

Climate change resonates through many contributions this month. On 26 September Arthur my newest grandson was knocking on his mother's door in his haste to enter this world, as I was watching 'An Inconvenient Truth', Al Gore's sobering challenge to tackle climate change.

Last month's *Monkey* reported that Laura of Steeple Aston was setting out to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Brave Laura - but should Oxfam and SCOPE be organising such sponsored treks? Global warming is causing the snows of Kilimanjaro to shrink visibly. Tanzanians up to 250 km away depend on those snows for their water supply. Even on Oxfam's website helping poor people is the last of five reasons given for taking part in a Global Challenge, after benefits to the participants. Two tonnes of CO₂ is emitted flying each of them to and from Tanzania. Paying £15 each to offset the carbon emissions is of minuscule help; it does not buy a permit to fly. The net £1500 raised for Oxfam by each person can do little to ameliorate the tragedy which threatens Tanzanians and to which the trip will contribute. Within a decade there will be no more snows on Kilimanjaro says Al Gore in 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Chipping Norton Theatre is screening his film on 16 January at 7.30 pm. Book now - it should be a sell-out, and

repeated by public demand.

Business-as-usual will accelerate the melting of the Greenland ice cap, already losing 220 cu.kms a year, raising global sea levels by far more than Oxfam's website suggests: "Sea levels could increase by 50 cm. 18 million people would be exposed to severe flooding from storm surges - the majority along the coasts of South and South East Asia." Al Gore quotes the figure of 60 million as the number of environmental refugees from Bangladesh alone - 100 million worldwide. Will Anderson writing in *The Independent* says: "The per capita carbon emissions of the inhabitants of the Ganges Delta barely register, so when these poorly resourced people confront the full impact of Western fossil fuel burning, we had better be ready to fulfil our moral obligations to them."

Tree planting and technological changes will not kick in fast enough. Smaller cars, driving less, no frivolous cheap air flights, all TVs and PCs switched OFF when not in use - all are needed now. Professor Tom Burke of Imperial College says "My advice to people, if we fail to deal with climate change over the next decade, is: Don't be under 40 !" That includes the brave Laura, my very new grandson Arthur ... and yours ? *CH*



November

Wed	1	Friendship Club: Mobile Cinema, <i>The Big Fish</i> , Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm ➡ p. 13
Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Thu	2	Monday Morning Club outing to Towcester Races leaves Market Place at noon.
Fri	3	Babies & Toddlers: Photographer's visit, Windmill Centre. ➡ p. 14
Fri	3	PTA: Fireworks & BBQ, School. 6.00 pm for 7.00 pm. ➡ insert
Sat	4	Christmas Bazaar, Parish Church, 11 am - 2 pm.
Sun	5	Deddington Players: meeting to cast pantomime, Windmill Centre, 2-4 pm ➡ p. 13
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon ➡ p. 13
Tues	7	Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Parish Church, 7.45 pm ➡ p. 11
Wed	8	History Society: Jan Warner, <i>Survival of the Fittest: Child Rearing from the 17thC</i> , Windmill, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 14
Fri	10	Babies & Toddlers: Autumn sale, Windmill Centre, 9.30 am. ➡ p. 14
Sat	11	Scenes from <i>Grease</i> : Parish Church, 7.00 pm.
Sun	12	Remembrance Day Parade: Bullring 10.30 am; Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 11 am.
Tue	14	WI: Jan Brady, <i>Aloe Vera, The Silent Healer</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm ➡ p. 13
Wed	15	Parish Council: Hempton Church Hall, 7.45 pm ➡ p. 2
Thu 16-Sat 18		Village Fair: Market Place ➡ p. 2
Sat	18	Warriner Choral Society & Akeman Voices: Carl Orff, <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm ➡ p. 4
Mon	20	Deddington School: deadline for applications for 2007 Admissions.
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm.
Thu	30	Book Club: phone 338094 for venue. ➡ p. 14



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Meeting in the Town Hall, 18 October 2006

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Flux, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Village of the Year

The framed certificate was received; copies to be displayed on village noticeboards. [see p. 10 ; in colour on the web] It was agreed not to use the £250 prize to purchase silk or plastic hanging baskets for the Town Hall, but to seek Thames Water's agreement for a possible automated watering system.

Dangerous Roads

Fatalities demonstrate traffic calming action is needed.

Data being collected to back up recommendations.

Is there support for 50 mph speed limit [+ cameras ?] on A4260 between Steeple Aston and Adderbury ?

- Hempton pinch point also a focus of attention.

Hempton - Duns Tew: road closure until 11 November.

Town Hall

The terms of an agreement with the Deddington Charity Estates for a renewed non-repairing lease at an initial annual rent of £1200 for 4 years w.e.f from 1 November 2006 were agreed. PC asked for an exchange of letters rather than a formal lease, for which it was not willing to share the legal costs.

Village Fair - 16 ~ 18 November

To minimise interference with the concert in the Church on 18 November, the fairground generators are to be located to screen their noise, and the volume of music during the concert would be reduced. Extra parking to be agreed with the School.

This clash of dates illustrates that it is essential that ALL organisers of events register all dates AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE with Mrs Flux - 338153.

Teen Scene

Advice being sought from specialists in play areas and equipment, playing fields and crime prevention. Proposals to be costed for 2007 budget.

Youth Club: thanks received for grant for equipment, which is also being used by Over-60s.

Vandalism

- Police compiling evidence to prosecute culprits.
- Bowls Club invited to make specific proposals for metal gates.

Under Age Drinking: sales of alcohol to those under age should be reported to Trading Standards - 0845 051 0845

A-Boards cause obstructions for pedestrians on pavements and for drivers' vision at junctions. County Council drawing up policy, having rejected request from Hook Norton Vets.

Wheelie Bins also cause obstruction. They should only be outside properties in time for collection and

removed the same day. Householders for whom this proves difficult can seek alternative arrangements with CDC.

Public Bins are NOT for domestic rubbish; offenders can be identified from contents.

- It is nasty for the Steward to remove dog poo from these bins; PC has paid £719 to empty the special Dog Bins which dog owners must use for pets' deposits. [Notice in Gijon]



Bus Shelter with cycle rack opposite Unicorn suggested by OCC; 50% grant towards c£4k cost possible.

Charities: requests for support from Banbury CAB and Thames Valley Air Ambulance [see p. 11] were refused as not used by precept payers, and above budget.

Aggressive Dogs: owners should be reported to the Dog Warden - on-line or 01295 221632.

PLANNING

PC No Objection: (1) Stile House, New St, Deddington - reduce several trees and fell one. (2) 8 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington - fell cypress and prune willow. (3) 33 St Johns Way, Hempton - conservatory at rear. (4) Ashley House, Chapel Close, Clifton - pitched roof to extension and 3 dormer windows, but need obscured glass to prevent overlooking properties behind.

CDC Approvals: (5) Stoneleigh House, Victoria Terrace, Deddington - rendered walls to be Sandtexed by 26 October. (6) Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington - reduce height of trees next to 10 Hopcraft Lane. (7) 13 High Street, Deddington - exterior replacements and internal alterations.

Appeals: (8) Bengal Spice, New Street, Deddington - allowed including take-away 1100~2300 hours, but ~2200 on Sundays & holidays.

Biodiversity: Preservation is now a planning consideration.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £6026.58 - including £2227.81 for what is supposed to be the last grass-cutting in 2006.
- Investments totalled £567,633.11, of which £13,700.34 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £298,709.76 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight; £55,223.01 Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.
- Minutes Secretary and Internal Auditor still needed.

NEXT MEETING**Hempton Church Hall**

Wednesday 15 November - 7.45 pm

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website:

www.deddington.org.uk/pcmminutes

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It seems unbelievable that half term is here with us already; we have finished our Harvest preparations and are rapidly heading towards Christmas. Thank you very much to all of you who supported our Harvest festival: we had a great turnout with over 300 people in the church, including our pupils. The food collected went to Polly's Box in Banbury to help feed the homeless in Banbury.

Our Open Afternoon was also very successful with many people visiting us to see the school at work, some of them for the first time.

School life has also been busy with various trips and visits. Year 6 have visited the Steam Museum in Swindon to look at their World War 2 exhibition and Year 5 will be visiting Banbury Museum to look at the Victorians exhibit in November. Year 3 are undertaking their local geography study at the moment with lots of walks around the village. One special visitor, whom



it was a delight to welcome once again, was Carl Gross. Mr Gross comes every Autumn to share his expertise in the growing, cooking and decorating of his home grown pumpkins. This year was a particular success and we were delighted that Mr Gross sold over 30 pumpkins after school to raise money for the Pattaya Children's orphanage in Nepal.

On 17 October we had a 'Wear it Pink' day to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. The children were encouraged to wear something pink for a small donation. Much fun was had by all and hopefully we have raised a good sum for such a deserving cause.

Dates for your diary include 12 & 14 December for our Christmas productions in Deddington Church.

Judith Tinsley 338430



Village Nursery

This last half term saw much activity in the dressing up department – both for our “pink” day and our “Halloweenies Party”. Everybody had lots of fun, so a big thank you to everyone who took part and gave their support. We are now looking forward to the run up to Christmas, so watch out for all the festivities and particularly the activities running in the first week of the Christmas holidays.

Many thanks to all the parents who attended our AGM. Your support was much appreciated. *Jane Privett*

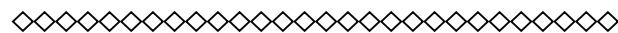
PTA

Our annual fireworks night will be held on Friday 3 November, at the Primary School as usual. Yet again we have invested in a bigger fireworks display. I have been assured by the Pyrotechnics that the fireworks have a bigger spread of colour and brighter hue, but are not louder, as they are sympathetic to wildlife and domestic pets. We also have a special treat to follow the fireworks display: we are proud to present 'Phosphorous' who will be putting on a very unusual performance for us!

As you will see on the enclosed flyer, the gates open for our BBQ from 6pm. There will be some children's entertainment, and lots of fun “glow in the dark” products! We have toffee apples (thanks to the Co-op), and a licensed bar selling mulled wine and beer. For a special treat we also have hot chocolate with whippy cream! This is an “all weather” event, we will not be rained off!! We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will support this annual village event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Farmers' Market Committee for lending us their market stalls for this event, as they do every year; it is appreciated.

The children have designed another fabulous range of Christmas Cards this year. Look out for an order form through your door - so don't forget to order yours! However, if you do forget, the PTA will have a stall at the Farmers' Market in the Church on Saturday 25 November too.

Stella O'Neill & Janet Watts, Joint PTA Chair



STOP PRESS : PFSU report on page 11

Please Note

The principle by which the **DN** operates is that adverts and inserts are charged for if they are promoting an event for which there is an entry charge - whether for a charity or not.



Preparing For Christmas Activities For Primary School Aged Children 5-11 years

Deddington Parish Church

Saturday 9th December, 10am until 12.30pm

Come and prepare for Christmas!

Cooking, making presents & decorations, chess and other games

Cost £1.50 per child

Application forms & general enquiries to: Kate Petty 338425
Sarah Liebrecht 337628
Sally Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are available from Deddington Primary School Office and the Church. Places are limited so please complete an application form and return it to Jane Green, Weston House, Church Street (337837), Kate, Sarah, Sally or the School office by Monday 4th December.

We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help. Please contact Jane Green on 337837.



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 November

Wed	1	10.00 am	ALL SAINTS Eucharist
Thurs	2	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	5	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.00 pm	Evensong
Wed	8	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	12	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Service of Remembrance
Wed	15	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	16	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	19	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	22	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Morning Worship: 'Carers' and Children's Church
Wed	29	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	30	6.30 pm	ST ANDREW Eucharist

St John Hempton

Sun	5 & 19	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00 pm	Evensong

From the Parish Register : FUNERAL : 6 October - John Coleman

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Contact Jean Welford 338539, Liz Dickinson 337050 & Iain Gillespie 338367 for dates, times & venues.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - November: 'Polly Preedy' [for homeless in Banbury] - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink GiftAid envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton.

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sundays 10 30 am with Wesleyan Church

Sundays 3.00 pm: Pastor Derek Walker of Oxford Bible Church (broadcasts on SKY Revelation Channel on Tuesdays at 6 pm) -

5 - "Power of God"

12 - Remembrance Service (Communion)

19 - "Songs of Praise"

26 - Pastor Hilary Walker will tell how God healed her. Prayer will be offered for anyone who is sick.

3 Dec - Healing Service.

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.

Wednesday 1 Nov is the Feast of All Saints and 2 Nov is All Souls Day. At Adderbury the Vigil Mass will be said at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 31 Oct, and at Hethe on both 1 & 2 Nov there will be Mass at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

The Warriner Choral Society in Deddington

Music lovers are urged to keep Saturday 18 November free for the Warriner Choral Society's autumn concert in the Parish Church. The choir rehearses in Bloxham but has made Deddington the venue for most of its concerts in recent years. Martin Quinn, the musical director, lives in the village and on this occasion the Warriner will be joined by Martin's chamber choir, the excellent Akeman Voices, whose performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Deddington last March was so well received.

The first half of the concert will feature the Choral Suite from Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: a Mass*

for Peace. It is a very moving setting of parts of the Mass, written at the start of the new millennium and dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict. With some hauntingly beautiful melodies, it is a simple but very effective piece. The second half of the concert will be a performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. This collection of medieval 'love and vagabond' songs with its lively rhythms and dramatic effects is always a popular choice with concert goers.

Tickets are available from 'One Man Band' and Hayward White, and on the door. *Elsa Williams*

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For Baptisms, Weddings,
Funerals, hospital or home visits
in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar,
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
the Rev John Dane (337403),
or one of the Churchwardens,
Iain Gillespie (338367)
or Judy Ward (337187).



photo - Judy Ward

Furthering our links with the diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, in particular with the parish of the Church of the Resurrection, Mmabatho, the villagers of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and the Barfords all extended a very warm welcome to eighteen visitors for ten days last month. The Rev Herman Ndlovu and his wife Rosina, Mike, Asnath, and their daughter Refiloe (Kelly), Hilda, Rhoda, Edith, Naledi (Star), Libby, Nancy, Patty, Nono, Glenice, Gloria, Hans, Kitty and Elizabeth all expressed thanks and delight at the generous hospitality and the programme of events provided. This programme included Church services and hospitality by all four villages, a coach trip to London, a skittles evening, an Oxford visit, visiting George's farm and our Primary School. The purpose of the visit was to affirm the link with Mmabatho, and also provided an opportunity to receive an update on the AIDS/HIV project, which they as a parish initiated and to which Deddington Church had already made a financial contribution. An informal "thank you and evaluation" meeting was held on 17 October.

Two members of Deddington Church went to the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection's new church building on 29 October and the beginning of the conversion of the old church building into the ambitious new HIV/AIDS centre for young children, of which the plans can be seen in Deddington Church.

Annette Murphy 337318

TWO LADIES FROM MMABATHO

Last month, in connection with the Living Room Project, Edith Seleke and Rhoda Thambe - or to give them their South African names, Diketo and Nomendu

- were my guests. They had known each other from schooldays - both retired nurses, now in their early sixties, both married to policemen but now widowed, both with four children and burgeoning grandchildren. A lifelong friendship then, that meant they preferred to share a bedroom and recounted events in perfect harmony, Edith speaking vividly, Rhoda adding quieter comments. We began each day with grace. Not a scant, "For what we are about to receive." As a buttoned-up English Christian I was almost envious of the natural way in which God entered into every aspect of their lives. Breakfast frequently ended with impromptu and harmonious hymn singing, before the washing-up was firmly taken out of my hands.

They enjoyed almost everything - sightseeing, hospitality, skittles, long conversations around the kitchen table. And shopping. On their free day I had proposed a trip to Blenheim Palace. As we drove off Edith said, "Kristin, we go back to Banbury first, yes?" The market stalls were then ransacked for jewellery, diaries, purses. A rosary was tracked down in St. Mary's Church. Football kit was a priority, with a red England team shirt the prize acquisition. We never did make it to Blenheim.

I shall remember Edith's elaborately plaited hair, their meticulous ironing, their pleasure at being invited out to meals, both of them magnificent in African dress. I shall remember their courtesy. Most of all I shall remember the heartfelt singing, both during church services and around the house. Not my job to comment on the wider implications of the visit. I simply enjoyed the company of two splendid women.

KT

E-MAIL FROM BARIE BROCK, THE WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE

(Barie, an ex Deddingtonian, originally got in touch to check the time of John Coleman's funeral. He included these thoughts and memories.)

I did make it to John's funeral. It took me about three hours because of bad weather and the volume of traffic, but I'm really glad that I went. There were loads of people and I said to everyone I spoke to that I had never seen so many people in church. It was a very good turn-out for such a sad occasion.

I grew up with John and went to school with him and his brother, Mick, who is sadly no longer with us. We used to play football down at the Castle Grounds. When

**WELL REMEMBERED**

JOHN COLEMAN, who died tragically in a car crash, was born in The Paddocks in 1962, the sixth of the eleven children Michael and Doris Coleman would eventually have. He attended Deddington Primary School and the Warriner. He worked in a variety of labouring jobs and in due course became a window cleaner; his fitness - he lifted weights and was a fine footballer and tennis



photo - Brian Carter

player - was demonstrated in his walking as far as Duns Tew carrying his ladders. He always preferred walking or cycling to travelling by car and particularly enjoyed rambling round the Deddington fields with his beloved dog, Spades. John eventually

became Village Steward, appropriate employment for one who loved Deddington as he did. John was a fine steward, not just because he liked the business of keeping the village kept tidy, but because he was so good with people. He seemed to know everyone in the village; he could connect with people of all kinds and all ages and had a cheery welcome for anyone he met. He was generous in offering help where it was needed. But just the sight of John going through the village with Spades was encouraging and reassuring, for John was an emblem of rootedness and true neighbourliness, an embodiment of the good things a community like ours should offer and of values by which we should aspire to live.

HW

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even if they are not for publication.

we were at school that is where all of us kids used to meet and we were usually there until it got dark. We all had a lot of good times together down there.

E-MAIL FROM CLAIRE PEARCE, CHAPMANS LANE, DEDDINGTON

In memory of John Coleman - I miss your humorous ways, John. I can't believe you're gone. The village won't be the same. It will be like a ghost town. You used to be a bit of a rogue.

You and Spades loved the open road. You would quite often come up on two wheels to the Co-op and buy your fivepenny deals. I will miss you from the last day I saw you, from this day onwards.

FROM HAZEL HALL, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank everyone who supported my Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses on Friday 29 October. The weather was dreadful but we managed to raise £333.00 - the best so far.

Thursday 14 December will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Deddington Library, and also mark fifty years of the mobile library service. We hope to have a special event for the very young with parents, something special happening on the mobile, special displays and a reception with guest speaker. Keep your eyes open for our posters and the latest news in December's **DN**. *Geoff Todd 338532*

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As we approach the end of the second week in October, it should normally be full steam ahead with the autumn planting, but this is a far from normal year. The October monsoon has stopped all field work for the time being as the soil conditions are too wet for the equipment to work, so what started out as an early planting season with good conditions, has become a drawn out slog to get the last few acres "mauled" in.



photo - Chris Fenemore

The warm wet weather has lifted the annual battle with the slugs into a daily round with the Pellet spinner on the back of the quad bike. It is not only the cereal crops that have been receiving the attention of the grey hoards, the six metre headland strips that form part of the farm's environmental project have been hit hard and most will need replanting again, some for the third time. The first attempts were thwarted by the summer drought, and now the slugs have made a meal of them. Who would have thought it would be so difficult to get a few weeds (or perhaps that should be wild flowers) to grow? It is in some ways a bit of a conundrum: we planted these "wild flowers" in rows for the birds and bees, and the slugs have destroyed them - but if the same wild flowers grow in crops as weeds, the slugs don't touch them, or perhaps I am missing something.

But it's not all doom and gloom on the environmental stewardship scene: the bird seed strips, despite a dry start, have come on well and have produced a lot of cover, with a good crop of seed heads. which are already receiving attention from the resident finch population. The hedge and tree work, which we undertook last winter and for which I was roundly criticised, has grown away well. I do hope that the walkers who accused me of vandalism have been back to have a look. I shall be at it again on the next section as soon as the leaf is off.

The wading bird project is well under way with some of the ditch banks reshaped and two of the four new sluice gates fitted, but the monsoon has put a stop to that work for now. After a number of delays we were able to cut the linear scrapes across the flood meadows just before the monsoon season started. This involved a large rotary ditcher [photo above] which needed a 280hp tractor to pull it, to cut the scrapes following the old drainage channels, but stopping short of the dykes and river, so as to hold the water rather than allowing it to

completely drain away, and provide wet feeding areas for a number of different wading birds. We already have a number of pairs of Curlew coming to breed each year, with Lapwing, Golden Plover, Redshank and Snipe overwintering, and, given time, the improvements in the feeding and nesting habitats may encourage them to stay and breed. The project was put together by the RSPB as part of the Upper Thames wading bird programme and funded by the RSPB, who own the ditcher, and DEFRA's Natural England (the old rural development agency) under the higher level stewardship scheme. We still have a lot of work to do over the next two years, with the whole project lasting for the next ten years. The extra

funding will go some way to replace the lost income from the restricted stocking rates while the birds are nesting. Who knows, I might even stop complaining about the sheep prices! But I would not count on that.

George Fenemore 388203

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Woods for Cherwell

On 11 October Cherwell District Council held a countryside forum on the future of North Oxfordshire woodlands. We learnt that currently we don't have many. Only 3.5% of our district is covered by woodland compared with a national average of 8-10%; continental Europe fares rather better. Apart from the visual landscape and enjoyment benefits, woods are vital to the welfare of the globe. They make for healthy air, they curb soil erosion (and eventually flooding) and their energy potential may contribute to saving the planet.

Dr. Robin Cotton outlined a string of schemes in which high-efficiency automatic wood heating projects are already saving anything from lots to mega-lots of oil and money (and we are talking here in hundreds of thousands both of gallons of oil and £s). It seems we are 20 years behind some other European countries, but catching up.

David Rees, Oxfordshire Woodland Project Officer, listed some of the many by-products with which woodlands might help overcome a regrettably long imperial dependence on imported timber. Andrew Beer of the Woodland Trust suggested that everyone should have 20 acres of woodland within easy reach of their front door. We think of Daeda's rather more modest acreage with gratitude.

There were questions and answers, and hope expressed that the CDC will put its money where its mouth is in planning future projects. We shall all wait and watch with interest.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

The Flower Garden

It's been a really difficult summer in the flower garden. Spring was not too bad, the bulbs came out according to their time clocks and gave pleasure, but then the drought set in and we had relentless dry heat for weeks. I don't think I was the only one who watched a pretty garden turn into an unattractive mess and by the time the rain came, it was too late. Only the ground elder thrived.

The fact is that we shall have to change our style. We must plant fewer thirsty things and water more methodically. I have seen most interesting gardens in the USA where plants are dripped, not water sloshed all over the place, but each plant has a carefully placed and timed water system made of thin tubing buried under the ground. The British ideal which requires lawns and a lot of colour and greenery would not do well there, but just shut your eyes and imagine: selected plants in containers standing on a patio of brickwork, no lawns, no watering, no edging, no pruning of shrubs. Such a system would be expensive, and would have to be part of the building, but its worth thinking about... So let us hope for better things next season. This is the time to put some bulbs into pots, the Nurseries have stocked up, but the old favourites soon go.

Marianne Elsley



In the middle of last month 'experts' from Kew gardens were predicting that October this year would prove to be one of the warmest on record. Frosts had hardly started, trees still held most of their leaves, flowers were still in bloom and most of nature was getting confused. These prophets of doom were warning that this could cause all sorts of natural problems especially if, as in 1987, gales swept the country catching the trees and foresters unawares. Another mild winter could bring problems for gardeners if the natural cull of horticultural pests results in even greater numbers of bugs than usual.

We can take precautions. It might be a bit drastic to release swarms of frogs, ducks or slow-worms to eat the slugs, or to buy special natural predators to feast on the aphids or other creatures that might attack.

Companion planting is a more natural way if it also brings in beneficial insects which pollinate plants and predate on garden pests. Sage, marjoram, nasturtiums and foxgloves all attract bees; sedums, mint, lavender and sweet williams attract butterflies. Nasturtiums grown close to bean plants attract the black fly that would otherwise swarm over the stems of the beans and can then be easily removed and destroyed. Planning the garden so that crops such as potatoes and sweet corn, or beans, sweet corn and squash which grow well together; or planting lettuce on the north side of tall plants to protect them from heat, are other tactics which can improve growth and so lead to fewer pest problems.

Protecting ancient trees from storms, or encouraging them to shed leaves if high winds are forecast, is more difficult.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of November 1856: (Note from the entry of 23rd Nov. an early - and apparently effective! - form of burglar alarm)

3rd November - The policeman came with a lad from the lockup, whom I discharged with a caution and 6d. He had been in Buckingham Union and Birmingham Union from where he had run away with the dress of the House upon him. Wrote to the Governor who replied that they did not mean to go to any further expense in the case so was obliged to discharge him. He had previously run away from the Buckingham Union where he had been 5 or 6 years and had been educated there, his age now 14 or 15 years. His Mother was dead and his Father had absconded from his Parish. A sharp and intelligent lad had been in Warwick gaol for begging for 3 or 4 weeks. Felt sorry to lose sight of him - he stated he was going to Priors Marston to work for a carpenter and joiner.

6th November - Holford went to Coombe near Blenheim Park to join T. Cartwright's Harriers there, the Duke of Marlborough having permitted him to hunt a stray deer that had escaped from the Park.

7th November - I attended a monthly meeting of Justices at the Kings Arms, a good deal of business was

transacted and the new Police Measure talked over with reference to the number of policemen with a serjeant to be hereafter appointed in this division. It was thought 5 with a serjeant would be sufficient to be resident at certain places. An additional piece of land adjoining our present lock up (the present Library) was to be recommended for purchase by the County.

17th November - Went to London to stay until the 20th, I visited the Courts of Law and remained there during their sitting.

22nd November - Our annual Fair took place. Mr. & Mrs. Travers came to spend 4 or 5 days with us again preparatory to their leaving the Curacy here for Rome, where Dr. Acland had ordered them to winter on account of Mrs. Travers's health. A sad loss to the Parish, he was the right man (for once here) in the right place.

23rd November - We heard about midday that the Schools had been broken into by burglars and Mrs. Turner's house also during the night - 1s.2d. in copper taken from the School pence desk. Nothing was taken from Mrs. Turner's as the rogues were disturbed and decamped at the ringing of a bell on the window shutters. No clues as yet as to the guilty parties.

26th November - A quantity of snow fell during the night, the first of the season, though a thaw throughout the day. B. Mason came to put some bells to some of our windows which had been left without them in consequence of the recent burglaries.

Buffy Heywood

FRED THE DONKEY MAN. 1908-1982

Debbie's and Mike's recollections brought this letter from Mrs Maureen Mazey (née French) from Banbury:

"I have just been reading in a copy of your Deddington News about the great Fred Abel. I too remember the lovely kind man that used to travel all over bringing joy to lots of the village children. I was born in Clifton and remember him parking his cart just down the road from my home in a nearby lane. Everyone used to look forward to him arriving and giving us rides on his donkeys. My Dad, the late Gerald French, used to cut his hair for free and my Mum, the late Violet French, would give him meals. I remember he used to love bread and cheese. He was such a polite man who never took things for granted. He was a very private man who had a lot of pride. I remember being told that he had passed away but I wonder if anyone knows where he was buried. It was a privilege to know such a nice and kind man as Fred!"

Like Maureen I wondered where the restless traveller Fred found his last resting place. No record of a grave in his name could be found on the register of burials in Banbury Cemetery. Eventually, with the kind assistance from a Banbury undertaker, I learned that Fred was cremated at Oxford Crematorium where his ashes were scattered. I should have known better than to search for a small grave in a big cemetery. Fred, the Donkey Man with the roving spirit, needed to be borne by the winds into God's beautiful countryside.

With this mystery solved some of us are still wondering where Fred spent his early youth and what made him choose life on the road. There are a few tales going the rounds that may hold clues. Let me know.

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From the Fire Station

Our total calls for the year to date are 145. We have dealt with 7 shouts since last month: 1 kitchen fire, 1 road traffic collision, 2 house fires, one with the occupier on the roof, an acetylene cylinder on fire at Kraft Foods, 1 stand by and a call to cows in the canal at Lower Heyford! Never a dull moment.

Crewing

James Britchford has moved out of the area and therefore has had to resign. This brings our crewing down to just 7 people, ... there are 5 spare kit pegs in the muster bay ... please telephone the recruitment Hotline on **0800 5 870 870** if you think you might like to join us, or simply to find out more about a very exciting and rewarding job. *Anne Waters, Watch Manager, 338281*



"I keep on thinking it's Thursday"

The Deddington Players provided two pleasant evenings of entertainment last month, each with band music, supper and a one-act comedy. Brass Bits gave us cheerful and popular music and the Chedworth Silver Band played nostalgic melodies. The audience would have liked to hear more of both. A delicious light supper was served and there was a bar.

The play was endearingly acted by Jim Flux and Hugh Marshall. So convincing were they that one could imagine them evolving (not too soon, of course) into the lovably muddle-headed pair of geriatrics who gave us the play's title "I keep on thinking it's Thursday". The Friday audience was very small, though the Saturday attendance was much bigger. It is disappointing when a

We remember the Fallen on Sunday 12 November. As we remember the Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, do we remember our sisters and brothers in the animal kingdom? 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?

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Ted Johnson RSPCA 338355

good deal of thought and preparation has gone into an event and not many people turn up to enjoy it. *MN*

News from Hempton

There have been several successful events during the latter part of September. The Harvest Supper was well supported, with 40 people sitting down to a good meal prepared by village people. The meal was followed by two ladies talking about their business interests. The following afternoon the Hempton Ladies provided a typical English tea for the South African visitors to the benefice. Well done to everyone involved in the above events.

Following the tea, the Harvest Festival service took place with a congregation of 75. A traditional service was helped by some marvellous impromptu singing from the South African visitors who sang 3 or 4 songs and hymns without music. After the service the produce was auctioned off and a total of over £200 raised for the Douglas House Hospice in Oxford. Thanks to everyone who donated produce.

The AGM of the Friends of the Church was held on Monday 25 September. This meeting was, as usual, poorly attended, but perhaps that is a sign that people are happy with what the Friends do.

Once again the Parish Council has decided to move out of Deddington and will be holding their monthly meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 15 November at 7.45pm. As usual there is a ten-minute open forum for members of the public to participate in. If you have any questions, attend the meeting and address them to the Council.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 2 December from 11 am. All the usual stalls: tombola, cakes, gifts, pew of pennies, grand draw, something for children, and others. Also there will be hot snacks. These proved very popular last year. Prizes and gifts suitable for Christmas will be much appreciated. *Les Chappell 338054*

Deddington PFSU

Where is the time going? We have already had half term break. Who can believe we are on that slippery slope towards Christmas? Speaking of Christmas, we will be holding Holiday Club in the week beginning 18 December when we will be doing lots of fun activities to put us in the Christmas Spirit - sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Our topic for the term is "People who help us". The children will be talking about the emergency services and considering what they do for us.

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing at the Harvest Festival service, singing beautifully to all us watery-eyed parents. We have our Halloween Party coming up at the end of the month, which is a sell out! A huge Thank You to Deddington Village Nursery for hosting this event. Again, a big Thank you to all parents who supported the Breast Cancer Awareness day, we all enjoyed dressing up in Pink for the day, even the boys.

Please contact the PFSU on 377484 if you are interested in visiting the unit with your child and speak to Anna Justice (Supervisor). *Sarah Payne Secretary*

How many posting days ... ?

"The best selection of Christmas cards I've seen" was one comment on Traidcraft's 2006 range. It can be explored in a slideshow on http://www.traidcraftinteractive.com/ecard/tci_product_viewer.html [- note there are underscores in the spaces.]



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Hugh Marshall

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

We hope as many Friends as possible will attend the AGM in the Parish Church on Tuesday 7 Nov. at 7.45pm. *Kristin Thompson, Publicity, FDF*

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Windmill Community Centre

The number of people and groups using our excellent facilities continues to rise, and it is great to see so many activities in the main building and surrounding sport field. However it is disappointing that we have a small group of teenagers who have over the last few weeks broken 30-40% of the tiles on the Cricket pavilion, torn down the balustrade around the veranda, smashed windows including one (reinforced glass) in the door, and attacked the wooden panels of the front wall. Some names are known and have been passed to the police. The Committee would be grateful for any information that can help reduce this vandalism and keep this marvellous facility in good shape for future use.

It is also disappointing that a few individuals insist on breaking into the All Weather Court causing additional damage to the surface, although they have a large open playing field available to them. To keep the court in good condition costs over £2000 per year.

Jim Flux for the Windmill Committee

Deddington Badminton Club

We are now well into our season. Our Junior section is now up to our limit which is fantastic for the club. So, sorry, no further junior memberships this season. All our teams have played in matches already this season with wins and losses. Club Night is Tuesday 7pm - 10pm so why not come along. *Jan Cartledge 01295 720177*

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs: At the beginning of this term we welcomed 5

new cubs, Josh, Jake, Ben, Nicky and Joshua. This takes our total to 21 and we are full until some of the boys move to Scouts.

Inspired by Pluto's demotion, we have been looking at planets: the Cubs made hats depicting their chosen planet, asteroid, comet etc. and used them for a short performance we called 'Poor Pluto'. The hats ranged from large papier mâché balls to bizarre egg box constructions and a comet with trailing lights.

Our next project is The Battle of Britain. We are taking a group to the RAF Museum at Hendon where they can work towards their Air Activities badge and have a great day out.

At the beginning of the month 2 of our cubs joined a group from Banbury district in camp at Longridge scout camp site near Marlow. We pitched tents on an island in the river to which we had to row out. The boys kayaked, tried the climbing wall and paddled a dragon boat. It was lots of fun and we are keen to take the rest of the cubs for a visit soon.

Jo Churchyard Cub Scout Leader 338071

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Scouts: We started the term with 13 scouts but this has now grown to 20 as we were joined by Oliver, Harriet and James from Cubs, plus Joseph, Jamie, Ryan and Jack. We also said goodbye to several boys who have outgrown us; we wish them good luck in the future.

Our first project this term was hike cookers. We tested several types and decided which we preferred. We spent an afternoon at Horley campsite to prepare some of the scouts for their camping weekend at Youlbury in Oxford and 3 other scouts walked to Horley from Bodicote.

The Youlbury camp went very well: in the competition our team came 19 out of more than 50 teams, very well done!

We are working towards the Community Award. A group of Scouts recently visited the Police Office at Deddington; they had a great time, many thanks to PC Morris. The rest of the troop will visit the vets at Hook Norton and we are all going to the Fire Station.

As part of the Scouts centenary celebrations next year we are planning a local event and need any photos you may have of Deddington Scouts in the past. Please let us know if you have any we can borrow or copy.

Peter Churchyard Scout Leader 338071

1st Deddington Guides

It's great to be welcoming so many new girls at present. Girls of 10 and over are joining us, not only from Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and the Barfords, but also from the Astons and Duns Tew. This half-term has been packed with our usual wide range of activities - mini-cooking projects, games for fun, quick thinking, agility, good sportsmanship and crafts - also activities that challenge the senses and those that help us become good neighbours and citizens, such as First Aid.

Our Good Turn was visiting Wardington House Nursing Home where we entertained with camp-fire songs, and after a guided tour helped to serve teas and chatted to the residents. A great experience. We are also learning about what happens to our countryside in

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autumn - making some lovely collages of seeds, leaves and dried flowers, and taking part in quizzes and other activities. Many of the activities have been planned and organized by the Guides themselves in their patrols - we keep very busy! If you'd like to join us - or help! - get in touch.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

The Scout, Brownie, Cub and Guide Leaders thank the Craft Group, and Alan Rampley (who ran a First Aid training day) for their donations. Many people have said that they missed this day for various reasons. Look out for a similar event in the spring. It is very good value!

Monday Morning Club

Our next coffee morning will be on 6 November, 10.30-noon. Don't forget the outing being arranged to Towcester Races by Terry Clinch on 2 November. Christmas lunch this year will be at The Unicorn on 4 December. Menus will be on display in November, so make sure you sign up, pay up and make your choices. I would like to collect bus fares for the January trip to see Judy Dench in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, so please come prepared. All the tickets have been distributed. We have booked a film for the evening of 11 January at the Holly Tree. A short list of possibilities will be on the board in November, so come and help choose.

Jean Flux 338153

Friendship Club

The Club started again on 6 September with a Social afternoon and discussion about future activities. On 20 Sept we had a visit from the Mission Aviation Fellowship

detailing the wonderful work they do. On 30 Sept we went to the British Cheese Festival at Cheltenham. On 4 October most interesting speakers from the Woodstock Museum brought and discussed the NHS equipment etc. from the early years. Our Harvest Lunch was on 18 October and there's a visit from the Mobile Cinema on 1 Nov. They will be showing the film *The Big Fish*. Indoor Bowls is still very popular and we would welcome other people to join us if they are interested.

Joyce Minneax 338529

W.I.

On 12 September Peter Sheesby gave his illustrated talk on 'The Swere Valley'. The River Swere flows from its source at Chipping Norton until it runs into the River Cherwell at Nell Bridge, Adderbury. Scenes of the changing seasons, trees, flowers and buildings, gave members a most pleasant view of a very local landscape. On 10 October at our Harvest Supper, after a short business meeting, we shared some verses and reminiscences of harvest times past. A supper of varied food and wine was much enjoyed.

14 November: 'Aloe Vera' - the silent healer - with Jan Brady. 12 December: Christmas Dinner at the Unicorn Inn.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Players

The meeting to read through and cast the pantomime will be at the Windmill on Sunday 5 November 2~4pm. Please join us if you would like to be involved this year

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- whether or not you have been involved before. No formal auditions are involved and we are looking for new faces both on and off the stage. I won't yet reveal which pantomime we are going to do but expect a dramatic departure from the norm!

We hope that those of you who came to our recent play and supper evenings enjoyed yourselves. We'd love to have feedback on what you liked or didn't like, so that we can put on an even better show and attract a bigger audience next year. If you decided not to come this year, what would persuade you to join us next time? All comments would be welcome. Put a note through the door at Cherry Trees, High Street, or give me a ring.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Art Group

We are enjoying ourselves in the Town Hall and a lot of interesting pictures have been produced this year. We have many new artists. We are a social club and enjoy a chat at coffee, lunch and tea to promote each other's work. We welcome commissions – phone me. Our Christmas lunch is on 21 December at the Red Lion (bar food).

Ken D Wilkinson 337256

Book Club

During October we read 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho and will shortly be starting 'Arthur & George' by Julian Barnes. Our next meeting is 30 November: call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Babies & Toddlers Group

There's lots to look forward to at our busy group: 3 Nov: Ian Taylor will be visiting to take some informal black and white photos of our children at play. 10 Nov: our Autumn Sale, which is open to all - with or without children, featuring Osborne books, Phoenix cards and many other stalls. There is a night out for Mums on 30 Nov at the Bengal Spice and a date to hold for December is the children's Christmas party on 15 December. We hope to see you there - every Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 at the Windmill.

Emma Duvand

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Since September we have welcomed George, Tom and Henry into Anchors, and Ben and Charlie into the Company Section. We also welcomed Chris Mitchell as a new leader for the Company Section.

On 7 October we hosted the Oxfordshire BB Anchors Fun Day that was held in a barn on a farm near Middle Barton; despite the wasps, all had a great time. In November we are hosting the Oxfordshire BB Junior Top Team competition and our Brass Band will lead the annual Remembrance Parade. Under the guidance of 11 adult leaders and helpers the BB in Deddington provides a range of activities to over 40 boys aged from 5 to 17.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results: -

Steeple Aston (a) Drew 2-2 B.Durrant (2).

Kinton (a) Lost 1-4 M.Knight.

Banbury Irish (h) (Junior Shield) Lost 1-2 D.Keys.

The 1st team's slow start to the season has continued. Ben Durrant was on target twice against local rivals Steeple Aston. However Steeple scored a late equaliser to deny the team their first win of the season. A Danny Keys goal was not enough against Banbury Irish, as Deddington exited the Oxfordshire Junior Shield in the opening round. Fingers crossed for an improvement in results during the next few weeks.

Reserve Team Results: -

Hethe Res (h) Lost 0-4

Real Islip Res (h) Lost 1-3 M.Large.

Heyford Utd Res (a) Won 4-1 A.Bliss (3), J.Smith.

The Reserve side has had a mixed month. The highlight came against Heyford Utd Res. Player Manager Aaron Bliss was in electric form scoring a hat trick, which contributed to an excellent 4-1 victory. This result has left the Reserves in the top half in Division 3.

75 Club Winners – All Winning £50: 15/9/06 F.Keys; 22/9/06 Mrs M.Plumbe; 29/9/06 F.Keys; 6/10/06 Mrs V.Reason.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Deddington and District History Society

On 11 October, instead of our usual talk we hosted an 'Antiques Roadshow' conducted by Ben Lloyd and two colleagues from Mallams Auctioneers. They very generously gave of their time to appraise and value paintings, jewellery, books and other 'objets' submitted by members and guests. It was an instructive and enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday 8 November Jan Warner will speak on 'Survival of the fittest: child-rearing since the 17th century'. As always, anyone is welcome to come along.

Members please note that we shall celebrate a Victorian-style Christmas on Wednesday 13 December. This is likely to be a highly popular event and we shall have to limit the numbers, so please let Moira Byast know in plenty of time if you would like to be included. Moira can be contacted on 338637.

Chris Day 337204

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Parish Horse-Chestnut Trees

By summer's end leaves of many trees have been galled and nibbled, munched and dissected; this year one of the prized ornamental deciduous trees of Oxfordshire, introduced from the Balkans, and abundant in Deddington, is showing signs of an 'infestation'.

The *Oxford Times*, 29 September, gave this headline: Moth threat to horse-chestnuts in county. Reading on: 'The infestation has left trees looking in poor health, with leaves withering long before the onset of autumn.' For this disturbance of rural life, and the possible forfeit of a beauty of mature horse-chestnut trees on the Hempton Road, a leaf-mining moth is culprit.

Horse-chestnut trees have widespread crowns and grow to 35 m; the large leaves are unusual, being palmately compound. Both flowers (like candelabra) and fruits (like parts of a medieval weapon) are distinctive: it is a tree that will be noticed, and in Deddington it has pride of place in five sites. The horse-chestnut must be planted; it is only rarely self-sown. Living well in England, especially in the lowlands, it is perpetuated with help from the nurseryman.

The five sites are, in order of size, from the smallest to the largest: 1. Jerusalem Lane; 2. Hempton Road; 3. Banbury Road; 4. Market Square; 5. Castle Grounds. The worst of these are the trees of the Hempton Road, many persistently injured by mowing machines, and second worse are the trees on the south side of the A4260, just east of the turning toward the Milton Gated Road. Trees at both sites show the most pre-autumnal browning:



crinkly leaflets curling inward from the leaf margin, and yellow spots. Jerusalem Lane horse-chestnut trees were planted by Farmer Welford, filling spaces where, in the 19th century, oaks had not been planted, the prospect being that oaks and chestnuts, in serene partnership, would form a fully wooded lane.

Crinkled leaves, the colour of dark brown boot polish, and round yellow spots (mining sites) are the signs of sickness. Red fruits, a more cheerful autumn colour, of the climbing wild rose show a banner-brightness in the tallest tops of young Jerusalem Lane chestnuts. An oak opposite is entirely green, as if autumn had not begun, but then oaks always drop their leaves last. Some, not all, of the young horse-chestnuts have conkers, and those that do have plenty, spread out on the ground, for boys to pick up,

The best horse-chestnut trees (and this is very good news) - the healthiest trees - are the two giants, with massive boles, at the entrance to the Castle Grounds. Few leaves have begun to turn; those that have are lowest on the tree. There is no grass to mow beneath these giants. For the rest, light streams through the leaves as green as summer grass; and on the woodland floor, armoured husks split, spilling conkers on to the ground.

Walter L. Meagher (3 Oct '06)

December

- Sat 2 Christmas Bazaar, Hempton Church, 11 am-2 pm.
- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch @ Unicorn
- Sat 9 Children's Christmas Activities, Parish Church.
- Sun 10 Carols by Candlelight, Choros, Parish Church
- Tue 12 WI: Christmas meal
- Wed 13 Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Sat 16 Deddington Farmers Market, 9.00 am-12.30 pm.
- Sun 24 Carols in the Market Place, 6.30 pm

Weekly Meetings

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

Hello. In the past weeks there have been a number of break-ins to sheds and garages along the A4260 corridor including Adderbury and Deddington. I urge you to ensure that your home security is up to date and any high value items such as lawn mowers and cycles are post coded using an Ultra Violet pen or security etching. Contact Thames Valley Police on 08458 505 505 for details on getting your property marked.

If you are not wishing for any visits from "trick or treaters" this year, there are signs that you can put up in your windows to say that you do not wish to be visited. They are at The Deddington Police Office in the market Square and are free.

PC 1698 Dave Morris

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton November 2006

The group offers help in a crisis, or even with an everyday task such as collecting a prescription or doing some shopping. If you are unable to reach the appropriate person listed below, please telephone Molly Neild, 338521

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Wendy Burrows, Market Place Cottage 338082

PHILCOTE STREET:

Molly Neild, 1 Philcote Street 338521

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Janet Broadbent, Stone Court, Earl's Lane 338173

THE LEYES: Kristin Thompson 337052

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Joyce Minnear, 2 Holly Tree Cottages 338529

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Pat Swash, Foresters Cottage, The Tchure 338920

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GOOSE GREEN, HOPCRAFT LANE: John

Burdon, Kempster Place, Philcote Street 338150

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Walter Caporn, Mallards, New Street 338402

THE DAEDINGS, PIERS ROW:

Helen Worrell, 18 The Daedings 338189

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Pat Brittain, 28 The Daedings 338685

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GAVESTON GARDENS:

Adele Sullivan, 10 Gaveston Gardens 337485

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Rene Mahony, 15 St John's Way 338438

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Katie McGovern, Roseville, Chapel Close 338771

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01865 242373
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY	01295 750622
BANBURY BENEFITS ADVICE	01295 255863
BBC OXFORD ACTION DESK	01865 311222
CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP	01295 229373
CARERS' CENTRE	01295 264545
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	0844 8487922
COUNCIL OF DISABLED PEOPLE	01865 792226
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT ADVICE	01295 266350
DIAL-A-RIDE	01295 263777
DIALABILITY	01865 763600
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CDC	01295 221940
Pollution Control	01295 221632
for noise complaints out of office hours	01865 266000
FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE	01865 741781
FURNITURE RECYCLE STORE	01295 267741
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	01295 811866
LIFE PREGNANCY COUNSELLING	01869 245777
LONE PARENT HELPLINE	0800 0185026
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