COMING EVENTS

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May		
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Thu	4	Cherwell District Council Election 🗯 p. 2
Sat	6	Friends of Hempton Church: Cake Stall under the Town Hall, 9 am 🖷 p. 6
Sat	6	Football Club: Presentation evening, British Legion Club 🗯 p. 11
Sun	7	Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre, 2.00~5.00 pm 🗯 p. 9
Mon	8	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon
Mon	8	Festival: Fun(d-raising) Quiz, Unicorn, 7.30 pm 🗯 p. 5
Tue	9	WI: Resolutions, and Gill Cozens, Introduction to Broughton Castle, Holly Tree 7.30 pm 🖛 p. 11
Tue	9	Deddington Players: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Wed	10	History Society: Martin Sirot-Smith on <i>Sulgrave Manor,</i> Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm 🖷 p. 11
Thu	11	Concert: The İtalian Violin Legacy, Parish Church, 8.00 pm 🗯 p. 5
Sat	13	'A Celebration of Flanders and Swann', Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm 🗰 p. 6
Wed	17	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. P. 2
Sat	20	Bowls Club: Cake & Plant Stall under the Town Hall, 9 am. P. 11
Sun	21	2nd Deddington Walk: Start at the Windmill Centre, 10 am p. 3&12 are available at
Sat	27	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00 am-12.30 pm
June		
Sat	3	WI: Cake and Plant Stall in the Market Place p. 2
Mon	5	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10.30 am -noon. Continue donations
Sat	10	Keep Deddington Tidy: Town Hall, from 10.00 am 🗰 p. 2
Sun	11	Family Picnic: Daeda's Wood, noon ~ 4.00 pm mp. 6
Tue	13	WI: Visit to Broughton Castle, 7pm for 7.15 pm 🗯 p. 11
Wed	14	History Society: Summer social at Sulgrave Manor, 7 pm 🗯 p. 11
Sat	17	Deddington School: Fête, School Field, 2 pm. 🗯 p. 3
Tues	20	Deddington Festival: The Oxford Waits [17thC. Costume Band], Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Wed	21	Deddington Festival: Steve Kershaw Band, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Thu	22	Deddington Festival: Gilbert & Sullivan Sing-along, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Fri	23	Opening of School Foundation Stage Unit by the Bishop of Dorchester
Fri	23	Deddington Festival: Children's Choir, Parish Church, 1.00 pm
Fri	23	Deddington Festival: Poetry Please & Writing Competition results, Unicorn Inn, 7.30 pm
Fri	23 ~	Sun 25, Festival Exhibitions: Art, The Holly Tree; Crafts, Parish Church, 10 am ~ 4 pm
Sat	24	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm
Sat	24	Deddington Festival: Choros in concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Sun	25	Deddington Festival: Songs of Praise, Parish Church, 10.30 am
Sun	25	Deddington Festival: Cricket Match, Windmill Centre, from 12.30 pm
Sun	25	Deddington Festival: <i>King Leo, an eco-musical, Parish Church, 6.</i> 00 pm
Sun	25	Deddington Festival: Midsummer Jazz with the Tim Dawes Band, Parish Church, 8.30 pm
REM	INDI	ER : Register your event with Jean Flux 338153 as soon as you start planning - to get advance
		publicity on the DN website and to avoid diary clashes.
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		Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9 pm.		Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark.
1e	Tues:	Craft Group: Holly Tree 2 15-4 30 pm		Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall,10~4 pm.
<	Tues:	Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm.	Thu:	1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30 pm.
K)	Wed:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am.	Thu:	1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9 pm.
ee	Every c	ther Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30 pm.	Fri:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30~11 am.
3	Wed:	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5 pm.	Fri:	Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10~12.
	Wed:	Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark.	Fri:	Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm

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Local Elections

- Thursday 4 May 2006

There will only be an Election for a DistrictCouncillor for Deddington this month.

- There will not be an election for the Parish
- Council as only 8 nominations were received at
- Bodicote House by the deadline of noon on 3
 April, about which the *DN* apologises for being misinformed.
- Alan Collins, Jim Flux, David Rollason, Helen
- Spencer, Martin Squires, Geoff Todd, Jonathan
- Watts & Brian Wood are thereby declared Elected
 unopposed.
- These eight will make up the Parish Council's
- next meeting on Wednesday 17 May, and have
- the power to co-opt 6 more to complete the PC
- membership for the next 3 years. If they fail to
- do so by 8 June, the CDC may call an electionto fill the vacancies. They also have the option of
- triggering a new election by resigning.
- Those who missed the deadline for
 nomination, and any who wish now to be
- considered for co-option, are urged to apply
- in writing to the Parish Clerk at the Windmill
- Centre by NOON on FRIDAY 12 MAY.

Meeting in the Town Hall, 19 April 2006

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Collins, Cox, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public. Sue Gibbs was thanked for her services as Minutes Secretary; she will continue to serve until a replacement is recruited. The chairman also thanked those Councillors who had not sought reelection for their many collective years of dedicated service to the parish.

TOWN HALL

Two 20-year-leases of the Town Hall to the Parish Council had expired at the end of March, but had been extended until the end of June to enable agreement with Deddington Charity Estates to be reached on the extent of the repairs for which the PC is liable on the termination of the lease.

YOUTH CLUB

In the Open Forum Nicky Kirk, the Youth Leader, appealed to the PC for the purchase of equipment at a cost of £778. 35 10~16-year-olds on average attend the Club each Monday. Expenses, including rent for the Windmill Centre, mean that the Club runs at a deficit of about £28 a month. Reserves could be exhausted in 8-12 months. The running costs of most youth clubs in Oxfordshire are subsidised by their PC.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

- On <u>Saturday 29 April</u> a volunteer team will be collecting rubbish along the Clifton Road.
- On <u>Saturday 10 June</u> from 10 am at the Town Hall volunteers are needed for 8 teams to tidy the

- villages. They will be rewarded by the provision of free food at Castle Dene by R Spencers from noon [plus use of the swimming pool]. The task will be completed before England kick-off in the World Cup.
- **HEMPTON PAYPHONE**: PC's veto has stopped BT removing it.
- **GRASS CUTTING**: Should the whole playing area of the Castle Grounds by mown fortnightly in the peak growing season?
- **NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS**: The new lights at the crossroads had just been commissioned. New street lights around the Hempton Road crossing had improved the lighting also in Windmill Street.

PARKING

The 2005 trial had liberated 30 spaces from day-long users. Businesses to be asked to keep the area south of the Town Hall free for short-stay use, and to consider meeting the cost of renting spaces at Orchard House. Police to be asked to be visibly active on Market Days to curb 'parking rage'.

PLANNING

- <u>PC no objection</u>: (1): The Nook, Chapel Square, Deddington: conservatory at rear. (2): Bowindow, Market Place, Deddington: 1-storey rear extension.
 (3) Ivings House, Philcote Street, Deddington: 2-storey rear extension. (4) Saxton House, The Lane, Hempton: garden store & oil tank area. (5) St Thomas Street, Deddington: 2 new dwellings on land north of Satin Lane to include footpath?
 (6) 63 Mill Close, Deddington: 2-storey front/side extension if acceptable to neighbours. (7) Tithe End, Tithe Lane, Clifton: convert garage with 1st floor extension, new detached garage. (8) 43 St Johns Way, Hempton: haystore and stable.
- <u>PC objection</u>: (a) Cromwell House, Market Place, Deddington: convert 1-storey barn to annexe - back land development, infringing neighbour's deeds and overlooking properties. (b) St Anne's Nursing Home Clifton - amended plan no more acceptable.
- <u>CDC</u> approvals: Berwick House, New Street, Deddington; 6 Hempton Road, Deddington; Shepherd's Cottage, Hempton; Orchard House, Deddington; Hempton House, Hempton; Barford House, Hempton; Merlins, Clifton; Radio Mast, Banbury Road.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £3787.80, mainly clerk's & steward's wages.
- Investments totalled £557,440.70, of which £18,301.44 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account swollen by precept payment; £253,917.87 Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days; £285,221.39 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight.

NEXT MEETING Town Hall - Wednesday 17 May 2006

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

aster now seems to be a distant memory. We have been very busy at school making the most of the better weather. The PFSU has had more building work this holiday with the addition of a lovely all weather canopy for the play area. With the addition of their playhouse, sandpit and outdoor furniture, things are really starting to come together.

Improving writing has been a real focus for the school this year and our recent competition for World Book Day produced some fantastic stories. Congratulations to Laura Wallington in Year 6 for writing the winning story. Several classes also visited the Oxford Literary Festival to attend writing workshops, which were greatly enjoyed. We also received a visit from a professional story teller, who spent a full day working on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. This story museum project was so well

As a School we have also been focusing on the importance of Fair Trade products last month. With the support of the PTA, Governors, Parents and Staff we have been fortunate to gain Fairtrade School status. I will be able to give you more details of this next month.

received that we plan to repeat it next term.

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Holiday club places available throughout the year

To arrange a visit or request more information, please call and speak to Anna Justice or Angela Catania. Supervisor: Anna Justice 01869 337484

Registered charity number: 1100275

Our Gardening Club starts this term and the plans are well under way to look at how to make Deddington School a greener school. Judith Tinsley 338430

РТА

We are holding our 2nd Annual Deddington Walk on the Sunday 21 May starting at 10 a.m from the Windmill Centre, see local advertising for more details [and below], or contact Heather or Mike Ward

> on 01869 338750 for an entry form; or how about visiting our Deddington Walk website at <u>www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk</u> and find out what's going on in your village! Come along and join in the fun, meet your neighbours and get some exercise at the same time! We have an historical theme this year, lots of characters to meet from our village's history en-route! There will be a BBQ & bouncy castle back at the

Windmill Centre as well as a licensed bar, plenty of soft drinks and ice cream too!

The PTA annual Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June, please put this date in your diary. As usual there will be lots to see and do, plenty of fun, games and lots of prizes too! More details soon!

Stella O'Neill IIA Chair

The map of the Deddington Walk is printed on page 12





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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

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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 Mav

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Mon	1	6.30 pm	SS Philip & James Eucharist
Wed	3	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	4	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels (Toddlers and Prams)
Sun	7	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	10	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	14	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	17	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	21	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Childen's Church
Wed	24	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	28	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Rogation Service at Home Farm, Clifton
Wed	31	10.00 am	Eucharist
St Jo	hn,	Hempton	
Sun	7	9.00 am	Eucharist



For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness. please contact the Vicar, the Rev Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), John Dane (07903 478206), or one of the Churchwardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or Judy Ward (337187).

Thu 25 6.30 pm Ascension Day Eucharist Sun 28 6.00 pm Evensong

9.00 am Eucharist

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS - Memorial Service 28 March John & Mary Pocock BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Weds 10 & 24 May, 7.30pm 2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Weds 3 & 17 May, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - April : CHURCH ARMY - 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

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: May 1, 8, 22 & 29 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 15: David Goode Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529 Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church with their congregation. Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m**. to be arranged by Pastor D Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.

R.C.PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

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. Thursday 25 May, Ascension Day, is a Holiday of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be said at Adderbury on the evening before at 7.00 pm and Mass will be said at Hethe at 10 am and 7 pm. 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.

Gordon will give a £ million....

.... this month! And it could be more if we all help. Last year over £1 million extra was contributed to Christian Aid Week by the Government, simply because people put their signature on an envelope. But the extra million made a significant contribution to poor



Deddington will be asked to give towards helping half the people in the world who live on less than ± 1.50 (\$2) a day. Giving £2 and signing the form on the envelope will not commit you to anything, but, provided you pay tax, it will attract a further 55p which you have already paid to Gordon Brown. And for every further £2 you add, he hands over another 55p. That's why Christian Aid says: "you add, we multiply"

Please be ready with the familiar red envelope when your collector calls. Thank you for the support.

Hugh Marshall

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Eastor Isabel Walton 337157

The Revd A J Burns 277396

Handel's Messiah

Mention of Handel's great oratorio, *Messiah*, these days is likely to conjure up images of massed choirs in great halls, or a "scratch" performance precariously based on a quick run-through a few hours beforehand. Neither was the case for the audience in Deddington Church on 25 March. We were treated to an inspired performance from the Akeman Voices, a chamber choir of 17 singers, with 4 soloists, and organist Jeremy Meager. Regular rehearsing under the skilled direction of their founder and new Deddington resident, Martin Quinn, has produced a skilled ensemble, manifestly at home with a classical repertoire, and ideally suited to an intimate, audience-embracing performance of Handel's magnificent music.

The choruses were delivered at a lively, yet sensitive, pace with clear articulation and pleasing dynamic contrasts. All four soloists, Keren Davis (soprano), David Wholey (alto), James Scariett (tenor) and Robert Williams (bass) had fine voices and used them to good effect to lead us through the drama of Christ's life. David Wholey, was particularly impressive. Together, choir and soloists gave us an uplifting evening.

Placing the performers in front of the screen allows their voices to be heard to best advantage, but hides the organist from the conductor. This led to some desynchronisation early on, most obvious in the tenor's first recitative and aria, and needs to be looked into if the church is to be used successfully for this type of event.

The otherwise informative programme notes failed to acknowledge the choir members by name. Their enthusiasm and skill showed them to be anything but anonymous. **Donald Lane**

Akeman Voices, with an orchestra, are singing Messiah again at 8 p.m on Saturday 20 May at St Mary's Church, Banbury: tickets: $\pm 12/ \pm 10$ (Concession)/Under 16's free, from Tourist Information, Castle Quay, Banbury.



"Deddington Farmers' Market and its Producers" - Photographic Competition, 2006

Photographers were very much in evidence at the last Farmers' Market. Hopefully they will all be entering our photograhic competition in support of



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this year's Deddington Festival. Entry forms are available from the Market Information Point (under the Town Hall) at the May market, or from Deddington

Arms reception, F. Eagles and The Property Hive. Entries must be received by 12 June at either The Property Hive in Chapel Square or at the Banbury Guardian offices. So get snapping if you want to see your pictures exhibited in the Town Hall at the end of June or even published. *Geoff Jodd (DMMG) 338532*



Interested ? Ring Norman Stone, 338019

FUN (D-RAISING) QUIZ

UNICORN, Upper Room MONDAY 8 MAY 7.30 pm. for 8pm.

Rack your brains in a general knowledge quiz set by Rosemary Arnold. Teams of four. Places limited. Tickets £2 per person from: Eileen Anderson 01869 338325. Proceeds to Deddington Festival.

THE ITALIAN VIOLIN LEGACY

PARISH CHURCH - THURSDAY 11 MAY, 8pm.

This unique concert on period instruments is given by three gifted Italian musicians playing the violin, violone and guitar and features works by Veracini, Corelli and Handel. It should be a fascinating evening for all age groups.

The concert is being held to raise funds jointly for Katharine House Hospice and Deddington Festival. Be entertained and support two worthwhile causes. Tickets: £7 and £5 (Refreshments). For further ticket information ring: 01869 338325.

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

If you are are thinking of joining the Friends before this year's Festval in June, don't delay. Preparations are well under way and your involvement could make a real difference. Apart from the increased number of events during the Festival week itself, there is the Friends' Reception to look forward to, in the Parish Church on 7 June. Brian Kay, our Patron, and other Festival participants will be there and it's a chance for us all to meet. *K.J. for FDF*

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Church Hall will be used for the coming Cherwell District Council elections on Thursday 4 May. Polling will start at 7.00 am. There will be no Parish Council election as only eight candidates were nominated and there are fourteen places to be filled. This means that six people need to be co-opted. If anyone in the village would like to be considered, please contact our councillor Jonathan Watts, 337135, who would be pleased to give you more information. *[See box on p.2]*

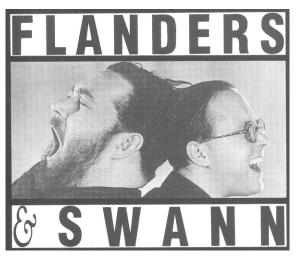
The Friends of the Church will be having a cake stall under the Town Hall in Deddington on Saturday 6 May from 9.00am. Donations of cakes will be most welcome. They will also be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6 June from 10.00 am in St. John's Church Hall.

The sign at the West end of the village is now back in place. The phone box has been reprieved by BT, who are obliged to maintain the service if a Parish Council objects to its removal.

The Table Tennis team is once again facing relegation from Div.One of the Banbury & District League with three matches to play. Their record reads P17: W1 - D1 - L15.

The Easter Vigil and Service of Light took place on Easter Eve. Part of this service takes place in candle light, which gives a very nice effect. Many thanks to all the people who decorated the Church for the Easter period. The Ascension Day service will be on Thursday 25 May at 6.30pm in St. John's Church.

If you have any news for next month, please give me a call. *Les Chappell 338054*



On Saturday 13 May, 7.30 pm, Gordon Peters, with David Carter at the piano, will entertain an audience at the Deddington Windmill Centre with "A Celebration of Flanders and Swann"- much more than just the songs of Flanders and Swann, but a whole evening's entertainment. Their performance at the Chipping Norton Theatre in January 2006 was a sell-out. *The Oxford Times* said "... you know you are in for an uproarious time. And so it proved."

Gordon Peters and David Carter will be making a donation to the Leonard Cheshire Homes Appeal.

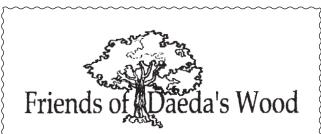
Tickets at £10.00 and £8.00 (concessions) available from Norman Drake on 01869 337249.



NEWS FROM CLIFTON

On Saturday 15 April the Clifton Crew organised an Easter Eggstravagansa for the Katharine House Hospice. We had many children and their families attend the egg hunt and it was a lot of fun. We raised an excellent £136 ! Thank you for everyone who participated in the event! Also a very special thank you to all the businesses who sponsored the event: F Eagles, Cotefield Nurseries, The Great Western Arms, The Finishing Touch, The Duke of Cumberland, Bengal Spice, May Fu 2, Brethertons Solicitors, PDQ Partnership ... and many Clifton Villagers. *@lexandra Jardine 337235*

At last residents and visitors can walk more safely in Clifton on both sides of the road. The downside is that the Home Farm phone cable was damaged when the new path was being created, and repairs are being delayed because responsibility is being disputed; a mobile doesn't receive faxes or give access to the internet. To quote Flanders & Swann: 'Oh, It all makes work for the working man to do!" ED



After weeks in suspended animation the Wood is coming to life. Oak and ash are still dormant but there's a green haze over the willows and the thorns are in leaf or in flower. Aconites, primroses and cowslips are blooming and two peacock butterflies and a brimstone were fluttering down the central ride on Easter Monday.

The Diary of Daeda's Wood has now been printed and copies will be on sale at the May Farmers' Market.

We hope you have entered the 10th Anniversary Picnic in your own diaries – **Sunday 11 June**, noon to 4pm. It promises to be a great day out for the whole family.

Kristin Thompson pp Sylvie Spenceley

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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and include your name and address,

even if they are not for publication.

FROM LEAH CALCUTT, CALCUTT FARMS, HEMPTON

I'd like to thank all the people who attended my Pamper Night on 31 March. Through their generosity we raised a massive $\pm 2,117.50$ which will be split equally between Hempton Church and the Deddington

Living Room Project. This figure will be considerably more once Gift Aid has been reclaimed. Our fundraising was helped enormously by the beauticians, therapists and hairdresser who gave their time and proceeds on the evening towards our cause. Our raffle was

hugely successful; thank you to Hamish Stoddart for the great prize. Finally, a special thank you to my long-suffering friends who helped me pull everything together on the night, Denise Barbeary, Janet Watts, Heather Westbury, Angela Catania, Jen Childs, Delphine Sampson and her daughter, Nicole Wick. THANK YOU ALL!

E-MAIL FROM WALTER MEAGHER, MEXICO

(On the death, after long illness, of Ron Canning) I twice included material from talks with Ronald Canning in essays for the DN; I shall include the same material in the Flora of Deddington. Daphne Canning welcomed my visits to their home, knowing it was company for Ronald. I came to ask him questions, to call up memories from his boyhood. He took great interest in these narratives, telling me about the small herd of milking cows driven along New Street in the late afternoon, how the driver thumped the last cow on the rump to keep her moving; of the ponds in Deddington, the play they afforded in summer and winter, especially when iced over; the difficulty men had in those days getting an allotment, how many letters of petition they had to write, how often they were turned down; how hard he worked as a lad digging and carting potatoes from his father's allotment near the Hempton Road. Daphne joined in every conversation, prompting his memory at times, and intermittently feeding the robin for whom she left the patio door open.



FROM SUSIE CARRDUS, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

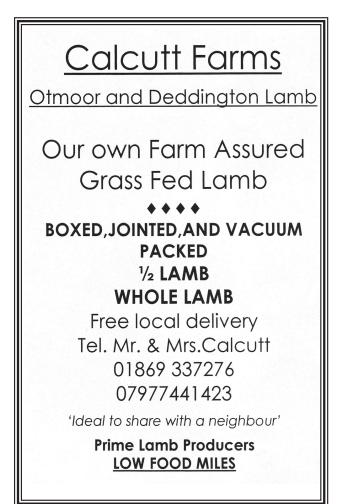
May I nominate the prunus hedge outside Grove House as the most-beautiful-sight-in–Deddington for April 2006 ?

> FROM MIKE RAMSDALE, THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON

I am surprised that Hugh Marshall thinks that the standard allotment should be a metric measure (April DN). I was brought up to believe that an allotment was one chain in length.

i.e. 1/80 of a mile, being 66 feet. I am billed each year by the Parish Council, and I quote from the invoice - "Rent for Plot 15 – 1 chain." - very good value it is too. I agree with Hugh that it is heartening to see so many allotments being used now and to know that it is regarded once again as a family activity. I will pace out my allotment next time I am down there, but my paces are imperial, not metric.

In imperial days a maths teacher used to say that an acre was how much a team of oxen could plough in a day - a furrow-long long and a chain wide. The 22 yards which they trampled as they turned around prepared the pitch for cricket in the evening ! Well, at least it made sure we remembered traditional measurements. ED.



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ON THE FARM

The Spring has got off to a slow start although the lambing has finished and the ewes are back on the river meadows for the summer. We are still short of grass and we shall be at least three weeks later than normal "shutting up" the hay meadows, which could mean that

we are in for a busy time maybe trying to make hay and start the harvest at the same time.

It is not just the meadow grass that is late this year. Although the hedgerows and trees on the farm have been in bud for some time they seem to be very reluctant to come into leaf. This is giving the bees a few problems as tree pollen and nectar are an important food source for them at this time of year (mid April) so it will be some time yet before we are likely to see any surplus honey that we

can extract. At the time of writing it has been too cold to risk opening the hives to see just what is going on and it has been a matter of watching the hives to see what pollen the bees are collecting when the temperatures are high enough for them to fly, as this is a good indication that the queens have started to lay. At the moment they are taking in pollen from the Alder catkins, Pussy Willow and Daffodils. I hope that once the Blackthorn winter is over we shall get some warmer weather and things will start to pick up.

Last summer I spent a lot of time breeding up a number of new colonies from my best stocks in the hope that we could start the new season with a number of young



THE FLOWER GARDEN or Come on, Spring

By this time I thought we would be well into warmer days, but, after a few pleasant ones, here we are back to cold winds and frost; further North they have even had snow. From the flower garden point of view, I find it very interesting that plants seem to have a built-in time clock. Come what may, the Spring flowers bloom and even snow does not deter them. Snow-covered Daffodils shake off the flakes and there they are at the right time, looking lovely. So I can claim that we have colour in the garden: we have better and more plentiful Primroses (the ordinary yellow sort), blue Anemone Blanda, Hyacinths, Iris Reticulata (the tinies which are so hard to keep going) and a variety of Narcissus ranging from orange to white. With a bit of warmth we should be all right. We always have trouble with our small Magnolia. I don't really know why we plant them in this climate which is plainly unsuitable for them. Every year we go through the process of watching the buds form and nearly open and every year either the wind or the cold shreds them. If you must have a Magnolia, the variety called Stellata is probably the best bet. So, good gardening to you all as another season comes, with the bedding out plants and all the rest of it. Marianne Elsley



queens to increase honey production, but unfortunately all these plans came to an end during the last few days of February. We have on the farm a few badgers which, as we don't keep any cattle, have never caused us much of a problem, apart from the odd occasion when a tractor or the combine has dropped into an extended

tunnel. However, this year, due to the very dry winter, the badgers have been very hungry as the ground has been too hard for them to forage for their normal fare. They have taken to raiding the hives. The result has been the loss of 18 of the new colonies, so it's back to the drawing board and a fresh start. To save time and keep the expansion plans on line I shall make up a number of nucleus hives from the stocks I have left and buy in a number of mated queens and hope for a good

back end "flow" to make up for the lost early summer honey production. But the first job to do is to re-design the hive stands to lift them well out of reach.

Finally, a request for some advice from the *DN* gardeners: we have on the farm a number of native Pussy Willow shrubs which produce large amounts of early pollen which is vital to give the bees an early start. I have made several attempts to propagate these and so far have failed. Any ideas ? *George Fenemore* 338203



f you look too closely, the hose-pipe regulations can make bizarre reading. Apparently, whilst we may not use a hose-pipe to wash a car or sprinkle the garden, it is quite permissible to wash the patio or to fill a swimming pool. So also, I assume, filling a water butt would be included. Happily, most of these niceties will not concern the Deddington allotments where, some years ago, a thoughtful Council provided a couple of cattle drinking troughs where buckets and cans may readily be filled, but, unless I am much mistaken, a hose-pipe cannot be attached. Hempton is less fortunate. However, not all of us – myself included - aspire to taking on an allotment in addition to a garden and have to find other ways of growing a little fresh food. One which has been suggested by 'experts' recently is to grow salad and root crops such as potatoes and carrots in containers. This offers another advantage, especially if you have a patio. Using a hose-pipe to wash the patio, it would be hard to avoid a little spillage into a few containers! It's not too late to fill a large tub or bucket at least 15" diameter by 15" deep, with good compost and to buy a small quantity of seed potatoes (Charlotte, Red Duke, Maris Piper, Anya have all been recommended). 10 tubers to each pot would be about right. A few carrot seed spread in another tub, or salad lettuce would complement them for a delicious, and legally watered, home-grown meal in a few weeks time. Try it! Hugh Marshall

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NOSTALGIA RULES - Derrick Robbins' Memories

In a recent e-mail from Sarasota Derrick ponders on the location of his Aunt Emily Tooth's grave in Deddington Church yard. He remembers Emily, sister of his uncle Chris Ell, as a most kind, loving and gentle person - recalling meetings dating from childhood to when he brought his bride to meet her at Rose Cottage, Earls Lane. With help from José Stevens, whose mother, Mrs West, was Emily's friend, I was able to locate the grave where Emily and her husband Arthur Horace Tooth's ashes rest and reassure Derrick that his favourite aunt is by no means forgotten by Deddington's older generation. In the 1960s Mrs Tooth and Mrs West were the first parishioners to respond to their Vicar George Palmer's request to serve refreshments after Sunday Services in Deddington on Church. I well remember enjoying a cup of milky coffee served from the back of the Church. In days gone by, when the present church kitchen was but a Parochial Church Councillor's wishful thought, preparation of this friendly offering followed by washing up, consisted of a complicated drill, well thought out by the two charming ladies.

Derrick remembers that Aunt Emily was educated at a prestigious school where she became very friendly with a girl of her own age. When they left school Emily went to live with her friend, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, [later the Queen Mother] becoming her paid companion. Also in the employ of Lady Elizabeth's father, the 14th Earl of Strathmore, was Arthur Horace Tooth, the family's chauffeur. Emily and Arthur fell in love and married. They enjoyed living in many lovely homes generously supplied by the Earl. Derrick writes: "Before WWII they lived in a Chelsea Mews flat, but when the fighting started they moved to a large house in Dartmouth. While I was stationed in Exeter in the Army, I would visit them and sit on their private beach on the river, or take a boat out, or wander in the beautifully kept garden along the river bank. Arthur was a born prankster. When I arrived at Dartmouth Station he would be waiting there beside the Earl's old Daimler



• Village matches etc.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of May 1856:

- 4th May Sunday Day was observed as a Day of Thanksgiving for the Restoration of Peace - by Royal Proclamation, and a Form of Prayer was intoned accordingly. A capital congregation at Clifton to hear my thanksgiving sermon.
- 7th May Went to the Schools to be present at the annual examination of the children by the Diocesan Inspector.
- 11th May Whitsunday A lot of Ranters appeared here - singing etc. on Goose's Green - between 9 & 10 o'clock.
- 13th May Old John Whetton came and I granted a warrant to search various houses after the theft of some coal and above 20 heads of broccoli last night.

(Next book of entries missing - diary re-starts Ist September 1856) **Buffy Heywood**

resplendent in his old fashioned uniform. He would call out so that everybody could hear: 'Over here, my Lord; her Ladyship has tea ready on the lawn!' We would then drive off and he would burst into fits of laughter. How I miss them both ! The old Daimler, by the way, was one of those cars where the passenger seats in the back were enclosed, while the driver sat in the open. I imagine there was some form of protection against wet weather. Communication between front and back was by way of a speaking tube !" **Ruth Johnson**



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Deddington & District Pub Watch - barred from one, barred from all

As part of my duties as your local beat officer I am the co-ordinator of the Deddington & District Pub Watch scheme. Pub watch is a very useful scheme for the area as persistent trouble makers in public houses in the Deddington area risk being barred from over 25

POLICE of time. The aim of this is to educate persistent trouble makers in behaving appropriately when on licensed premises.

The Pub Watch scheme has a steering group made up of 4 local licensees who meet regularly. They decide if any incident reported to them would warrant a customer being placed on the scheme and receiving a Pub Watch ban. As a Police Officer I alone cannot place a person on the banned list.

If any person has a further interest in the Pub Watch scheme or would like to assist me in the running of the scheme, I can be contacted on 08458 505 505 or at The Police Office in Market Place Deddington.

From the Fire station

PC 1698 Phil Morris

The crew have been busy this month, with 5 standbys to other stations, 1 wood shed, 3 road traffic collisions, a tree fire at the Castle grounds, a call to a thatch roof, and a kitchen fire. The roads are very greasy at this time of the year, with the April showers coming and going, so please take extra care while out and about.

Also this month the crew has been busy training for the annual 999 Challenge. This is a fun challenge in aid of the Katharine House Hospice and the British Heart Foundation. This race is to row the distance

of the channel at the Farmers' Market, between teams from the Fire Brigade, Police, and Health Centre. Thanks for all your support in this very important event.

Time once again to check your smoke alarms, push that button. Replace batteries if necessary. Keep safe.

James Britchford Fire-fighter

With some help from beyond Deddington the Police again won the 999 Challenge, with the Firefighters second, but it's the bottom-line that matters. ED

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For more information about immediate vacancies at East House, Adderbury, contact Judith Weeks on 01295 788393 or Margaret Burch on 01295 812648.



New postings this month include an 1808 map of Deddington,

and updates giving details of which traders are attending the Farmers' Market each month.

A new service is the provision of a free on-line notice board that clubs and societies in the Parish can regularly self-manage to announce their activities. The notice board will be regularly monitored to prevent abuse or inappropriate listings.

We endeavour to be as accurate as we can with the information we provide. We regularly contact businesses and organisations in the village to ensure that their details are up to date. However we sometimes receive no response to our enquiries. Apart from the extended business entries, the service is absolutely free because we are a voluntary organisation. Please send details of any amendments e.g. change of club officers to celia. clark@deddington.net or telephone her on 338064. We will always respect your privacy and we will agree with you exactly what information is published. Finally we have given our homepage a makeover. We would welcome your feedback.

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Deddington News

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Youth Club

A coachful of club members was taken for an enjoyable trip to Oxford Ice Rink on 27 March and it is likely that another trip will be arranged. The Parish Council has been asked to purchase much needed equipment, which will greatly help us to have more activities. We now have two members attending the Management Committee meetings, but we would still like parents to be on the Committee. Any offers? **Wendy Burrows**

Windmill Community Centre

The AGM for the Centre was held on 11 April when Mary Robinson was re-elected as a Trustee and the committee was re-elected en bloc - Mark Tyler, Chairman; Joyce Minnear, Booking Secretary and Jim Flux, Treasurer. The Chairman and the committee would welcome a representative of an organisation that regularly uses the Centre to strengthen the management team. Please contact Mark (338056) if your organisation would like to be represented. The committee is also looking for a Minutes Secretary: if you are interested please contact Mark or Joyce Minnear (338529). The Chairman was pleased to report that the Centre is extremely well used by 40+ groups and organisations and that the finances are sound. He added that Deddington is very fortunate to have such a valuable facility in the village. The hall floor has been refurbished and new chairs brought to replace the ancient wooden ones. The stage has been extended by the Deddington Players, and a new carpet is planned for the youth room and lounge. It is pleasing to see the all-weather court being used by various groups throughout the week. Jim Flux 338153

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Thank you all who supported our recent Race Night and made it such a successful evening. Our first club night was on Wednesday 26 April at 6 pm and these continue every Wednesday evening throughout the season. We look forward to seeing any prospective new members on these occasions.

Yvonne Twomey Hon. Secretary 337213

Deddington and District History Society

At our April meeting Angela Davis spoke about her research into women's changing experiences of family life in the 20th century. Angela's advice on interviewing techniques and on how to archive interviews (six hours of typing for each tape-recorded hour!) was of particular relevance to several in the audience who are involved, or hope to become involved, in similar work in our area.

Our final talk this season is on Wednesday 10 May (Windmill Centre, 7.30pm), when Martin Sirot-Smith will speak about Sulgrave Manor in preparation for our visit there on Wednesday 14 June. The evening at Sulgrave will begin with another of the summer socials that have become such an enjoyable feature of our programmes. Please gather at Sulgrave Manor at 7.00 for strawberries and sparkling wine before our private guided tour of the house. The total cost is £10 per person. If you would like to come, please contact Moira Byast on 338637. Moira will try to arrange car sharing if you wish. **Chris Day 337204**

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Bishops Itchington (h) Lost 0-4

Wroxton (a) Won 4-1 B.Durrant (2), L.Rawlings, D.Keys Arncott (a) Won 4-2 D.Keys (2), L.Rawlings, S.Flemming Barford (h)(Benevolent Cup) Lost 2-4 S.Flemming, B.Durrant Hanwell Athletico (a) Lost 1-2 B.Durrant

The 1st team recorded two excellent league victories and scored plenty of goals in the process. Danny Keys and Lloyd Rawlings were on target in both and this helped the team consolidate their mid-table position in the Premier Division. Unfortunately the team missed out on a place in the Benevolent Cup Final, losing to Barford in the semi-final.

Reserve Team Results

Bishops Itchington Res (Geoff Wilson Cup Final) Lost 0-3 Adderbury Park Res (h) Won 4-3 D.Keys, D.Clouston,

M.Morse (2)

Bishops Itchington Res (Eric Morris Cup Final) Won 3-0

A.Gray (2), J.Flemming The reserve side produced one of their best results in many years defeating Division 1 side Bishops Itchington Res 3-0 in the Eric Morris Cup Final. The goal scorers in this outstanding performance were John Flemming and Andy Gray (2). This is the first time in decades that the reserve side have captured one of the senior reserve team cups. Local rivals Adderbury were defeated in the league. A couple more victories will ensure a mid-table finish in Division 2.

75 Club Winners: 17/3/06 S.Haynes £50; 24/3/06 P.Simmons £50; 31/3/06 Mrs M.Bradley £50; 7/4/06 P.Rudge £50; 14/4/06 C.Franklin £50.

The club is holding its presentation evening on Saturday 6 May at the British Legion Club. Please come along and support your local football team.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

1st Deddington Guides

For the last few meetings of term we launched ourselves into our production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The Guides were very strict about auditions for leading parts and through great teamwork put on a very enjoyable show. The creativity and improvisation was brilliant; in 2 weeks they came up with words, songs, dances, costumes and props that were second to none! The Guides can be very proud as they raised £100 for the Nepalese orphanage supported by Barford St Michael. Thank you for all your support. We followed this triumph by achieving second place in the Cherwell Division (Banbury area) patrol competition. Well done to Rachel, Laura, Jasmine, Annabelle, Freya, Zoe and Louise who represented us so well!

Next term, after St George's Day parade, we have promise ceremonies, hikes, cookouts and much more. *Maggie Rampley Guider*, 01295 810069

Deddington WI

At our last Meeting Sylvia Brown gave an informative and entertaining account of changing aspects of doorstep milk delivery over 35 years. Non-members and families are all most welcome to join our summer coach

CALLING MORE CLUBS

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outing to Longleat on Tuesday, 8 August. The cost is £23, which covers the coach and entry to all attractions (safari park, house, gardens, mazes, boat trip etc). If you are interested please ring 337213 or 338027.

Beryl Suckling

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

If you are a Mum, Dad or other carer at home with a baby or toddler, please come and join our group. We are at the Windmill Centre every Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 and would love to see you! As well as all our usual activities, we're looking forward to our summer outing to Farmer Gows later on this term - watch this space for more details! *Emma Durand*

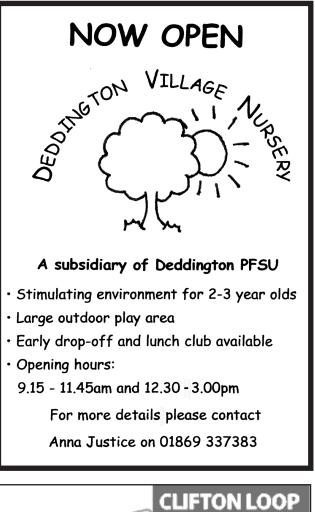
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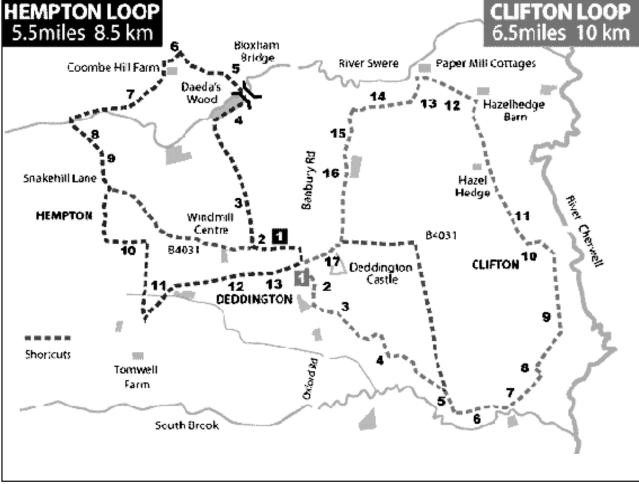
We are really pleased to welcome Michele and Cathy to our staff this term. They will be helping the children learn all about our new topic - "minibeasts" - which will no doubt entail some exploration in our garden!

On that note, if there is anyone willing to offer a few hours help with getting our garden ready for summer, we would be very grateful. We're also looking for a handy man (or woman!) who could assist with minor maintenance jobs at the Nursery - thanks!

Emma Durand

Map of the Deddington Walk - see PTA ad on p.3 This map is copied from www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk. where clicking on each number gives directions. Is wi-fi access to be available on the hoof ?!





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LA CIENEGA

Wayne had his telescopic lens and tripod, Susan and Wendy each had binoculars. The car was parked just past the bridge over the river; I would call it a creek. To us there was a constellation of attractions: water flowing in the dry season; birds on both sides of the stream, so many that we didn't move far, didn't quest them; and a man with a donkey, his white dog following so far behind at first one wondered if they were together. He crossed a field, stopped, and gathered dried corn stalks into floppy bundles, balancing the load over the burro's back. The birds feared our arrival not one whit. Even a Wilson's Warbler dashed from concealment, snapped an insect, returned to the bushes, and then did it again. None of these bushes were in bloom, it

was too early in the year; I suspect they were a species of Baccharis. But along the ridge of the stream banks, as if it were the plant chosen by a Board of Colorists to etch the water's course, Senecio salignus (jara amarillo) was in full and brilliant flower. What about this plant? Clearly it is dominant in the shrub story; clearly, too, it is as bright as yellow daffodils, flowering so early it has a near monopoly of pollinators. A vermilion flycatcher posed on a branch tip, just for Wayne. The leaves of the wild watercress (species undetermined,

for there was no flower yet) forming dense patches in the shallow water near the bridge were so shiny bright they seemed lacquered. The water looked clear, and that was appealing, but we all agreed this is Mexico!

So preoccupied had we become with the birds, black phoebes especially, and rough-winged swallows, that we barely took notice of the small settlement on the midpoint of a low hill, with ten or so flat-topped houses. Did they ruin our sense of solitude? From a more practical view, could there possibly be water for these houses situated on a hill slope? Just then a kestrel alighted on a perch, while a troupe of kiskadees continued their near impertinent confabulation in one of the many very large, very old willow trees that edged the stream. The willows grow away from the bank too, the very largest were in the field where the donkey was being loaded. I embraced one, three embraces equalling about 4.5 meters in circumference. These willows, which I expect were Salix bonplandiana, have the same death-defying capacity that Salix fragilis in Oxfordshire has: they can be broken open, lose their woody tissues, be canalized by burrowing insects, and continue to draw sustenance from sun and earth. The dead upper branches of one cluster of willow trees exhibited rounded doorways to woodpecker nests and, while we were remarking on that fact, two goldenfronted woodpeckers, later a ladder-back woodpecker, landed amongst the moribund branches.

Two boys walked along a path on the other side of the stream. One lifted an arm and waved. I replied, *Ola!* How odd, perhaps silly, we must have looked: gringos with so much equipment, walking but not going anywhere, and on the wrong side of the stream! A Mexican jay, powder blue, as delicately coloured as if by a make-up artist for a ballet company, flew quickly from our side to the other; meanwhile, the little birds that darted out from the stream-side bushes continued their work, while eluding identification. A mockingbird called from a distance; a Chihuahua raven - or was it the common raven? - circled overhead. Much much higher, like spy planes, turkey vultures stayed aloft with



their motors turned off. From time to time we found a flower in bloom - none of which we could identify - a whiteflowered Eupatorium, seeming to have no ray flowers; a red flower with a short tubular corolla and an asymmetrical arrangement of fused petals. We should note that the pirul (Schinus molle) trees were just as common along the stream edge as were the willows, and in many places achieved great girth and greater height. How shade-giving and pendulous their branches!

Much as we enjoyed the feeling of a degree of wildness

- city life had been deleted from our forebrains - we were quite mistaken to think we were in a 'wild' place. This was a man-adapted environment. On the other side of the stream there were many more and more richly cultivated fields, some irrigated; there was a good footpath along which a family of mother, father, two young girls and a younger boy, and their dog, walked as if there was no need to reach a specific destination, no appointment to be kept, or pot to be taken off the boil. Of course there were things to be done, but I suspect these are people living without an appointment diary. Wherever the land rose steeply above the floodplain, it was raw and rocky, the grasses were overgrazed - and there was no sign of cultivation. Fences delineated boundaries. Thine and mine were clearly marked. It was now clear why the houses were on the hillslope: Waste not an inch of cultivable floodplain on the construction of houses! Instead, folks dwelled above their food supplies, and looked down on the growing grain!

Returning toward the car, on the highway so near by, a crested caracara, with its wide wingspan, flew very low, it too following the stream's priority in settling the geometry of the landscape, reminding us to come back, that all has not been discovered. *Walter Meagher*

Emigré from Hopcraft Lane

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