the existing toilets to allow wheelchair access and will replace the current primitive kitchen. We hope the work will be completed in the first quarter of 2006, once all the necessary conditions have been agreed and fulfilled by the Trust. The work will greatly enhance the Club's facilities for the many groups who use it.

The SITA Trust distributes funding through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Funding is available for community and environmental projects within 10 miles of an active SITA UK landfill site (Deddington is just within the limit!!). Since 1997 the Trust has allocated over £40m to projects all over the UK. *Jean Flux 338153*

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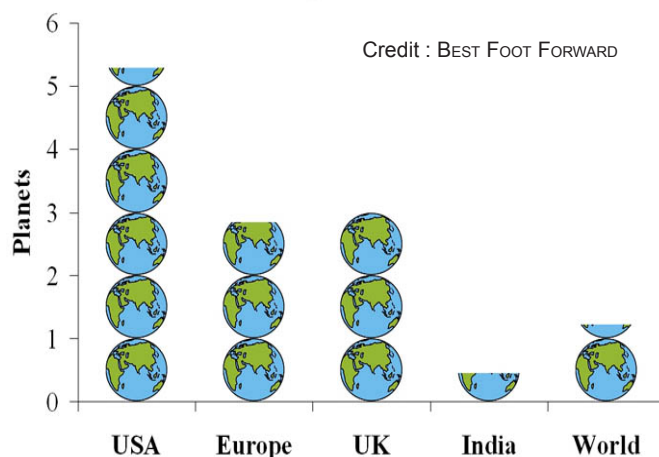
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ON THE FARM

With Christmas almost upon us we now need to spend some time trying to map out where we go from here. From a physical farming point of view the past year can only be described as a good year. The crops grew well with good weather during both haymaking and harvest, and the "kind" autumn made for an easy sowing time, with all the cereal and rape crops being drilled by the optimum date, which has allowed them to go into their winter dormancy period in good shape. In the past we have grown winter beans but for this next harvest we shall be growing spring planted beans on the land at the Grove and the Fire Station, with the land being ploughed before Christmas to allow the frost to "work it" before planting in late February.

Sadly, the financial farming picture is a very different story, with farm gate, crop and livestock prices considerably down on last year. In real terms on a 20-year low, the future for food production in this country is looking more than a little grim. For some years now the farm gate prices have barely covered the cost of production and it has been a hand-to-mouth existence, relying on CAP payments to keep going in the hope that things will improve. On the one hand we are continually being told that we must cut production costs to meet the challenges of the world market, while on the other the costs of compulsory compliance regulations are being added at an even faster rate. If our masters and the lobbyists hold sway at the next round of the world trade talks the prospects for British farming, and in the end the British consumer, can only get worse.

We have all in the last few months been hit by the hike in the cost of fuel. Although in the short term prices at the pumps have started to ease back, price rises in the future are inevitable. Something that in the end may help the viability of crop production in this country, the government has announced that all fuels sold on British forecourts must include 5% of fuel from a renewable source by 2010, in other words bio-fuels, which can be produced from oil seed rape, cereal crops or sugar beet. It would be mad if British farmers end up producing fuel needed to power the boats and planes used to import food.

George Fenemore 338203

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINTING

"Three or four planets would be needed to sustain the world's population if every one is to enjoy today's modern urban lifestyle," Cherwell's Environmental Forum at Bodicote House was told on 9 November, "or else reduce by 3 out of every 4 the number of people so that those who are left can continue to enjoy our lifestyle."

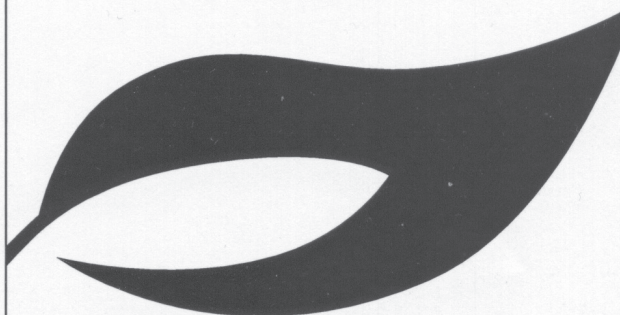
The Forum heard a presentation on Ecological Footprinting by Kevin Lewis of BEST FOOT FORWARD, a research project based in Oxford. A person's ecological footprint is the area of biophysical resources needed to sustain him or her - about 6.3 hectares in Western Europe. It can be roughly calculated by going to <http://www.ecologicalfootprint.com/>. The WORLDWIDE FUND FOR NATURE's Living Planet Report 2004 <http://assets.panda.org/downloads/lpr2004.pdf> analyses the global picture by nation and groups of species. Climate change is already causing environmental migration. By 2080 global warming could displace between 50 and 200 million people.

Each individual can affect two-thirds of their personal footprint. A 80% reduction in global resource consumption is needed. Many ideas for doing so were shared at the meeting. Peter Cox of the WOODLAND TRUST commented that the increased production of bio-fuels was no answer, IF that was dependent on the input of manufactured or artificial oil-derived fertilisers. Coppicing from trees grown on set aside land was the best choice, both carbon neutral and beneficial for wildlife. *CH*

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

(Two points which struck me as being of particular interest, firstly that there seems to have been some form of 'road tax' as he had to inform the Inspector of Taxes when he exchanged his phaeton for a brougham, and secondly the importance of the appointment of a 'walking postman', the application for which was referred to the M.P. and sent to the Postmaster General.)

9th December - I used our new Brougham for the first time.

10th December - Went to Oxford by the mid-day train to see the Bishop by appointment. He talked over shortly the state of things here with regret.

11th December - Attended a meeting at the new Girls' School to consider what and the best steps to take for the speedy re-opening of our National Schools which had from peculiarly unfortunate circumstances connected with the Vicar been closed for nearly 12 months. I was called to the Chair and the meeting passed off satisfactorily. Between £50 and £60 promised in the room and subscriptions sought.

18th December - I heard from Mr. Harcourt M.P. about an application from Calcutt at the Post Office here on behalf of his son Stephen to the Post Master General, the Duke of Argyle, for the walking postman's place from hence to Upper Heyford. Mr. H. said if I thought him unfit he would recommend some other person. I replied I thought him capable of fulfilling the situation satisfactorily - having been already doing the duties of it for 10 or 11 weeks past.

19th December - I attended a meeting at the Town Hall relative to the Bread Relief Fund - agreed to commence the operation of Bread Fund on 5th January, of the Coal Fund immediately, to be sold at 1s. per cwt.

20th December - The boys went skating at Aynho.

21st December - The Ice House was filled today.

23rd December - I called at the P.O. and gave Calcutt a letter to deliver to the Chairman of the Board of Governors at Woodstock on Monday next requesting him to propose to the Guardians the propriety of allowing the aged and incapacitated poor, especially the widows, throughout the Union an extra 6d. per week during the severity of the winter months. The boys went skating again, 2 to Adderbury and 2 to the canal.

24th December - Was busied at the Farm House as usual giving away Xmas Bounty, in tea, meat and money.

27th December - Wrote to Inspector of Taxes at Oxford announcing disuse of old phaeton from beginning of this month, having substituted a one horse brougham instead.

29th December - Called at Butcher French's and agreed with him to serve us with meat of all kinds at 7½d per lb. for next 6 months.

Buffy Heywood

Nostalgia Rules OK !

Deddington OnLine is accessed round the world, tugging at the heart strings of those who once upon a time felt happy and safe in our village. Great seems to be their joy that through "the Net" memories of past days have tipped them into that nostalgic mood to write down recollections of youthful days. No matter where the path of life had led and what excitement or disappointments had been in store, looking back on our youth, remembering all those who populated it, has a most therapeutic effect. Just tarry a while and contemplate what one of our DN readers has to say:

"I can't tell you how thrilled I was when I discovered I could contact the United Kingdom on the internet and I had two sources of reaching out to Deddington. Firstly your wonderful pages of the Deddington News which kept me occupied for days and secondly the www.maps allowing me to wander around Deddington at will."

So writes Derrick Robbins of Sarasota, Florida, and forwards 16 pages of tightly packed glimpses into his past. Memories of his delightfully eccentric Grandpa Job Bull, father of eleven children, of Granny Bull in her floor-length black dresses who always wore an apron and, incredibly, a man's flat cap. Memories of visiting his Deddington relations with his mother and spending the years of the Second World War with his uncle Chris Ell, Boot and Shoe repairer, and his aunt Mill at Tower View in the Bull Ring.

Throughout the many pages recollections of people and places tumble in glorious disorder from Derrick's mind and putting them into chronological order almost seems to be a crime. Many of our older readers will no doubt recognise people and places of Derrick's meandering. Here's a taster:

"After the war I spent three years in the Army. When I was demobbed I found life very dull at home in London so I packed a bag and off I went to Deddington for two weeks. I went for long walks, worked in my uncle and aunt's garden, tended the chickens and pigs and then returned to London, fully refreshed. There is something about the air in Deddington."

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From the Fire Station

Our total number of calls for the year so far is 143. In the last month we have had 2 cooker fires, 1 garage fire, 1 barn fire, 1 animal rescue, a few stand-bys, 3 road traffic collisions, 1 bonfire, 1 bin and 1 rubbish fire, 1 van fire and a call to a speed camera on fire (!)

Currently at the station we have 9 crew members, ideally we could do with a crew of 12-15. In order to boost our numbers we are starting a recruitment campaign. You will see the sign up outside the station, we will be doing leaflet drops and putting posters up around the village. Our recruitment officer Tony Whiting will be going around the village, taking to individuals and businesses about the role of the retained firefighter and the opportunities available. There will be an open day at the station towards the end of January, if you are interested you can come along to find out more. Recruitment Hotline: 0800 5870870

Don't forget to check your smoke alarms before Christmas. Stuck for a present for a friend, how about a smoke alarm?

Anne Waters 338281



From the New Year 0845 8 505
505 will be the only point of contact for non-emergency calls. (All other non-emergency numbers will be removed from the Thames Valley Police system.) PC John Weaver transfers to Kidlington on 19 December. PC Paul Morris replaces him as Deddington Area Beat Officer w.e.f. 6 January.

LICENSING HOURS

Deddington Arms & Holcombe: Fridays & Saturdays, open until 1.00 am, but as they have guests they will be licensed to leave the bar open as long as anyone requires. Other days they close at 11.00 pm.

Red Lion could stay open until 1.00 am each day. The licensee is having rooms built on so can take advantage of the clause of law that says you can have a licence to stay open all night if guests require drinks late in their rooms.

Unicorn: Midday to 11.00 pm weekdays and 10.30 pm on Sundays with permission for extra hours on Market Days which would be roughly 9.00 am onwards.

Crown & Tuns: No change. Monday - Friday 12.00 - 3.00 and 5.30 pm - 11.00 pm

All the people to whom I spoke said they could virtually close when it suited them, in spite of the extra hours for which they had applied.

MM

DOL
 Deddington OnLine
<http://www.deddington.org.uk>

A local business man is extremely grateful to DOL because, through the website, he has managed to locate and obtain a very much sought after Deddington-made Fardon clock. If you want to know more about Deddington clocks, go to www.deddington.org.uk/history/characters/ and www.deddington.org.uk/history/ddhs224/.

WELL REMEMBERED

LESLIE GEORGE was born in 1929 in Banbury and brought up in Deddington, his childhood home being the Co-op, where his father was manager. He sang in the Church Choir and later played football for the village. He married Iris and had two sons, Nicholas and Matthew. He spent all his working life at Cheneys the Printers, starting at fourteen, and becoming a fine printer; he much enjoyed both the actual work and the community of the firm. Les was an enthusiastic walker, he was fascinated by flying and aircraft and he had a keen appreciation of classical music. His sociable good humour, his generosity and his kindness won him the affection and respect of family, colleagues and friends.

HW



FAMILY HISTORY DAY

This was a very successful event with visitors coming from Banbury as well as the surrounding villages. We even had a call from a lady in South Wales, who was very disappointed that she could not come on that day. However we helped her with her research by e-mail. Thanks to the expert help from Moira Byast (Local History Society), Alan Simpson (Oxford Family History) and Wendy Barnes (Librarian from Witney), we managed to satisfy most enquiries. The Oxfordshire Studies



provided a very good display of local photographs and leaflets and I made the tea and coffee! I have been asked for a repeat performance, and Moira has offered to come into the Library once a month for a 'drop in' session to help anyone who is interested in researching their family history. Thank you to everyone who helped.

HELP! I have been asked by a Jennifer Regula, née Smith, if anyone has photos of the Windmill School ca. 1962. If there are any about and you are willing to bring them into the Library, I can make copies to send to her.

Rosemary Arnold

This is a timely reminder of the benefits for businesses of keeping their DOL entry details up to date. It clearly pays dividends and you are strongly urged to do so. For details contact Celia Clark on 338064.

We are about to establish a new website section with a working title of 'Happenings'. This will be a miscellany of interesting stories and events, recent or past, that have no other natural home on the website. 'Happenings' will be those stories that are of ongoing interest to parishioners and worthy of preserving for future historical researchers. Parishioners are invited to submit any stories or interesting events that they think may be appropriate. We will also pass them to the Editor of Deddington News if they are of immediate news interest. *Colin Clark 338064* Colin.Clark@deddington.net

This is the basic outline of what we hope to achieve for 2006 and we need your help. If you are willing to donate your time, or feel you are able to sponsor an event, or help with the programme by taking out advertising space, for example, please contact us. We welcome your ideas and suggestions ...

FESTIVAL 2006

Sunday 18 June – Sunday 25 June

Patron: Brian Kay

Proposed programme. Subject to confirmation

Sunday 18 June - Windmill Centre

Family Day Out. Cricket Match; Lunch; Pimms/beer tent; Live music;
Children's Art and Craft Workshop.

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Wednesday 21 June - Parish Church

Steve Kershaw Band.

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Thursday 22 June - Parish Church

Gilbert and Sullivan Night.

∞

Friday 23 June

Children's Choir - **Parish Church**

Poetry Please and Writing Competition Results - **Unicorn Inn**

∞

Saturday 24 June

Farmers' Market

Choral Concert with Choros – **Parish Church**

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Sunday 25 June – Parish Church

Festival Songs of Praise

Opera "King Leo"

Midsummer Jazz with the Tim Dawes Band

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Exhibitions during Festival week

Art at the Holly Tree; Craft in the Town Hall

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