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Congratulations to Kevin Mayo for successfully completing the Marathon des Sables and on his fund-raising efforts.

Wed 6 May is your opportunity to raise any local matters of concern to the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre - don't miss it!

## May

- |             |      |   |
|-------------|------|---|
| Fri         | 1    | DOGS: Full day's golf at Cotswold Hills Golf Club   |
| Wed         | 6    | Photographic Society: Workshop, Table Top Photography, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm                                |
| Wed         | 6    | Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00-10.00pm   |
| Wed         | 6    | Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  |
| Sun         | 10   | Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre courts, 2.00-5.00pm  |
| Sun         | 10 - |   |
|             | 16   | Christian Aid Week  |
| Mon         | 11   | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning and AGM, 10.30am-noon   |
| Tue         | 12   | WI: Resolutions, followed by Independent Monitoring Board, HMP Bullingdon, Diana Marshall, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed         | 13   | History Society: John Kliene, Battlefields Trust, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                                     |
| Wed         | 13   | Closing date for applications for co-opting onto Parish Council   |
| Wed         | 13   | Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5.00-7.00pm  |
| Sat         | 16   | Bowls Club: Cake and plant stall, Town Hall, 8.30am   |
| Sun         | 17   | PTA: 5th Deddington walk  |
| Mon         | 18 - |   |
| Fri         | 22:  | Walk to School week   |
| Mon         | 18   | Badminton Club: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm  |
| Tues        | 19   | Windmill Management Committee AGM, Windmill Centre 7.30pm   |
| Wed         | 20   | Slide show on butterflies by Peter Sheasby, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm                                       |
| Wed         | 20   | Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30pm   |
| Wed         | 20   | Tennis Club: Takeaway night, club house at close of play  |
| Thu         | 21   | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Easy Virtue</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm                                    |
| Sat         | 23   | Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am-12.30pm  |
| <b>June</b> |      |   |
| Mon         | 1    | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon   |
| Wed         | 3    | Photographic Society: 'My Journey through Landscape, Mood and Atmosphere', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm            |
| Wed         | 3    | Bowls Club: Open evening, Windmill, 6.00pm  |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting Town Hall 15 April 2009

*Present:* Cllrs Flux (Chair), Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Todd, Ward, Watts, DCllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk & DN correspondent.

### District Council Report

The Dial-a-Ride service provided by Banbury Community Transport & CDC at a cost of £187,000 annually was running in deficit. Rather than reduce the daily service, in future there would be a charge of £1.50 each way for the Deddington-Banbury run.

### Highways

*Earls Lane:* Following a traffic census and investigation it was clear that speed and weight restrictions were not understood to extend along the lower section of the road. The HWG are investigating a variety of alternative speed control measures to slow traffic.

*High Street crossing point:* A petition to lobby OCC to reconsider their decision is in the Library and at the Unicorn PH. However individual letters to OCC Highways are also important to support the campaign.

### Recreation

*Castle Grounds:* The road to the Castle Grounds is owned by the Church Commissioners and their permission is to be sought for clearance of a parking area. PC will also clarify ownership of the area to be covered by the fitness trail. A report on the mole infestation is also awaited.

*PC newsletter:* The annual newsletter is in the course of preparation for distribution shortly in the DN.

### Environment & Special Projects

*Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers:* To start work clearing the Castle Grounds footpaths on 3 May.

*Christmas tree:* A sponsor is to be sought to supply, install and remove the tree.

*Dog bins:* The Hempton Rd bin near the bus stop needs repairing.

*War Memorial cemetery:* The site is being tidied up and consideration being given to an 'edged' gravel path in time for Remembrance Day. Responsibility for War Memorial grave maintenance to be clarified.

*Hempton Rd cemetery:* A risk assessment of all gravestones will be carried out once a year. The notice board needs repairing. The larger gates will in future be locked to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.

*WCC:* The all weather pitch has been broken into again and the fence cut, shortly after being repaired. A security camera is to be considered to identify culprits.

### Planning

*PC no objection:* [1] Co-op Market Place, all the signage and fascia to be removed and replaced with new scheme. [2] 4 Victoria Terrace and Tays Gate, Earls Lane, change of ownership and use of garage between two properties: conditionally no objection provided overgrown Tays Gate shrubs are removed. [3] 11 St John's Way, Hempton, single storey extension at rear of the property.

*Approvals:* [4] 27 Gaveston Gardens, garage conversion and side/part rear elevation. [5] 9 The Daedings, first floor rear extension, new pitched roof over garage and alterations to porch and front door.

*Other matters:* OCC Highways Depot, Banbury Rd. The new road-salt store will have a dark green roof to blend in with the surroundings. The area would be landscaped and there would be additional planting to hide the site.

### Finance & General Purposes

*Annual audit:* The audit for 2008-2009 has been received and is awaiting review.

*Annual insurance renewal:* Competitive quotation to be obtained before renewal with existing insurer.

*Church clock:* The clock has been serviced and is in good order. Question about asbestos in tower to be referred to PCC.

*Warriner School:* Seeking support for their bid for £250,000 of funding for 'Centre of Rural Education'. A letter is to be sent.

*Allotments:* A draft of the 'Conditions of allotment tenancy' was approved for submission to Chairman of Allotment Association.

*Precept:* The first instalment of £16,671 has been received from CDC.

### AOB

5th Oxfordshire Local Environment Groups Conference, Sat 9 May at Wootton, nr Woodstock. If you wish to attend cost is £6 per head, contact Cynth Napper [cynth@oncf.org.uk].

### Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £10,161.83 [This covers exceptional items: loan to the Cricket Club, clock maintenance & allotment shed].

Investments totalled £542,215.28 at W Brom BS, Barclays, Birmingham Midshires BS & Anglo Irish Bank [This does not include precept from CDC].

**Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 20 May 20 2009 at the Town Hall.**

### BUTTERFLY TALK AND SLIDE SHOW

given by

**PETER SHEASBY**

Introduced by

**WALTER MEAGHER**

**WEDNESDAY  
20th MAY 7.30 pm**

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HALL**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**A**s we enter May the school has a short but important term ahead of them, as Years 2 and 6 have SATs to sit and the rest of the school (except Foundation and Year 2) are taking their optional SATs.

Last month we enjoyed great success with our third annual drama production - this year it was *Peter Pan*. All children from Years 1 to 6 had the opportunity to participate, resulting in only 26 not being part of the production! Deddington church was packed on both nights of the production and this year we offered a matinée performance, which was also well received. The children were, as always, amazing. They worked extremely hard in rehearsals and were supportive of each other throughout. Mrs Tinsley thanked all the staff on the night for their support but special thanks went to Miss Burn, Mr Fane and Mrs Hunsley. Mrs Tinsley also thanked Sian Westbury and Kathy Moss who helped make the wonderful mermaid and Indian costumes. Captain Hook (Nathan Shaw) also thanked Mrs Tinsley on behalf of the cast for all the time and effort she put into the production. But, as always, our biggest thanks went to Alicia and Philip Rumsby who gave hours of their time, running rehearsals, helping the children learn their lines and everything else that is required when putting on such a big production.



Captain Hook was played by Nathan Shaw and Peter Pan by Wilf Stoddart

Money raised through ticket sales and collections on the night have gone towards our performing arts fund - the speculation as to what we will do next year has started already!

**Jane Cross**  
Deputy Headteacher  
338430

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**Sunday May 17th**

Enjoy the kids "collectables" hunt, BBQ, bouncy castle, & bar. Tickets - adult £7, family - £17.50. Book early to secure free food vouchers. A new & exciting route this year!

For further details, contact Heather on 01869 338750, email [deddington@cherwell.co.uk](mailto:deddington@cherwell.co.uk) or visit [www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk)

Organised by Deddington PTA (reg charity number 1052715).  
All proceeds to local Deddington Youth Projects.

**CHURCH AND CHAPEL****May****Parish Church SS Peter and Paul**

Fri	1	6.30pm	Evensong SS Philip and James
Sun	3	10.30am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Evensong
Wed	6	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	7	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	13	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	17	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	20	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	21	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.30pm	Eucharist ASCENSION
Sun	24	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed	27	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	31	8.00am	Holy Communion Pentecost
		10.30am	Eucharist

**St Johns, Hempton**

Sun	3	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	17	9.00am	Eucharist

**From the Parish Registers***Baptisms*

7 March	Jemimah Isabel Cudahy
22 March	Charlotte Ellen Bernice West

*Wedding*

4 April	Mark Nicholson to Lynne Alexander
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For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the Rev John Dane (337403), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or John Osborough (07753 802841).

**Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square**

Suns 10.30am

*Preachers*

May 24 Faith Sharpe

*Bible Study*

Thu 2.30pm at the Wesleyan Manse, 3 Castle Street, Deddington

**Pastor I Walton 337157****Congregational Chapel, New Street**

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation  
Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

**Mrs J Minnear 338529****RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury**

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church, Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30-6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension has been transferred from 21 May to the following Sunday, with normal services at both venues, and no Holiday of Obligation on the Thursday.

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## Deddington PTA

The PTA wheels are whizzing along in preparation for our next big event – the 5th Annual Deddington Walk - which will be held on Sunday 17 May. This year's exciting theme is 'Meet the Music Makers' - our actors will be out and about on our new route handing out more of our infamous trump cards. Make sure you are there to collect the brand new set! Once again we will be starting from the Windmill Centre where sizzling hot bacon butties will await your arrival. Upon completion of the walk there will be more food, a bar and entertainment laid on for your enjoyment back at the Windmill Centre. Perhaps you would like to try out your skills at being a Music Maker? Please remember to book early to secure a free food voucher. We hope to have a repeat of last year's weather – some lovely warm sunshine in which to bask after burning off all those calories walking.



Entry forms are available from the Library or from Heather on 338750. Take a look at our updated website – [www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk). As usual, there will be three levels of walk – a toddler trail, a family walk or a challenging 12 mile hike – so there is something for all ages. This walk is not restricted to school children: anyone can come along and join in the fun. We look forward to welcoming you.

In last month's edition I promised to let you know the amount raised at our recent Quiz Night: £1,850! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this hugely successful evening.

Finally, another reminder for our school fête which will be held on Saturday 20 June. It is shaping up to be a bigger and better event than usual! More details next month...

**Janet Watts**  
337135

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## PFSU and Village Nursery

We completed our transport topic with a visit for the PFSU children to the fire station, which they greatly enjoyed. We also had visits from a rally car and a camper van. Thanks to Gus, Richard and the fire service for making these opportunities possible. Our Easter Eggstravaganza dodged the showers and made an enjoyable end to the term. The children iced biscuits, made Easter bonnets, had their faces painted and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. Thanks to the committee who organised this event. This term we will be finding out about mini-beasts, with lots of fun activities planned. We'd love to hear from you if you have any mini-beasts you could bring in to meet us!

**Lucy Squires 337484**

## Deddington's 5th Writing Competition

Entries for the Writing Competition closed on 30 April and the task of reading all the manuscripts has begun. Last year over 220 authors submitted entries for the different categories of story or poem in the Open and Junior classes and this year, the fifth year of the competition, may well have a similar number. Work is already in hand to ensure that every entry is read by all the members of the Writing Group and several other readers in order to select the best in each category for the shortlist which goes to the judges.

Entries for the Open Competition have been received from many parts of the country, but the Junior Competition is restricted to Oxfordshire and neighbouring parts of Warwickshire and Northants.

This year the announcement of all the winners and runners-up will be made at a single special occasion on Friday 26 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. This will give each of the judges an opportunity to comment on the



stories and poems that they have read and to present the prizes. The competition judges, each of whom is an experienced author of several books, will lead a discussion under the title 'Why Writers Write', which should be of considerable interest not only to those who seek to write or teach, but also to anyone who enjoys reading stories, poetry and other literature.

Everyone whose work is shortlisted will be sent invitations to this event which, as part of Deddington Festival, is open to all. A nominal charge of £5, to include refreshments, will be payable at the door (juniors free).

**Hugh Marshall**  
337761



Please see the flyer enclosed with this edition of Deddington News for full details of this year's festival,

including an application form for purchasing tickets in advance.

Sue Shelley and John Cheney have now stepped down from the Festival committee and we should like to record our grateful thanks for the contributions they have made. Both may have resigned officially as directors and trustees but happily they are still closely connected with the work that we are doing towards Festival 2009.

Elsa Williams and Mike O'Brien have kindly agreed to join the committee and we look forward to working with them and to benefiting from their advice and support.

We are very grateful for the sponsorship received so far this year from GC International Consulting Group Ltd, Mr and Mrs E Turburfield, Corporate Innovations, Parkers European, Peach Pub Company Ltd and the PF Charitable Trust. There are lots of ways to support the work that we are doing. Please see the flyer and our website ([www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk)) for ideas and contact details.

The Festival will have a stall at the Farmers' Market in May and June and we look forward to welcoming you to our events this year.

**Eileen Anderson**  
Secretary 338325

STOP PRESS: Correction to flyer - 2 July in Library evening with Veronica Stallwood

## GREEN PIECE

### Doom and gloom?

'So who is this James Lovelock?' I hear you cry. Now in his eighties, he's the chap who in the 1960s came up with the ecological concept of *Gaia* in which he said that the Earth functions as a kind of super-organism that repairs itself with a feedback mechanism. Today, respected scientist or maverick, he preaches that global warming *is* happening (for whatever reason) and that it is too late to do anything about it. Governments have not done nearly enough to prevent it; people have not changed their attitudes or lifestyles. He says that we should urgently turn our attention to preparations for survival. As mean temperatures rise, sea levels will rise and, for instance, large parts of Norfolk and London will flood. (Clifton-on-sea is 80m above sea level.) More southerly parts of Europe will be unbearably hot, populations will migrate north to places like the UK; there will be bloody conflict for living space, usable energy, food and water. *And this is within a generation.* Whether Lovelock proves to be right or wrong, a sensible way forward is to prepare *now* for living in those dramatically different circumstances including at local community level and in our personal lifestyles. The stakes are the highest; can we afford to ignore him?

## Friends of Deddington Festival

Elspeth Cox has arranged a Festival fund-raising lunch on Friday 29 May at 12.30pm. This is lunch with a difference – three courses in three different houses, all in the centre of Deddington. Lesley Nelson, Jane Green and Sue Goddard are kindly providing the food. The cost is £12 per person and includes a glass of wine. Room for 10 people. To book a place, please contact Elspeth Cox by 16 May on 337635 or [elspethcox@waitrose.com](mailto:elspethcox@waitrose.com).

**Kristin Thompson**  
337052

## Friends of Deddington Festival

### Open Gardens and Allotments

### Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June

I am delighted to report that I now have a great variety of gardens that will be opened on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June from 2.00 – 6.00pm in aid of the Friends of Deddington Festival. The majority of the gardens are different from last year so there is a terrific mix, ranging from large to small. Also in one of the gardens a very old variety of apple has been discovered and renamed 'Deddington Golden' by Bernwode Plants so this is exciting news and a 'must' to visit. In some of the gardens the owners have offered to serve teas.

Last year the Hempton allotments were a great success and enjoyed by many visitors. This year we are very fortunate to have the rejuvenated Satin Lane allotments in Deddington opened by the dedicated plot holders, who have worked extremely hard, so please make sure you don't miss seeing their wonderful vegetable plots.

Tickets are £5.00 per adult (accompanied children under 16 free), valid for all gardens and allotments on both days.

Tickets on sale from: Mon 8 June in the Flower Shop, Deddington; Sat 27 June at the Farmers' Market; Sat 27 and Sun 28 June at Deddington Church and at individual gardens.

By supporting the Friends of Deddington Festival I know everybody will enjoy two great afternoons – I look forward to seeing you at the market or at the Church – thank you.

**Joan Wright 338535**  
[joanwright@suffolkonline.net](mailto:joanwright@suffolkonline.net)

Meanwhile, reel (push) mowers have been around for years, but have been all but replaced by the ubiquitous petrol-powered rotary lawn mowers. A petrol mower emits proportionally 10-12 times as much hydrocarbon as a typical car. To reduce the environmental cost of lawn mowing, a new generation of reel mowers has been designed which operate much more effectively than the old push mowers, and with zero operational impact on the environment. Good exercise. And what if James Lovelock turns out to be correct? Get digging and goodbye.

**Colin Robinson**  
[colin.robinson@deddington.net](mailto:colin.robinson@deddington.net)

## FIRE AT JOHNSON'S TIMBER YARD

**A**n RAF plane circling intentionally low over Deddington was the first warning inhabitants had of the disastrous fire which broke out in Johnson's timber yard shortly before midnight one Monday in 1941. Mrs Hodges, wife of Dr Hodges, whose property abuts the timber yard, heard the roar of the plane and gave the first alarm. Banbury Fire Brigade was on the scene within 20 minutes. Deddington Brigade with their manual engine concentrated on preventing the fire spreading to neighbouring streets by pumping water from street hydrants.

The fire was the biggest experienced in Deddington in this generation. Fragments of burning wood flew in all directions, aided by a strong breeze. The whole of Johnson & Co's timber yard comprising builders' storehouses and offices was destroyed. The office was burnt out, including the safe. A lorry near the centre of the yard was burnt and the petrol tank exploded, but a 500 gallon capacity underground tank was found intact.

The fire spread to Dr Hodges' house and did considerable damage. Six of the rooms were damaged and the surgery and its contents destroyed, but the main part of the house was saved. Some thatched cottages in Philcote Street were also at risk from burning embers and inhabitants were warned to leave.

The Borough Auxiliary Fire Service was called and brought further equipment and a trailer pump which pumped water from a pond in the grounds of

Castle House to replenish the underground tank in the Market Place. In response to a further message, an additional squad of auxiliary firemen with another pump arrived and they worked from a pond on the Aynho Road.

Valuable assistance came from villagers who helped carry the contents of Dr Hodges' house to safety in the Wesleyan Chapel, placed at the disposal of Dr Hodges by the Trustees.

It was not until between 8 and 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning that the flames were sufficiently diminished to enable the wreckage to be examined.

The fire is believed to have started in a store used for timber and building materials. Very little of the adjacent property escaped the conflagration.

The extent of the damage could not be ascertained for some time, but Mr P W Johnson, a member of the firm, who arrived on the scene at midnight, was much distressed and said that the damage would be very considerable. Dr and Mrs Hodges expressed their grateful thanks to the many people who

helped save and store their household effects, and particularly to the Deddington and Banbury Fire Brigades whose prompt actions saved their house.

[This report is culled from two contemporary newspaper reports, the complete version of which can be seen (along with Derrick Robbins' eyewitness account) on Deddington OnLine at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/buildings/johnsonstimbertyardfire>. The sources of the newspaper reports are unknown: can anyone help to identify them? – Ed.]



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM THELMA DOVER, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

Thank you very much to all those kind sponsors who gave so generously to my son's (Graeme) chosen charity on his completing the climb to Everest Base Camp on 15 March. Not an experienced climber and with just 15 months' training, he found breathing and walking difficult; also waking up in a two-man tent, with thick frost on the inside and covering their sleeping bags. The group comprised 11 men, with six finishing. The £281.00 from Deddington will be included in the total for Keech Cottage Children's Hospice (the Pasque Charity) in Streatly, Bedfordshire.

FROM PAT BRITTAIN, DIANA & HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

People visiting the many countries in the world where there is poverty, hunger, floods, earthquakes or other disasters which leave hundreds of people in desperate need, will seldom see the Christian Aid logo there. They could well ask what has become of all the money raised in Christian Aid Week or at Christmas, harvest or other times when the familiar red envelopes and posters urge us to give generously.

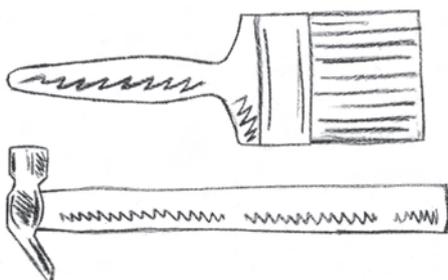
The answer is that Christian Aid works primarily through local partners – church and other agencies who know and understand local needs and can access local resources and materials. It is these partners who deliver the help. Because Christian Aid staff are careful only to develop partnerships with responsible agencies, this not only avoids the cost of flying out teams and supplies from the UK, but can ensure rapid response where that is required and long-term support and development after a crisis has passed.

Partnership is also the nature of Christian Aid itself as it is the relief and development arm of British churches working together and in co-operation with other Christian agencies, eg CAFOD, Tearfund etc.

This month Christian Aid Week is from 10 to 16 May when people of Deddington have often been generous in filling the red envelopes that will come to every home in the parish, ready for collection during the week. Please remember that it is always the poorest in the world who suffer most when there is a financial crisis and that the British pound buys 30% less overseas than it did a year ago. The need is very great.

Please address all letters to:  
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## IT'S ALL GROW

### On the Farm

'When April blows his horn (thunder) 'tis good for hay and corn'. Well, we've had a few rumbles of thunder in April so let's hope the old rhyme has some truth in it, as the last two wet summers have left the hay barns almost empty and we shall need a good crop to see us through next winter.

The ewes have almost finished their stay in the maternity ward, the ewe hoggs (1 year old) are just starting, and with any luck by the time this reaches you it will be over for another year and perhaps we can catch up on some sleep. The main ewe flock has come down with very few problems and has produced a heavy fall of lambs with a high number of triplets and five sets of quads, but most have been divided up between the ewes that either dropped a single or lost a lamb. With the damp but mild weather we have been able to turn out the ewes and their lambs within 36 hours of birth, avoiding any problems of mis-mothering due to over crowding.

The damp mild weather, or as the old boys would say 'growing weather', has brought the crops on well, especially the late-drilled oil seed rape which is now tall enough to hide the many roe deer which have now invaded the farm. The bees are enjoying the new source of pollen and nectar and I am pleased to say that all of them have come through the winter in good form and will need dividing up before they start to swarm. Each of the hives has a brood chamber containing 12 frames, most of which are now full brood in its various stages of development. If nothing is done, the old queen will

draw up a new queen cell and leave the hive, taking about half the working bees with her. If I allow her to do this I may lose a good queen and a lot of bees. To prevent this happening I shall artificially swarm each hive by taking half the brood frames and working bees but not the old queen out of the hive and replace them with new undrawn wax frames (no cells), giving the old queen a lot more room. The frames and bees that have been removed are then put into a nucleus box and left for a few days before either being given a new queen or being allowed to produce their own. Once the new queen is up and going, her brood chamber is gradually expanded to full size and I have two working hives instead of one. If you don't want to increase the number of hives or the old brood nest has become infested with varroa mite or other diseases, you can do a 'shook' swarm by shaking all the bees off the old comb and replacing it with new undrawn wax and burn the old frames that have been removed. It seems a waste of the brood and eggs but the bees will quickly rebuild the nest and you have a nice clean brood chamber to work with.

The swallows and house martins have returned so our other summer visitors cannot be far behind. The higher level environment scheme bird seed and pollen and nectar margins have all been replanted this year and should soon be showing some colour. I can now add the orange tip butterfly to this year's list, so for once all seems to be happy down on the farm. But I don't expect it to last.

**George Fenemore 338203**

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### The Common Swift

**C**ommon swifts are becoming less common. Fewer houses have sheltering eaves; once swifts nested in chimneys and these structures are less common too. So far only one nesting site has been found in Deddington parish, under the eaves of Orchard House. Other sites are suspected, but not yet found. From David Lack's<sup>1</sup> work we know that swifts start arriving in Oxford in the last days of April. They come not like a flight of pigeons, all at once, but gradually, as if some were scouts sent ahead to test the weather. By 'about the fourth week in May the colony has effectively assembled'<sup>2</sup>. Eggs are laid between 18-24 May, three per clutch; but if the weather is cold, only two eggs are laid. With cold weather fewer insects fly. Three chicks would be a liability and could not be fed to the same fitness for the flight to Africa and winter quarters. Swifts respond to cold weather in another way. When a cold front comes to Oxfordshire, I put a jumper on, but the metabolic rate of swifts changes. They fly away, ahead of the changing front, staying as long as possible, in the tail of the 'high'. As the cold front dissipates, their metabolic rate is reset automatically, and they return to their nestlings in Hopcraft Lane.

**Walter L Meagher**

<sup>1</sup>Swifts in a Tower, David Lack, Methuen & Co, London, 1956  
<sup>2</sup>op. cit. p25

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### Friends of Daeda's Wood

Daeda has been pretty active in recent months. The Friends finished the formative pruning of the trees in January, under the expert supervision of David Rees, the manager of the Oxfordshire Tree Project. During the autumn we planted 250 English bluebells, provided by the Woodland Trust, thus ensuring their provenance as true *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, which should be showing up soon. We noted that someone had pre-empted us under one tree and there have been some bluebells flourishing for a year or two. Alas, these have proved to be Spanish bluebells and will have to be removed as they will hybridise with our native variety.

There has also been much discussion on the thinning of the trees, which, as some of you regularly remark, are very close together. We are consulting our Woodland Trust officer and David Rees about possible action.

It is a pity that our large 'No Horses Please' sign is sometimes being ignored. The churning of the rides does not improve conditions for walkers, nor the health of the wild flowers.

We welcome new Friends and if you would like to join contact Elspeth on 337635, [elspeth-cox@waitrose.com](mailto:elspeth-cox@waitrose.com) or visit us at the Farmers' Market in May or June.

**Elspeth Cox & Sylvie Spenceley**  
**daeda@clara.co.uk**

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of May 1859:

**1st May** (Sunday) - Mr Burgess asked me to preach here in the afternoon (the day having been appointed as a Thanksgiving Day for the restoration of peace in India) in aid of the Extension of our Missions in this vast and benighted country – I was very nervous and could not get the Cawnpore Massacre out of my head.

**3rd May** - The School children had their May Day Garlands and Procession and the usual tea drinking at the Schools afterwards and played in the Park – 255 children were present.

**16th May** - Susan, I and Willy started by the mid-day train for London where we remained until the 21st, the 17th to 20th were all wet days, it rained in torrents. On the 18th we went to a Flower Show at the Chrystal Palace, on the 21st we went and saw the Houses of Parliament.

**22nd May** - Robert took poor Whiskey [Willy's dog] away with him, for Mr Freebon to dispose of for Willy – I told Robert to beg he might be well treated.

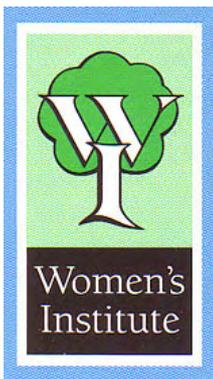
**23rd May** - Benson brought over in a Brake a pair of young brown Carriage Horses which I agreed to purchase for £115, warranted sound. I called on poor Finch who was better but unable to do anything still – and it is feared never will be – Mr Turner sent in his Bill. [Mr Finch had been his gardener whom he had visited frequently during his illness, Mr Turner the doctor whose bill he was presumably paying.]

**24th May** - I heard from Robert about his going into the Army – to which both his Mother and myself are most averse and much regret his wish to do so.

**28th May** - Poor King's wife, our gardener, died this morning after her (first) confinement, the infant being 10 or 12 days old.

**Buffy Heywood**  
338212

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925 – 2007



In September 1976 the first number of the *Deddington News* was printed and distributed to every household in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton. Soon it proved itself the most informative news magazine in that locality where amongst many other items of interest we were all able to follow the reportage of the Deddington WI's monthly meetings. These regular up-dates may have changed

some of our views that WI's sole interests are those of cake- and jam-making, knitting and sewing. Local, countrywide and global politics are just as likely under discussion and WI members' suggestions are now discussed in our worldly power houses. That said, refreshments or teas during meetings remain a lively subject of debate deserving, particularly during WWII rationing and after, a special mention in our local branch Memorial Book.

Just imagine the shocked silence that must have followed when, at a meeting in April 1941, the question was raised as to whether refreshments should be discontinued during monthly meetings for the duration of rationing and the visible relief when the members voted that tea only should be provided.

In April 1942, with nothing much of interest to discuss, the important question of teas was raised

again at a meeting and the resolution taken that each member would be asked to provide a small quantity of the makings, such as one teaspoon full per monthly meeting! Luckily by May 1949 the worst of rationing was over and the serving of refreshments was itemised carefully. 1) Each member should buy a ticket on arrival at the meeting and give it up at tea-time in exchange for a cup of tea and a bun. 2) Members should remain seated while tea and buns were handed round by the Committee members and the appointed tea hostesses would be responsible for preparing the tea. 3) Mrs Wallin should be asked to deliver the buns

to the Hall or Mrs Gardner should collect them as she offered to do. 4) The most obvious person to take the money at the door should be the Treasurer.

In March 1971 a price review with regard to the new currency occupies another special place in the minutes. The serving of sandwiches (with tea) would be continued at the new price of 2p per item and members who provided refreshments would each receive 30p (6s in old currency). To close, let me include this most deserved entry in the Minutes of March 1983: 'During the evening a Wedgwood cup, saucer and plate was presented to Mrs Shrewsbury in appreciation of her serving teas and

refreshments at meetings over the past 40 years with only occasional breaks!'

**Ruth Johnson**  
338355



The WI's 70th birthday celebrations, with cake and sherry, took place in January 1996. The cake was made by Mrs Bryant, and Daisy Shrewsbury, the oldest member, was asked to do the honours and cut it

## News from Hempton

**C**ongratulations to Regine and Sean Parsons on the birth of twins Siena and Jasmine on 9 April at the John Radcliffe in Oxford. Mother and babies are doing well and have now been transferred to the Horton Hospital.

Another happy event was the baptism of Maxwell Anthony Carter, son of Lynsey and Rob Carter, at Hethe Roman Catholic Church on 4 April, followed by a christening party in Hempton Church Hall.

Twenty people attended the sunrise Eucharist on Easter Sunday at 6.00am conducted by the Rev John Dane and followed by a continental breakfast, kindly hosted by Delphine and John Sampson. The Ascension Day service will be in St John's church on Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm.

The table tennis team continues its battle against relegation from Division Two. The last three games have produced a win against Sibford D, a draw with Sibford C, and a heavy defeat to Mollington. Unfortunately the team lost their cup semi-final to Ratley B by 337 pts to 320pts.

I end with the sad news of the death of Linda Rolfe on 16 April after a long illness. Linda was a much loved wife, mother and good neighbour to many people in St. John's Way. She was also a member of the Ladies' Tuesday Club. Our condolences to Tony and the family at this sad time.

**Les Chappell**  
338054

## Deddington Farmers' Market

Times are hard. There have been reports of specialist food retailers at markets suffering due to a loss of revenue. They then stop going to the market, and the market has fewer traders. This is a real problem for many smaller farmers' markets around the country where the lack of stallholders forces closure of the market. Due to the enthusiasm and effort put into Deddington Market over the years, it has a low cost-base, a great selection of stalls and produce, and a waiting list of sellers who would like to sell

to you in our market. I'm not saying we're immune from difficulties, but thanks to these factors, we are in a strong position and look forward to continuing business as normal, providing a good variety of quality products from local producers.

Our May market will be on 23rd and, as it's a holiday weekend, there will probably be plenty of visitors and regulars there. Parking is once again becoming a slight issue. We have had cars parking on the green recently; if you see anyone parking on there, just think how lazy and selfish they are, but please don't be tempted to do it as well.

**Paul Drawmer 338450**  
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## News from Clifton

Forget coming a terrific 176 out of 772 entrants after a 200km+ race through the Moroccan desert, forget raising nearly £2,000 for local and very worthy charities. Kevin Mayo will be the hero of Clifton until Armageddon. When the four riders of the Apocalypse come from Aynho, because as it says in Revelations, they will come from the orient, Kevin will see off famine all by himself.

Those of us with more than a passing interest in Kevin's holiday arrangements won't be too surprised to learn that he brought biblical floods to a time and an area of the desert that hadn't seen more than 45 minutes of rain in the last 25 years. For the rest of you, be warned that every time Kevin packs a bag and gets on a bus it doth verily chuck it down and drought is lifted from the land. For this and all of the above we are very proud of Iron Man Kevin. Well done!

We have a new arrival. Garry and Bev of Chatterley House, Main Road, have brought Bailey into the world at 7lbs 8oz on 10 April. Mother and baby are doing fine and at least the father is sleeping through. Well done!

And judging by local news reports it seems we really might have the biggest 'snow' man in the county! We'll be watching court news with interest.

**Martin Bryce**

PS Kevin Mayo is going to Cornwall for his holiday this year in the first week of Wimbledon. You have been warned!

## From the Fire Station

The station received 14 calls in the past month. The fires included a mobile classroom in Croughton, a chimney, a car and a rubbish fire. We had several calls to stand by at other stations and a couple of false alarms given with good intent. We attended one serious road traffic accident involving a 17-year old driver with three passengers. The car had left the A4260 just south of Deddington and landed on its roof in the adjacent field. Fortunately there were witnesses who stopped to assist the teenagers, including a nurse and two doctors on their way to work at the Horton. When we arrived only the driver remained trapped in the car; we managed to release her using the hydraulic cutting gear and ram. All four were taken to hospital.

We will be running a road safety awareness event towards the end of May/early June, targeting young drivers in particular. On the day we will be giving demonstrations of how we release people trapped in vehicles, and showing a DVD, 'Choices and Consequences'.

Graham Harding has just successfully completed his two-week breathing apparatus course, and is looking forward to his first call to wear BA at an incident. Sharon Wilson of Adderbury has now completed her Safe to Ride test and is fitting in well as our newest recruit.

**Anne Waters**  
**Watch Manager**  
338281

## From the Police

### Banbury Rural update

Over March the Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Team have been setting dates for our neighbourhood engagement to set the priorities for the next 12 months.

We will start on 3 April in Bloxham and intend to attend all of our villages to give the residents an opportunity to have their say. At the moment our priorities are speeding, burglary and groups of youths gathering in public areas. If you think that there are other things that we need to look at then this is your opportunity.

Operationally we have been completing Speed Indicator Device operations in Deddington and Broughton. The fastest speed recorded during those operations was 27 mph in a 30 mph zone.

On 23 March three people were arrested by PC Doyle and me following a theft of scrap metal from one of the villages. The vehicle used by these people had been seen in other Banbury rural villages in suspicious circumstances earlier in the month.

On a personal note, I am returning to shift and from 25 April I will no longer be working on the Banbury Rural Team.

**PC Phil Morris**



I've just been for a walk around the village. Not a real one, a virtual walk. If you go to the DoL home page and click on the link for 'Visitors Guide' and then 'Walks', you will see the link to 'virtual walk'. Try it; it's a really

interesting piece of work, with plenty of information about the village, and some great pictures too. I found it very informative, and not at all tiring. <http://www.deddington.org.uk/guides/walks/virtualwalk>.

One of the aims of DoL is to provide an archive for historical information about the parish. Over the years a huge amount of information has been collected and can be easily referenced by anyone with an interest in Deddington. One of the recent additions has been the inclusion of a detailed report on the castle by the person who supervised the 1977 dig. It can now be read as a pdf download from the link at the foot of the page at: [http://www.deddington.org.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/2967/lvens-Castlearticle.pdf](http://www.deddington.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2967/lvens-Castlearticle.pdf).

Another aim is to give clubs and societies space in which to publicise and report on their activities. Now that all these organisations can control their own pages and edit their content, more pages are being kept up to date, and consequently the information is more useful to members and potential members. There are 25 clubs and societies listed at DoL; is your club there? If you want help editing your pages, contact us via [editor@deddington.org.uk](mailto:editor@deddington.org.uk).

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## Snails and Slugs

Little affection is shown for these animals. 'Yucky slimy slugs'. Well, of course! Snails and slugs eat vegetable matter, dead or alive, and will continue to do, surviving our poisons, as the war against them goes on. As naturalists, we are struck by their number: forty thousand of all molluscs are gastropods. Struck by how, over evolutionary time, gastropods (snails, slugs and other kinds of terrestrial molluscs) have radiated into so many habitats. Radiation is a marker of time lapsed. Of snails alone, for example, there are species of shallow and still water, of deep lakes, riversides, marshes and mud flats, and species that burrow in sand and mud. Sea slugs occupy another domain. Wandering into new environments is of the essence of evolution, of hominids (who eventually wandered



out of Africa) just as gastropods wandered into the leaf piles of Europe. These animals, like pill bugs, are part of the worldwide network of detri-

tivores. Fresh vegetable matter is second choice. If one wants to keep these animals occupied, to protect your young cabbages, don't rake all the leaves from the garden. Invest in a little untidiness. By preference, snails and slugs turn decaying vegetation into faeces (as pill bugs do too), which bacteria and fungi use for nutriment and, in the process, take a giant step towards liberating a variety of molecules into the storage bin of the living soil.

Adapted from: *The Natural History of Deddington Parish*, due December 2009.

**Walter L Meagher**

## The Windmill Centre

The Windmill Management Committee AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 May at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre. Everyone is free to attend but only representatives of clubs and organisations affiliated to the Windmill may vote.

Our application for grant aid for solar panels from the Sita Trust was hastily assembled and despatched just in time for their closing date for applications, 31 March. Rather late in the day we were told by CDC that we need planning permission for this project too, so we are in the throes of compiling this right now. We will know shortly whether the application is in with a chance in what is now a very competitive area, but the final decision will not be made by the Board of Sita until June. With the government now closing down grant aid for solar panels, it will be even more difficult to find grant aid, should the Sita application fail.

**Mark Tyler**  
**Chairman, WMC**

## IT'S ALL GROW

### The Allotment

Isn't this an exciting time of year, now that the seeds you planted are beginning to peek out of the ground? We've even enjoyed our first asparagus of the year. However, as a result of a rude awakening, I can confirm that now is a bad time to let your guard down on the frontline that is our war with pests and disease. My first row of peas has been nibbled! So if you haven't already secured your crops here are some suggestions:

As your soft fruit is beginning to develop, net it for protection from birds - you don't want them to beat you to it.

Place straw under your strawberries to prevent rain splash and slugs - don't forget to fluff it up every now and then to let the air in.

Pinch out the tips of broad beans once they start to flower - this will help to discourage blackfly which can decimate tender new growth.

We have squadrons of marauding pigeons round here which love to attack brassicas and other vegetables - cloches, netting, fleece or wire cages will help to keep them at bay.

I've already talked about protecting your carrots, but make sure you tuck in the corners of your fleece to prevent the fly breaching your defences.

Pick yellowing leaves off brassicas promptly to prevent spread of grey mould and brassica downy mildew - avoid contamination by putting the waste in the rubbish or burn it. Do not compost it.

Check gooseberries and other fruiting plants for signs of mildew.

Beware of slugs - they can creep up on your plot like the SAS!

To ensure that we grow plants which are strong, healthy and able to fight off diseases, we need to maintain the health of our soil. Good compost and composting practice is hugely important and as 3-9

May is Compost Awareness Week I thought it would be interesting to look at it more closely.

'It's estimated that a human with a compost fork and a watering-can, carefully piling up organic matter with the correct C:N [carbon:nitrogen] ratio, water content and aeration so that it cooks away at high temperatures and emits jets of steam, can make as much topsoil in a year as nature can make in a century, and nature definitely approves.'

[Journeytoforever.org](http://Journeytoforever.org).

Compost requires the following components:

**Organic waste:** Wets/greens - fresh green matter such as grass clippings, vegetable waste, fresh leaves etc contain a lot of nitrogen. So does manure, bloodmeal, kitchen scraps and hay. Dries/browns - fallen leaves, straw, sawdust, shredded newspaper and cardboard, wood chips - these materials contain high proportions of carbon that produces the heat.

**Soil:** source of micro-organisms.

**Water:** the right amount will maintain the fermentation activity.

**Air:** source of oxygen, for oxidizing the carbon, the decomposition process.

Basically what works best is to add about half and half of wets and dries. Make sure the compost doesn't dry out and turn it every few days to reintroduce oxygen. If you do the 'squeeze test' a handful of material should have the moisture content of a well wrung sponge. So if you aren't already composting start now - you'll soon have fantastic crumbly deep brown compost that provides the nutrients your soil needs to support your plants and your allotment will flourish.

Join the composters - your allotment needs you!

**Sam Willis**

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### An Account of those Sentenced to be Transported from Deddington to the Colonies

*This is the fourth of Rob Forsyth's extracts (March 2009 extract 3). The full article can be seen on DOL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>.*

**1838 9th July Thomas DEELEY (18), William FLINT (18) and John SPICER (21).** The Rev Cotton Risley's diary records that he attended the Assizes at Oxford where he 'had 8 prisoners for trial, 5 were convicted and 3 acquitted; 4 of them were transported for 15 years, 3 for highway robbery on the person of Mr Merry of Deddington Mill and stealing from him in notes, gold and silver upwards of £200. They were young men from 18-21 years of age, all of Adderbury East.' They were Thomas Deeley, William Flint and John Spicer. All three were charged with assaulting William Merry and taking £220 - a huge amount of money in those days. Deeley and Flint were sent to Hobart for 15 years where both seem to have been troublemakers. Deeley's final fate is not known. Flint died in

1845 (cause unknown), still serving his sentence.

The Rev Cotton Risley's diary tells us that the fourth prisoner was convicted of sheep stealing but we don't know his name or punishment.

Diary entries relating to these events, by courtesy of Buffy Heywood, follow:

**12th July** 'a charge of embezzlement against DC Newton, our policeman, who had appropriated to his own use £40 belonging to Mrs Merry of Deddington Mill being part of the money stolen. He was discharged.'

**14th July** 'Man from Adderbury came with petition for mitigation of sentence of 15 years' transportation on his son - was obliged from a painful sense of duty to withhold my signature, the petition not having embodied in it a true statement of facts'. We do not know who this was but it will have been one of those sentenced on the 9th from Adderbury.

**16th July** 'attended a meeting at the Town Hall to appoint a new policeman!'

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our season started with a home game on Tuesday 28 April, which should see a change in the weather! On Saturday 16 May we are holding our annual cake and plant stall under the Town Hall from 8.30am. Club members will be there so if you would like to buy a cake or plant, or even find out about the game of bowls, please come along and support us. On Wednesday 3 June and Wednesday 17 June commencing at 6.00pm we are holding open evenings at the green for anyone who would like to give bowls a try. Appropriate shoes and equipment are available.

**Yvonne Twomey**  
337213

### Photographic Society

The April meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Chairman gave an overview of the year, commenting on the progressive improvement in the Society's activities over the last 12 months which included two exhibitions, together with the gradual growth of the Society to its current total of 29 members. The Treasurer tabled his financial report noting that, whilst funds were still relatively modest, the Society was in reasonable financial health at the end of its second full year of operation. The Programme Secretary reviewed future events for 2009, which contained a mix of formal presentations by guest speakers, technical presentations on digital photography and workshops by some of the Society's own members. This was followed by a general discussion of various items. At the conclusion of the meeting the Society's Chairman, Philip Rigby, gave a short presentation entitled 'Venice - Colours of the City', comprising a selection of his personal photographs that gave an alternative insight into Venice. While including some of the well-known tourist venues, the presentation also showed a sometimes revealing view of life away from the popular areas. Overall, a comprehensive and very informative evening.

**John Branton 01295 811071**

### Deddington Tennis Club

The new season is underway and Wednesday club nights have begun, so come on down for a few friendly games of doubles from 6.00pm onwards. Don't forget, Wednesday 20 May is takeaway night and we will be ordering takeaways (Chinese, Indian, or Pizza) to have in the clubhouse at the end of play. If you want to stay and join in simply bring along some cash, cutlery, a plate, glass and something to drink.

Summer matches have also begun and once again we have entered four mixed teams into the Banbury and District Summer League and a ladies' team in the Oxfordshire League. Anyone interested in playing matches should contact the Match Secretary (details on the club website).

Newcomers are always welcome to come and join in on club night. However, we are also holding

an open day specially for anyone interested in joining the club from 2.00 to 5.00pm on Sunday 10 May and an open evening on Friday 12 June from 6.00pm onwards. Why not come to the courts next to the Windmill Centre, meet a few members and have a game? We are a friendly club and have a good mixture of social and league tennis to satisfy all standards of play. Coaching is also available.

For further details see the club website at [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com).

**Sue Watts**  
01295 722229

### Deddington Royal British Legion and Club

We have undergone a few personnel changes. Norman West who has been our President for over 10 years and our Treasurer for almost 40 years has retired. He is replaced by Major D G Hood MC (retired) as President and Mrs Sharon Rennie as Treasurer. Dave Keats has taken over as Secretary. Di Keats, who was our Club Stewardess in the late 80s/early 90s and again for the last three years, has also retired, as has Geoffrey Middleton who assisted her. The new stewardess is Becky Blythe who previously lived with her parents in Deddington. We wish all the retirees a long and happy retirement and success to all who have replaced them.

We are contemplating a visit to the Imperial War Museum at RAF Duxford and would be pleased to hear from any villagers who are interested in going. The trip will probably take place in late June on a weekday. We will need a minimum of 10 people, but will be able to increase the seats available if there is sufficient demand. Travel will be by minibus or bus leaving Deddington about 8.30am. Information on Duxford is available on [duxford.iwm.org.uk](http://duxford.iwm.org.uk) or by telephone 01223 835000. The cost will be approx £25 including travel and entrance. If you are interested please leave your name, address and telephone number either on the Club answering machine (338449) or with Dave Keats on 337641 evenings and weekends or [DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com).

May we remind readers that membership of Deddington RBL and Club is available to all over the age of 18 at a cost of £16 per annum (£11.00 for pensioners). There is no need to be or have been a member of the services. The Club is open on Friday evenings from 7.00pm and all day Saturdays and Sundays from 11.00am. Come in and visit us without obligation to join on first visit.

**David A Keats Hon Secretary 337641**  
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### Youth Club

This term we will be making the most of the light evenings so that our large number of members can enjoy outdoor activities of all kinds. There will still be activities for those who wish to stay indoors, such as jewellery and smoothie making.

**Pam Axten 337919**

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team Results

28/03/09 Bishops Itchington Res (h) D 0-0

16/04/09 ABK Sports (a) L 0-6

#### Reserve Team Results

21/03/09 Bodicote Sports Res (h) W 6-0 Thornton (2), Hall, Ayckbourn, Gray, Rollason

28/03/09 ABK Sports Res (Geoff Wilson Cup Final) D 2-2 Hall, Cumming (Won 5-4 on pens)

04/04/09 Glory Farm Res (h) W 5-0 Hall (3), Paroussis (2)

07/04/09 ABK Sports Res (a) L 1-2 Gibbs

11/04/09 Kings Sutton Res (h) W 6-0 Hall (3-1 pen), Ayckbourn, Rollason, Giles

14/04/09 Drayton Village Res (a) W 5-3 Gibbs, Gray, Hall (3)

The First Team had a hugely forgettable run-in, playing only two games without registering a goal. They have one game remaining and lamentably will not finish higher than sixth.

*Palma per adversum* – a motto that should surely be adopted by Deddington Town Reserves after the most raw and nerve-shredding Geoff Wilson Cup Final victory. Despite a 1-0, then 2-1 deficit in normal and extra time, the orange titans fought tooth and nail to take the game to a penalty shoot-out, in which one co-manager missed whilst the other, Timmy Spencer, scored to win the cup after ABK skyed two of their kicks. A partisan travelling crowd were vociferous and witty, making it a night to remember for all concerned.

They then suffered an ignominious defeat in the league by their victims in the Cup Final, the despicable pitch and kick-off time compounding a poor display. Drayton away proved trickier than expected. However playing at home the Reserves' football style has borne plentiful fruit with a sumptuous 5-0 and two 6-0 victories offering some superb entertainment whilst eating into the league leaders' goal difference advantage. Simon Hall has been irresistible with a hat trick of hat tricks taking him past the 40-goal mark for this campaign. The Reserves now have five games remaining and only a victory against Heyford United Reserves will allow the possibility of the Division Three title but, after the character and ability already displayed, who would bet against them?

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### WI

At our April meeting Amy Duckett, an Avon team leader, gave a short history of the development of the company which is celebrating its 50th year of trading in this country. Amy then described how involvement with Avon encouraged her interest in other aspects of health. She is now a holistic therapist and includes yoga and reiki amongst her practices. Later Amy presented each of us with a 50th birthday 'goody bag'.

On Tuesday 14 July we are celebrating another anniversary – 250th year of Kew Gardens. If you are interested in joining us on a visit to Kew contact Angela Sones (338027) or Yvonne Twomey (337213).

Our next meeting is on 12 May. After discussing National Resolution 505 for honey bees, Diana Marshall will describe her volunteer work at HMP Bullington.

**Rene Mahony 338438**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

As the May issue of DN is released we will have held our first DOGS day for 2009 at Cotswold Hills Golf Club. This was a full day's golf including a 9-hole team competition in the morning, followed by an 18-hole individual competition in the afternoon. A prize-giving ceremony and the usual 'fines' followed. Full details are posted on the Deddington OnLine Clubs and Societies Forum.

Our eagerly anticipated visit to Burford Golf Club is scheduled for Monday 15 June. We are always made to feel welcome and the food has always been exceptional. This will be a full day's golf. Fine weather has also been ordered!

**David Darst 338589**

### Deddington Badminton Club

We are now on our summer break. This year's AGM is at the Deddington Arms on Monday 18 May at 7:30pm. Our season starts again in September. Enjoy the summer!

**Mark Tyler**  
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### Deddington and District History Society

On Wednesday 13 May John Kliene, a trustee of the Battlefields Trust, will talk to us about the Trust and its work locally, eg at Edgehill. For information about the Trust see [www.battlefieldstrust.com](http://www.battlefieldstrust.com). This should be a most interesting evening and it will provide excellent preparation for our visit to Naseby on 14 June, the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Naseby. There will be an exclusive tour of the battlefield for members of the Deddington and District History Society. Members should have received notification and instructions. Any non-member who wishes to join us should contact Moira Byast (below).

The Society will have its summer break after the June visit, although we are planning an exhibition of 16th to 18th century wills and inventories for the Deddington Festival and on Saturday 11 July we shall host members of the Adderbury History Society who will be visiting Deddington. After a guided walk we plan to offer them refreshments at the Holly Tree Club at 4.00pm: it will be good if some of our members could come along to help entertain our visitors, who gave us such a wonderful welcome when we visited Adderbury last year.

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