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t used to be said that there were 4-wheeler Christians. They only came to church if they arrived in a pram, a wedding car or a hearse. Has it now become the case that some are 4-wheeler citizens - able-bodied but with a default mindset needing an internal-combustion engine for every trip? Does Deddington

benefit or suffer from this syndrome ? Our accessibility boosts demand for the few houses that come on the market and inflates the value of those not yet for sale. New occupants often bring two cars, yet planners apparently believe that they will deter car ownership by not reckoning on two cars per household. At their destination in the village many drivers drive right up to the kerb so that their bonnets overhang pavements. thoughtlessly blocking the way for the wheeled vehicles of children and disabled people. One passenger was heard to say: "I think we'll walk to the kerb."! [see ad. p.11] СН

April Diary

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Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: AGM & Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon.						
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.						
Thu	5	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 9.15 am-1.00pm.						
Tue	10	WI: Straw Craft, Florence Cross, Holly Tree,7.30pm.						
Wed	11	History Society: Visit to the archives of OUP - meet at the main entrance, 6.30pm > p.14						
Tue	17	Tennis Club: Children's lessons start >p.12						
Tue	17	Deddington Festival: Pub quiz, Crown & Tuns, 8 pm						
Wed	18	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. 🕺 of the DN 💥						
Mon	23	Katharine House Hospice: Fundraiser, The Unicorn, 7pm.						
Thu	26	Monday Morning Club: film, Charlotte Gray, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm						
Thu	26	Book Club: meeting, for venue call Sally Lambert, 338094 > p.13						
Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am -12.30 pm						
Sat	28	999 Annual Charity Challenge: Rowing competition, Market Place						
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Wed	2	History Society: extra visit to the OUP archives, 6.30 pm > p.14						
Wed	2	DOGS: event at Ellesborough > p.12						
Sun	6	Tennis Club: Open Day, 2-5 pm > p.12						
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am						
Tue	8	WI: Resolutions, followed by Cooking in Paris, Gill Cozens, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.						
Wed	9	History Society: Chris Galloway on Ditchley Park, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.14						
Fri	11	African Children's Choir, Parish Church, 7.30pm.						
Sat	12	Warriner Choir: <i>Beethoven Mass in C</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm > p.5						
Mon	14	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-noon.						
Tue	15	Parish Annual Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm						
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm						
Wed	16	Tennis Club: Open Evening (adults only) from 6pm > p.12						
Sat	19 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Cake & Plant Stall, Town Hall, 9 am							
Sun	20	Third Annual Deddington Walk: Windmill Centre, 9.30 am						
Tue	24	DOGS: annual match versus DOGs (Dorchester-on-Thames)						
Sat	26	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am – 12.30 pm						
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Meeting in Town Hall, 21 March 2007

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Clr O'Sullivan, C/ Clr Jelf, the Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

Vandalism Vandalism seems to be reduced, but under-age drinking persists. Action cannot be taken without evidence reported by witnesses - anonymously - to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111. explore pro & cons of 'no drinking areas'.

Community Support Officers Adderbury and Steeple Aston interested in sharing the cost of an appointment.

Village Clean-Up Extended from Monday 4 June to Saturday 9 June to involve more volunteers; approach School for poster competition.

Parish Plan Recommendations based on responses noted. Working group to meet to finalise report before publication and discussion at Parish Meeting on Tuesday 15 May.

Teen Scene Quotations for equipment awaited. Landfill Tax grant to be explored.

Windmill Centre Children's play area: remedy surface contaminated by broken glass with new bark chippings so as to re-open by Easter; Allweather court: explore opening under supervision to stop break-ins; fitness track suggested.

Bus Lay-bys in Market Place being renewed. Bus shelter options awaited.

Traffic Calming data received from OCC speed surveys from southern A4260 approach and western entrance to Hempton. Concern at speeding vehicles in Earls Lane in morning rush hours.

Parking Parked cars overhang pavements by Coop and in Bull Ring and dangerously force pushchairs into the road. Grass verges being damaged in Goose Green, Church Street, and by St Anne's Clifton by cars parking and deliveries. Request for 'grassell' paving blocks beside double white lines refused in New St.

Planning

<u>PC No Objection:</u> (1) Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington: change to velux windows in barn conversion. (2) Top Thatch, Hempton: matching window replacements, and stonework repairs. (3) 4 Walnut Close, Clifton: 1-storey rear extension. (4) Home Farm Cottage, Main St, Clifton: smaller footprint, on-site parking instead of garage; but can vehicles turn on site to enter and leave forwards? design of retaining wall? (5) Emohruo, St Thomas St, Deddington: 1- & 2-storey rear extension providing extra bedroom; no off-street parking.

<u>CDC Approvals</u>: (6) 45 Mill Close, Deddington: detached double garage. (7) The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton: 2-storey rear and 1st-floor side extension. (8) Horsefair Cottage, Deddington: rebuild ground-floor bay window.

<u>PC concerns</u>: Trees: OCC has surveyed trees close to roads - 1 sorbus, 8 chestnuts on Hempton Road and one in Market Place to be felled - the last

Minutes Secretary needed by the Parish Council - to attend meetings on third Wednesday each month, and write up minutes = 5- 6 hours paid work. Apply to the Parish Clerk 337 447

to be replaced ASAP. Hempton Road avenue being monitored for disease.

Clifton House, Main St, Clifton: retaining wall has failed twice; doubts about design of reconstruction, as with wall in front of Home Farm Cottage next door.

Manor Barn, Clifton: C/Clr Jelf to investigate malodorous flooding from sewage works. **Shorts**

- PC congratulated Jim Flux on his High Sheriff Award as an 'unsung hero' of the County.
- PC Gerry Doyle is the new Rural Team Constable.
- Susan Fuller has been appointed as Assistant Steward.
- Doves nesting under Town Hall cannot be disturbed until October.
- 6 hanging baskets for Town Hall being provided by Patrick & Jean Gardner, Farmers' Market traders.
- Notice Boards donated by DN to be renovated by supplier; non-local, commercial or political posters are not allowed and will be removed.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £4,279.85, including £1743.33 employee costs, £686.79 all-weather court maintenance, £600 6-month rent for Town Hall.
- Investments totalled £546,790.92, of which £11,081.16 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £335,709.76 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%; Alliance & Leicester a/c closed.
- Agreed to employ 2-man team for one day to blitz back-log of odd jobs.

DATES FOR DIARIES : Tuesday 15 May - Parish Annual Meeting, with refreshments - to present new Parish Plan which includes recommendations re future parish development.

NEXT MEETING Town Hall

Wednesday 18 April - 7.45 pm Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

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his term we have been thinking 'Green' and several new plans have been put in place to support our application for Eco-school status. In January of this year an ecocommittee was formed in Deddington Primary School comprising two children

from each Year group, hoping eventually to model the School into an eco-friendly school. The members of the committee are as follows: Ellie C, Joshua H, Jack S, Jake W, Molly R, Jack W, Ollie P, Alex C, Ollie B, Jenny H, Kai P, Esme C, Mrs Brodey, Mrs Sampson and Mrs Hunsley. A competition was launched in the school to design

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the logo for the committee; the winner has not yet been decided. At the last meeting the fifteen members completed a form on what they wanted to change in the school and what was already good about it.

In addition to this our Gardening Club is up and running again with hopes of having their

own dedicated vegetable patch. Sarah Booth also kindly organised our willow dome construction team at the beginning of March. Thank you to all those parents and pupils who turned out on a beautiful Sunday morning to plant the willow wands in our quiet area. Now we have to wait for it to grow. *Judith Tinsley 338430*



PTA

Our annual Quiz Night in March was a fabulous evening. The Black Cats team managed to beat the Teachers. Everyone had a great time testing their knowledge against our brilliant Quiz Masters, Mike & Heather Ward and Alan Collins. We raised a whopping £1635: very many thanks to all those who so generously supported the event and also to those who helped make this such a successful evening.

The performances of Joseph, organised by the School, are to be in Deddington Parish Church at the end of March. It should be a delightful spectacle - full of colour and with wonderful singing and dancing by the school children with the PTA providing much needed refreshments and a raffle each evening. Again, thank you so much for supporting us.

A great number of mums and grandmothers were the proud recipients of our 2007 Deddington Primary School tea towel on Mother's Day. The tea towel features a self portrait of all our children and so makes a wonderful souvenir of their school years. There are a small number still available to purchase – perhaps as Easter or birthday presents? Please contact Janet Watts on 337135 if you would like one or more.

Important dates for your diary... The 3rd Annual Deddington Walk will be held on Sunday 20 May. We are busy planning an exciting day for you

all – a different route with lots of surprises and fun along the way. See our stall in Deddington Parish Church at the next Farmers' Market for more information. It is our turn for a beautiful sunny day this year!!!!

Our school fête will be held on Saturday 16 June when some strange creatures will be visiting the school field.

Stella O'Neill & Janet Watts Joint Chairs PFSU & NURSERY REPORTS ON PAGE 14



CHURCH AND CHAPEL

SS Peter and Paul, Deddington and St John, Hempton You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel

Parish Church in April						
Sun	1	10.15 am	Palm Sunday Procession			
		10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise			
		6.30 pm	Eucharist ~ Prayer Vigil			
Mon	2	9.00 pm	Night Prayer			
Tue	3	9.00 pm	Night Prayer ~ Prayer Vigil			
Wed	4	10.00 am	Eucharist			
		9.00 pm	Night Prayer ~ Prayer Vigil			
Thur	5	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Passover Meal ~ Vigil	until midnight		
Fri	6	10.00 am	GOOD FRIDAY Hot Cross Bun Service			
		2.00 pm	Devotions - Wesleyan Church			
Sat	7	8.30 pm	Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter			
Sun	8	10.30 am	EASTER DAY Family Eucharist	For Pantisma Woddings		
Wed	11	10.00 am	Eucharist	For Baptisms, Weddings,		
Sun	15	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Baptism	Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness,		
Wed	18	10.00 am	Eucharist			
Thur	19	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels	please contact the Vicar the Rev Dr Hugh White,		
Sun	22	8.00 am	Holy Communion	28 Duns Tew (349869),		
			Morning Worship	the Rev John Dane (337403)		
		3.30 pm	Free Spirit - Windmill Centre	or one of the		
Wed	25		Eucharist	Church wardens,		
Sun	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Iain Gillespie (338367)		
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)	or Judy Ward (337187).		
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St John, Hempton

Suns 1,	8 & 15	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	18	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	22	6.00 pm	Evensong

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

Charity of the Month - April: **Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation** (specialized rehabilitation and surgery hospital) - 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: Pastor Walton; 22 April - David Goode Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Chapel Sunday afternoon services 3.00 pm Pastor Derek Walker of Oxford Bible Church

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

Holy Trinity, Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats - 5.30~6.00 pm.

Thur	5	Hethe	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	6	Hethe	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
			7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	7	Hethe	8.30 pm	Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Sun	8	Adderbury	8.30 am	Mass
		Hethe	10.00 am	Mass
The Cetur	dove	waning Mass at St	lahn'a Da	nhun is said at 1 00 nm to allo

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.

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Joyce Minnear 338529

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The Revd A J Burns 277396

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E-MAIL FROM RAELENE WENNAN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

I live in South Australia and would love to contact anybody who is a descendant of James Terry and

Hannah Phipps, both born in 1762. They married in Deddington in 1786. Their daughter, Mary Terry, born in Deddington in 1796, is my greatgreat-great-great grandmother. She married Thomas Bishop (born 1801) in 1819 in Deddington My e mail

great-great-great grandmother. She married Thomas Bishop (born 1801) in 1819 in Deddington. My e-mail address is: <u>raelene.wennan@blackwoods.com.au</u> arranged to w

E-MAIL FROM SARAH OWEN, MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

I hate to be a Grumpy Old Woman before my time but I did grunt slightly when I read in the (March) DN that the Fun Fair would be returning to Deddington in November this year. I'm a resident of the Market Place and the combination of loud music and imitation screams does tend to try your patience after a day – not to mention that this year I shall

Bethoven's 1st Symphony was first performed on 2nd April 1800. The Symphony has been recognised as one of the works that promoted a whole new instrumental style. However it was only a year later that Beethoven's worsening hearing disorder was confirmed as being likely to lead to total deafness, which led to great turmoil in his life.

It has been speculated that this deafness, which reasonably could have been considered a musically terminal handicap, might even have been a stimulus in the form of a provocation to strive desperately to continue composing. It is often said that the source of many great works of art arise from deep personal emotions, including distress. And continue he did; amongst many other following works is his Mass in C which was first performed in September 1807, making this year its 200th anniversary. The Mass has been described as "a fully formed masterpiece in its own right" and is said to show a strong influence from his mentor of the time, Haydn. **Peter McGee**

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Music was certainly in the air in Deddington Church on Saturday 10th March when Donald Lane, together with Mary Small and Suzie Tomlin, sopranos, and Anna Teare, flute, entertained a very receptive audience which sadly included few, if any, of our talented young flautist's contemporaries.

The programme happily roamed through familiar fields of grazing sheep to little known gems by wellknown composers such as Saint-Saëns, unknown composers like Gaubert and, in the second half, on to the mighty Mozart. To produce an interesting and varied programme such as this is far from easy and Donald is to be applauded.

The two singers charmed us with their musical compatibility, tone quality and ensemble; neither singer overshadowing the other and, although they both sang solo, it was their duet singing which was so impressive. also have a baby to settle to sleep. Is it necessary for the Fair to run for three days/nights? I would be surprised if the organisers actually broke even on the Thursday evening. I'd be interested to know how

other residents in and about the Market Place feel about the Fair. Sorry to be a party pooper!

E-MAIL FROM VANESSA LOACH, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON Would anyone have a room for a 16

year old French boy who has arranged to work in Deddington in June and July? He wishes to improve his English and living with a family, or someone who is chatty and friendly, would be ideal. If you feel you can help, please call:

Warriner Choral Society					
Beethoven Concert					
Mass i	ח C	&	Symphony No.1		
Saturday 12th May 2007					
Church of St. Peter & St. Paul					
		De	eddington		

Vanessa Loach on 00 33 553 36 58 30 or 01869 338821

7.30p.m.

with The Akeman Chamber Orchestra

Soprano - Sara Ronsson

Contralto - Jeanette Ager

Tenor - Brendon McBride

Bass - Adam Green

Musical Director: Martin Quinn

Refreshments

Tickets £8 (£7 concessions) from

Hayward White, Deddington- One Man Band, Banbury

Bloxham Post Office- Jenny on 01295 721224

or on the door

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The flute, when playing with the singers, blended well and provided a pleasant change of musical colour in Anna's solos.

In the second half, excerpts from two Mozart operas were semi- staged with the acting adding to the sense of fun. A surprise came in this half, when the flautist turned into Cherubino, delighting the audience with her lovely, fresh young voice. Throughout the evening the piano playing achieved the delicate balance between the demands of the piano line and those of accompanying the soloists with great sensitivity, supporting the soloists rather than fighting them, as can happen!

If this fundraising concert for the 2007 Deddington Festival is a foretaste of what is to come, we can look forward to a highly enjoyable festival. *Elspeth Cox*



Deddington Festival 22 June - 7 July 2007

A number of outstanding events are being planned for this year's Festival.

Among them are a Craft Exhibition, Art Exhibition, Rock Concert, Jazz, Poetry Readings and Literary Competitions, a History Exhibition and Deddington Village Walks. Other events include a Children's Concert, Art Workshops for children and adults, a choral and orchestral concert, and our Patron Brian Kay's intriguingly titled 'But What Do You Do For A Living?' accompanied by Janet Lincé.

The Festival will close with a concert by the Reading Male Voice Choir on 7 July. The May DN will have further details of dates, days, ticket prices and booking forms. Free programmes for the Festival will be readily available before and at the May Deddington Farmers' Market. Visit our website www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk PLENTY TO SEE. PLENTY TO HEAR. PLENTY TO ENJOY.

John Cheney

Where have all the writers gone?

Monday 30 April is the closing date for entries in Deddington Writing Competition, so there is still time to complete and submit a story, article, reminiscence or poem in either of this year's competition sections. Promoted in conjunction with the Deddington Festival there is an Open Competition (poem or prose) which needs to be written in some way around the Oxfordshire 2007 millennium theme. For those aged 16 and under the Junior Competition has sections for young people in Junior or Secondary education writing on a subject of their own choice. Details of rules, prizes etc. and entry form are available on line at www.deddington.org.uk/arts/writing.html , from the Library, or by post from DWG Competition, 7 The Daedings, Deddington,OX15 0RT (s.a.e.please). It is essential that anyone entering should carefully read the competition rules.

The judges for the Open Competition are Oxford novelist Sara Banjeri for story or prose entries and Deddington poet Maureen Dew for poems. The Junior Competition will be judged by Rosemary Arnold who is well-known locally as the former Library Manager at Deddington.

So pens (or word-processors) ready and get writing NOW Hugh Marshall 337761

Would anyone like to put up some members of the African Children's Choir on the night of 11 May following their Festival concert? Further details from Hugh White: 349869; vicarhugo@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

On behalf of the Friends we would like to thank our fellow Friend, Donald Lane, for organising the *Music in the Air* concert on 10 March. It takes a

FESTIVAL ART

Advance notice of 3 Art events in the pipeline. Saturday morning, 30 June. Town Hall.

- 1. CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-13
- 2. Also on Saturday 30 June. Castle Grounds, with Sue Cave.
- OPEN-AIR ART WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS 3. Weekends 23-24 June and 30 June-1 July, Holly Tree. ART EXHIBITION, OPEN TO LOCAL ARTISTS.

Details of all these events are being worked out now. If you think you might be interested in at least one of them, and would like to know more, please give me a ring. Register your interest now, so that we can keep you in the picture, and take account of any suggestions or queries you may have. **Norman Stone 338019**

great deal of time and hard work to produce such an evening. Our thanks also to the other performers, Mary Small, Suzie Tomlin, Anna Teare (our local star) and to Barbara Larcom (wardrobe) and to Ruth Johnson, Josie Stevens and Gill Cozens who presided over the refreshments. May we look forward to similar evenings in the future?

Later this month Friends will receive Newsletter 5. This will contain information about Gift Aid, to which we hope all of you who are eligible will respond. We also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Friends' Reception on Thursday 14 June.

This year's membership total is heartening – always room for new members.

Sue Goddard (Convenor) & Kristin Thompson (Publicity) for FDF.



On the farm

As you can imagine, the 2007 lambing season at Home Farm is in full swing, but, by the time you read this, the lambing season will with any luck be over bar the shouting. The shouting in this case is "Oh! not another triplet !" It may sound odd to complain about high birth numbers but a ewe is only

designed to feed two lambs, and although it is very useful to have some triplets so that we can foster the extra lamb on a ewe with a single or a ewe that has lost her lambs, any more have to be bottle fed. This is very timeconsuming, expecially when the old dears all decide to drop their lambs at the same time, usually in a heap in the middle of the barn. You end up playing Solomon, trying to decide who belongs to whom and those that do not like the final decision have to be



persuaded that I am right and they are wrong.

The recent mild weather has given the bees a good start to the season and for once they have a good supply of spring blooms to go at. If the warm weather keeps going without a prolonged "Blackthorn Winter" we should have some strong hives ready to split when the first of the new queens are ready to hatch.

Although it has been dry for a week or two, the land is still very wet, but, with the field work so delayed, we must get on with it. At present the only way we can travel on the crops is with flotation tyres on the tractors. It will be some time yet before the flood meadows are dry enough to carry any livestock. The extensive flooding has severely

The Allotment

Peace disturbed only by the clip-clop of a lady on

horse back, a mother and daughter picking daffodils in the local farmyard, four Wood Pigeons fighting over one nesting place, a Robin trilling as he stood on my spade, a cat hunting, the rat-a-tat of a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and some mole hills where they ought not to be, filled my horizons as I sat after a round of golf and a little gardening this afternoon at Stone Pits. I hope you can feel something of the tranquillity present on that occasion. As I thought about meeting the copy date I was reminded about the gardener's enemy with sight of a first scaly trail. A slug had already been on the march.

You may or may not wish to know some detail about our common enemy. The slug is a hermaphrodite, which means it has luck on its side when it comes to mustering troops for combat. It has both male and female reproductive organs, can mate with itself where and when it wishes - although delayed the work on the environmental projects which must be completed before the turn of the vear.

The farm's wildlife seem to have had a good winter and have made very good use of the bird seed strips and the over-winter set-aside stubbles. These will now be planted with a green manure

cover crop and then a crop of wheat next autumn.

Many of you have commented to me about the lack of birds in your gardens this winter and the fact that your bird tables have had very little use. To my mind there are two main reasons for this. First of all, the very mild winter and good food supply in the fields surrounding the village have reduced the need for them to come into the gardens for food and shelter. The second and most likely reason is that a

number of you have reported the presence of Sparrow Hawks. These predators have learnt that the bird table not only provides food for the small garden birds but for them as well. With environmental schemes on every farm in the parish, it is safer for the birds to be in the open fields than in the gardens, which provide the raptors and the cats with good ambush cover. Over the last few years we have seen a rapid expansion in the number of breeding raptors. This in itself is evidence of a strong population of small birds and animals because without them, the prey species, the predators would not be here.

George Fenemore 338203

I am advised it has been known for a slug to make love with another slug for up to 90 minutes! As a

consequence of these activities each slug can produce up to 36 eggs, several times a year. Can you begin to imagine the huge number of new slugs as a result? The white-jelly eggs are laid underground and hatch within 10-21 days, taking six weeks to reach adulthood. A slug has a lifespan of several years and every year it will grow bigger and destroy your garden. An average garden contains approximately 200 slugs. In season each slug can eat up to 0.8kg (nearly 2lbs) of plants. You might consider you are fighting a losing battle. They say that the best form of defence is attack. Next month some tips on how to

combat our common enemy.

With Easter approaching, together with the recent spell of good weather, serious thought should be given to planting out. Most common vegetables should be set down by the end of April. Good gardening. Tony Campion

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

Deddington News

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal under the heading of 'Deddington' from the month of April 1857:-

11th April - Impudent Robbery - About 10 o'clock at night some person stole from the shop of Mrs. Dean, Butcher, in the New Street, in this town, a forequarter of mutton, a neck and breast



and part of another neck of mutton, and a leg of pork, besides several odd pieces of meat. The shop door being close to the street, it is supposed the thief watched his opportunity and made off with his booty.

18th April Alarming Fire at -Clifton - The inhabitants of this usually guiet place were alarmed at about 12 noon by the cry of "Fire" which had broken out on the farm of Mr. William Elston. The alarm was given by the servant maid who witnessed flames protruding through the thatch of the barns. Intelligence was instantly despatched to Deddington for the fire engines, the fire bell was rung and the engines, accompanied by a good body of men, were quickly on the spot. The fire was confined to a large barn and an adjoining wagon hovel, both of which were burnt to the ground. Mr. & Mrs. Elston were both absent at the time, Mr. Elston being at Banbury Fair, a telegraph message was forwarded to him from Aynho Station.

DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

I live in Duns Tew not much more than a stone's throw from the corners of Deddington, Duns Tew and North Aston. Our house is closer to Deddington than to the other two villages. Over many years we're basically very frequent visitors to Deddington from across the boarder - visitors who are constantly benefiting from all that is good,

educational, inspirational, life supportable and 'befriendable' in that great village. I call Deddington my home village with apologies to its genuine subjects!

How could I have remained completely ignorant of a charitable society founded in 1972? I was totally ignorant of its Committee which worked overtime to get the village into the dancing mood, restore

some old customs, and develop sporting facilities. A Committee member of the now long wound up Deddington Society has given me a box full of the most interesting documents. As soon as I read the contents, I realised that back in the 1970s I had actually quite often enjoyed various entertainments laid on for the village by the Society.

My only excuse for not knowing who did the hard work behind the scene could be my slight remove from the hub of Deddington Parish matters! For the benefit of those who may have forgotten, I plan to bring to life that bit of Deddington history spanning the time of the Deddington Society's heydays, its

- 25th April Late Fire at Clifton Following rumours that the fire had been started wilfully, an investigation has resulted in the apprehension of a servant maid. She did not deny being the cause of the fire, but said that it was accidentally done. She was later charged with the offence and committed for trial at the next Oxford Assizes.
- Robbery from the Person Thomas Dolan, 28, a ruffianly-looking Irishman, discharged from the 22nd Foot, was charged with stealing from the person of a boy, Charles Adams, а handkerchief, of the value of 6d. Charles Adams said that he had met the prisoner on the road who was with another man and he had asked him if he had any bread - the boy said No, and the prisoner said he would slit his throat if he did not let him see what he had got, he put his hand in the boy's pocket and took his handkerchief which he went away with. The boy then went to his Father in Duns Tew who brought him to Deddington and informed the officer, W. Dixon, and went with him on the road Banbury where they overtook the to prisoner. The handkerchief was produced, and the prisoner was subsequently sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoner said – "I wish you would order me back to my own country, and then give me the hard labour there". The Bench told Paddy that they had no such power. Buffy Heywood

aims and achievements. My information comes solely from those documents entrusted to me, which consist of letters to Charity Commissioners, Inspector of Taxes, Local Authorities as well as pages and pages of the Deddington Society's Constitution and its objects. The objects are set out in a nutshell in an official looking note which reads:

> "OBJECTS. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Deddington without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of

improving conditions of life for said inhabitants." Quite a mouth full, and there is not a comma to be seen in this long sentence. Most interesting though, for my purpose, is a Minutes book, hand written. Sadly the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting on 29th Sept 1972 are missing and are only mentioned in the Chairman's report at the first AGM on 23rd October 1973 at which there were approx. 50 persons present, including the Officers and members of the Council. What a year of achievements it had been for the newly formed Society!

Ruth Johnson



Sir Thomas Pope

Thomas Pope was born, probably in 1507, into a yeoman farming family living at Leadenporch House in New Street. Thomas received a sound education at Banbury Grammar School and Eton College. Only 16 when his father died, he decided to pursue a career not in farming but in the law. Thomas was astute, able and diligent, and he acquired a useful reputation for loyalty to

his patrons. His astuteness was evident not least in his choice of those he chose to serve. Advancement at that time was not entirely divorced from talent, but it relied at least as much on good connections. He rose steadily in government service, not least through the patronage and friendship of the Lord Chancellor of England, Sir Thomas More. A tearful Pope was given the traumatic task of informing his friend at dawn on 6 July 1535 that he was to be

executed that morning. His distress was genuine, but he recovered sufficiently to take up service with Sir Thomas Audley, the man who had sentenced More to death.

Thomas remained a Catholic throughout his life, but he remained loyal also to the government of the day. In 1535 he was knighted and in 1536 he was further rewarded with the Treasurership of the Court of Augmentations, a preposterous (to us) sounding office that transformed his fortunes. He was in effect placed in charge, on behalf of the Crown, of the administration of 800 or so religious houses dissolved on the orders of



Henry VIII. Vast sums of money passed through his hands, and quite a lot seems to have stuck there. Thomas acquired 18 manors in Oxfordshire and much land in several other counties.

The Protestant regime of Edward VI can hardly have been to Thomas's taste, but he kept his head down and, consequently, on his shoulders. Queen Mary's policies were much more congenial, and Thomas became a

trusted councillor of that monarch. Among his duties was, in 1556, custody of the Princess Elizabeth, a task that he carried out with such tact that she bore him no illwill when she came to power.

In 1555 Thomas bought the site of the dissolved Durham College, a Benedictine foundation in Oxford, and established there a new college. Its name, Trinity College, had been the dedication of Durham College, but its retention for the new foundation eloquently testifies to Pope's religious convictions. There is no suggestion that he saw any irony in

spending part of the fortune he amassed as a result of the dissolution of the monasteries in founding a Catholic college.

Thomas died in London in 1559, possibly of malaria. His tomb, and that of his widow Elizabeth, are in Trinity College Chapel, albeit tidied away in a cupboard, the better to suit 17th-century Classical taste.

The Pope family rose inexorably into the peerage (as Earls of Downe) and out of Deddington. The family home, Leadenporch House, remains but there are no other memorials. *Chris Day*



From the Fire Station

This year to date we have attended 24 call outs: these include 4 road traffic collisions with persons trapped, 2 involving HGVs, a flood, a chimney, a petrol spillage, a car fire, a shed fire, a bin fire, a fire in an electrical junction box, a school fire in Bicester, several false alarms and standbys, and a call to release a lady who was locked in her own home.

Good news on the crewing front. Adam Franklin and Steve Ward have completed their basic training and we are looking forward to having them "on the run" in the next few weeks. I am also pleased to be



back on the run myself after breaking my leg on holiday.

It's that time of the year again – the "999 Annual Charity Challenge" a rowing competition between the

Health Centre Staff, The Police and ourselves is fast approaching, so fitness training is going to be the priority for the next month or so. We will be in the Market Place on our Rowers at the Farmers' Market on 28 April, please come and support us!!! The Police have won for the last 3 years – can we change it this year?

Thank you for all the cards, letters and messages of congratulations following my award of MBE in the New Years Honours list. I am looking forward to going to the Palace and will let you know how it goes!

Anne Waters, Watch Manager 338281

News from Hempton

The Easter Vigil and Service of Light normally held in the village on Saturday, Easter Eve, will this year be at Deddington Church at 8.30 pm. The Easter Service in St John's will be at 9.00am on Easter Day, when the Eucharist will be celebrated. This will be an extra service during April as Easter Day falls on 8 April, the second Sunday of the month. While on the subject of services, the congregation at the February Evensong totalled five, with three from this village and two from Deddington. To say this was disappointing would be putting it mildly. In 1988 28 households said they would support an evening service. I know households change over the years but it would be good to see more people at Evensong, which is always held at 6.00pm on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The Ladies' Tuesday Club celebrated their 7th anniversary with a lunch.

Recently the Table Tennis team had their first League win of the season when they defeated Ratley 6-4. They went out of the Cup when they lost an exciting match against Mollington by 9 points. However they are involved in a relegation battle with 3 other teams.

The letter from the family of Connor Rose can be seen in the Church porch. I will leave it up for another month.

Les Chappell 338054

Hello my name is Dave Hibbert the Sergeant responsible for the Policing of the rural area of Banbury. My area covers from Claydon with Clattercot in the North, across to Epwell in the West and down to Deddington in the South, some 30 parishes altogether. I currently have 2 Police Constables on my team, and in the summer they will be joined by two Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). I also have access to 8 Special Constables at Banbury, and they have been used to carry out extra patrols in the area.

Community policing is undergoing a change at the moment, you may have seen or heard about 'Neighbourhood Policing', a Government initiative which all Police Forces in England and Wales have to implement by April 2008. Basically the idea is to give local people more say in how their areas are policed, this is achieved by finding out what the community believes the priorities to be. This is done by conducting public meetings or door-to-door surveys, or even on-line surveys. Once the information is gathered the top three priorities are then given actions, which are then undertaken by the best agency to deal with them or to handle them, possibly the Police or the Local Authority. The actions are raised by a group called the NAG, Neighbourhood Action Group. These are a group of

people representing all the communities involved, and who are chosen to ensure that the issues raised are dealt with.

The rural area of Banbury will be working towards going 'Live' with Neighbourhood Policing by



August 2007, so there is a lot of work to be done by then, and you will be a major part of the process, so thank you in advance!

As far as crime in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton areas is concerned, from 1 April 2006 to 13 March 2007 there have been 83 offences reported, with 5 of these being detected. Over the same period last year 2005/06 there were 64 offences with 14 of those detected. There is no one type of crime that has seen a very large rise; figures are up across the board. The average crime figure for this period over the last 7 years is 81, so you are fractionally over that so far.

I am aware that many of you are concerned over the damage to the cricket pavilion and the Windmill centre, as well as disorderly behaviour in the Market Place. These areas have both been targeted by my officers and others at Banbury, and we will continue to do so. Once the PCSO's are recruited I will be able to provide a more visible uniformed presence in the village, and this will undoubtedly help.

You still live in a safe and relatively low crime area, and I aim to keep it that way.

PS 5573 DAVE HIBBERT 08458 505 505 david.hibbert@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



You are of course, reading this in the D e d d i n g t o n News; which in both printed a n d w e b

version is the place to find the latest NEWS about Deddington. With that in mind, it's worth remembering that Deddington OnLine does not attempt to cover the news in as timely a fashion.

What DOL aims to do is to provide a knowledge resource about the Parish. If you want to know more about almost anything to do with Clifton, Deddington or Hempton, then DOL is the place to look. Have a look at the Gallery section. There are some fascinating pictures of Deddington past and present.

We are always on the look-out for additional pictures, so if you have any which could be shared with others via your village web site, then do please let us know.

Paul Drawmer paul@drawmer.net 338450

FROM JEAN RUDGE, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Philip and I would like to thank everyone very much for their care, concern and support during Phil's most recent spell in hospital. It was a very anxious time, but he is now, we hope, on the mend!



Christian Aid Week - Grow a future.

Spring is a time for growth and life. Flowers and trees bursting into life, fields giving promise of crops to follow, birds and animals nesting and all of us looking forward with joy and hope. All except people for whom poverty makes hope scarce. So Christian Aid Week next month will be to 'Help poor communities grow a future'.

Each May we ask every household in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton to make a contribution through the familiar red envelopes which will drop through the letterbox in time for the national Christian Aid Week 13-19 May. To make this happen we ask once more for as many people as possible to be collectors – at least 40 are required to cover the three villages. If you have been a collector before you will hear from us soon, if you are willing to join please tell one of us as soon as possible so that we may all 'Help poor communities to grow' this Spring.

Pat Brittain 338685, Hugh Marshall 337761



CAN YOU HELP in RED CROSS WEEK 6th - 13th MAY 2007 ?

We need anyone in DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND CLIFTON who can spare a couple of hours one evening or at a weekend to volunteer to collect during Red Cross Week. No matter how small your



collection, it makes all the difference and is vital for the success of the Banbury Centre.

Red Cross rely on donations for all aspects of their work, from being on hand directly any disaster occurs to local services of Transport and Escort to an from local hospitals etc., Medical

Equipment Loan, Fire Victim Support and of course First Aid, all of which is provided by unpaid volunteers.

If you can possibly give some of your precious time, please help make our House to House Collection a success. Call Maggie Palin in Bloxham on 01295 730592

CALLING ALL CLUBS

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DOGS – Deddington Original Golf Society

DOGS aims to prove that that most infuriating game called golf can still be fun and an excuse for a great day out. The programme of events for 2007 begins on 2 May at Ellesborough: 24 May - the annual match versus DOGS (Dorchester-on-Thames) with dinner at The White Hart in Dorchester-on-Thames; 18 June - Burford Golf Club; 17 August - Kirtlington, with tuition for beginners and fun evening in Deddington; 19 September - Leamington County Golf Club. All this plus the DOGS Tour to Beardshall Priory in the Peak District in July promises a fun year. If you would like more details of how to join DOGS contact secretary **Barbara Budd on 338011 or** *e-mail barbara-budd@tiscali.co.uk*

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Bodicote (h) Lost 1-2 B.Durrant. Drayton Village (a) (Charity Cup) Won 4-2 B.Durrant, M.Pearson, M.Hewitt, K.Laird. Bloxham (h) (Benevolent Cup) Won 3-1

M.Hewitt, D.Keys (2).

Hethe (h) Lost 0-6

The 1st team has had some excellent form in the Cup competitions. Two goals from Danny Keys put the team into the semi-finals of the Benevolent Cup at the expense of Bloxham. Micky Hewitt, on his return to the club, was the other scorer. Micky Hewitt was also on target in the Charity Cup win over Drayton Village as the team made a tremendous comeback after being 2-0 down. Leading scorer Ben Durrant also found the back of the net in that game.

Reserve Team Results

Hethe Res (a) Lost 1-4 A.Bliss.

Bodicote Rees (h) Won 3-0 A.Bliss, G.Morbey (2).

The Reserve side has been in action only twice recently due to the very wet weather postponing games. Player Manager Aaron Bliss scored in both matches that were played and in the process helped the team to a convincing victory over Bodicote Res. Guy Morbey also helped himself to a brace in the Bodicote match. The team remain in a mid-table position.

75 Club Winners: 16/2/07 M.Simons £50; 23/2/07 G.Reason £50; 2/3/07 G.Reason £100; 9/3/07 D.Doggett £50. If anyone would like to be part of the 75 Club and have a chance of becoming a winner, please speak to any club member who will be pleased to give you more details. In the process you will also be supporting your local football team.

Finally, many thanks to the British Legion for hosting the very successful Race Night and a big thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the evening.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Deddington Badminton Club

We are nearing the end of our season with the last senior club night on 24th April and our junior club finishing before Easter. All our teams are ending the season with little fear of relegation. Our Mixed B team may still reach Division 2 with promotion being 2 matches away. We start again on the first Tuesday in September. For final team news see www.btbl.org.uk

Mark Tyler 338056 lan Cartledge 01295 720177

Tennis Club

Clocks going forward means club nights on Wednesdays from 6 pm. Tuesday and Sunday mornings are other regular "turn up and play" club sessions. The floodlit season is just about complete with Carl Field's C team being the heroes this year, going up into Division 3 and overtaking the B team. We have 3 teams in the Banbury District Summer League this year.

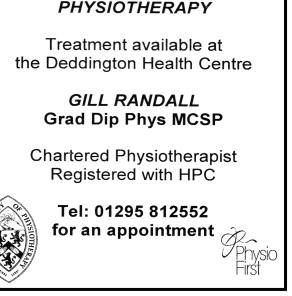
Our Open Day is 6 May from 2-5 pm at the tennis courts. Everybody is welcome including young mini tennis players. There is an adult only Open Evening on 16 May from 6 pm - just turn up as we have some spare rackets.

Children's lessons start again on Tuesdays and Fridays from 17 April. Contact the coach, Steve Ashby about this on 01295 263855 or steveA@1stserve.co.uk.

Katie McGovern 01869 338771 1st Deddington Guides

We've had a busy few weeks. Many of the Guides enjoyed the District Thinking Day celebrations with Brownies and Guides from surrounding villages. A variety of activities were laid on and a chance to try them all. We entered two patrols in the Cherwell Division competition "Fooderama" - food tasting, feeling, carving, pancake tossing etc. We had a super evening and came 3rd and 7th: well done We hope to see you at our evening Guides! entertainment 'A funny day in fairytale land' when we will be raising money for NSPCC and Macmillan Nurses - both charities chosen by the Guides. It's been great fun rehearsing, with a lot of improvising with script and costumes. The Guides attended the Mothering Sunday service at Deddington and we will finish the term with an Easter Egg hunt.

Maggie Rampley, Guider



1st Deddington Brownies

First a big welcome to our new Brown Owl, Anne Kent, and thanks to the previous Brown Owl, Jo Ransome, for her commitment to the Brownies over the past five years. Brown Owl would also like to say thanks to the Mums and others who give her such support. The year has got off to a busy start.

We made didgeridoos for Australia Day, encouraged birds into our gardens with homemade bird feeders, made daffodils and completed a quiz for St David's Day, and joined Brownies and Guides from Deddington, Adderbury and Middle Barton for an afternoon of activities to celebrate Thinking Day.

Four new Brownies made their promises on 26 February - welcome to the pack Holly, Olivia, Elen and Chloe. Brownies is open to girls aged 7 to 10 and meets on Monday evenings. There is a waiting list, to join it please contact Brown Owl via our new website at www.1stdeddingtonbrownies.co.uk.

Lucy Squires

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Since Christmas we have welcomed Edward T into the Anchors and the Juniors welcomed Ben Howard-Buck as a new helper. Ben (17) is a member of our Company Section and becomes our first member to progress towards becoming an officer in the company.

In early January our 5-a-side football teams (Anchor, Junior and Company) took part and were runners up in their respective Oxfordshire BB competitions. In February, Max won the individual Oxfordshire BB Table Tennis competition. In March our Juniors won the Oxfordshire BB Figure Marching Cup and were runners-up in the Oxfordshire BB Team Games competition.

On 4 February the BB, together with DYG led a very enjoyable family service at Deddington Parish Church. Our band played all the hymns and our boys led the prayers, read readings and acted out some of the parables of Jesus. The BB would like to thank the family and friends of Sidney Berry for giving so generously to the BB following his recent funeral. Many of our boys can recall meeting with Mr Berry at recent Remembrance parades and listening to him recall how he won his medals in the War. We are very pleased that he enjoyed our band in recent years.

The spring is always a busy time for the BB; our boys are taking part in a number of competitions over the next few months and working hard towards their badges. Watch out for the BB Battalion parade through Deddington in May! Please remember that the BB is open to boys aged 5 to 18 and in Deddington we have over 40 members supported by 12 adult leaders in three sections (Anchors 5, 6 & 7; Juniors 8, 9 & 10; and Company 11+). We still need leaders to come forward, especially to work with our older boys in the Company.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington Babies & Toddlers

If you are at home on a Friday with a baby and/or toddler, we would love to see you at our friendly playgroup. We meet every week from 9.30 am to 11.30 am - apart from Good Friday. You'll find plenty to occupy pre-school children of all ages, as well as tea or coffee and a chat for Mums, Dads or carers. See you there!

Emma Durand

Book Club

During March we read *Blood and Sand*, a personal account of the Islamic world by the BBC correspondent Frank Gardner.

At our last meeting we exchanged our thoughts on *Shalimar the Clown* by Salman Rushdie. Here is a summary of the group's conclusions: 'A laboriously slow start and a very weak ending, but worth persevering as the parts set in the villages of Kashmir are intensely moving and give a sense of the tragedy of the conflict there. Archetypal Rushdie - tediously complex and poetically beautifully by turns, with a few snatches of humour.' Next Book: Small Island by Andrea Levy. Next meeting 26 April. All welcome. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094



Deddington News

CALLING EVEN MORE CLUBS

Deddington and District History Society

Our March speaker, Elizabeth Gemmill, gave an enlightening talk on *The Medieval Household*, explaining not only the differences between then and now but also the many, often unexpected, similarities in terms of size, organization and affection.

Please note that our meeting on Wednesday 11 April will not be in Deddington but at the archives of Oxford University Press (Walton Street, Oxford), to which a private visit has been arranged. Those booked to attend should arrive at the main (Walton Street) entrance of OUP promptly at 6.30. It may not be possible to admit latecomers. Parking is available nearby in Walton Street and in Wellington Square. I have arranged a second visit, for those unable to attend in April, on Wednesday 2 May, also at 6.30pm. If you would like to go, please contact Moira Byast on 338637. Our next meeting at the Windmill Centre will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 May, when Chris Galloway will speak on Ditchley Park in preparation for our visit and guided tour on 13 June. Chris Day 337204

PFSU

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt with F1 in the last week of term. We will also be joining in with the 'Easter Eggstravaganza' with the Village Nursery on 30 March.

Our topic this term is 'mini-beasts', we will be endeavouring to make a 'wormery' – a bit yucky for the staff but the children will love it! We are currently redesigning our allotment area and undertaking a lot of work generally in the garden, any donations of plants or seeds would be gratefully received.

We have appointed a Music Teacher who will be starting music classes this term, incorporating both instruments and singing. 'Yoga Bugs' is well underway; the children are very enthusiastic and are really enjoying the classes.

Emma Thompson

VILLAGE NURSERY

Our 'Pamper Night' which was held on Friday 23 March was a great success. Among other things the evening's pampering included facials, manicures, reflexology and Indian head massages. Shopping was the other major event and the wonderful array of stalls provided lots of opportunity to spend! Many thanks to Sam Harding and the other mums who helped to organise this event.

We are having an 'Easter Eggstravaganza' on Friday 30 March at The Village Nursery, between 12:15 and 1:45pm. The children will be decorating fairy cakes, making Easter baskets, face painting and going on a 'bunny hunt'. Tickets are £3 per child or £5 per family available from the Village Nursery or PFSU.

We had a great response to our 'Transport' topic last term, our thanks to Anne Waters at Deddington Fire Station who bought along the Fire Engine. Also thanks to Richard Tuthill for bringing along his Racing Car. As you can imagine these two forms of transport stirred up a huge amount of excitement from the children - it's great that we can provide such visual forms of learning direct from our community. Our topic this term is mini-beasts, as always let Anna know if you have something to contribute. *Emma Thompson*



Creating an *inspiring climate awareness* in Oxfordshire

The Oxfordshire ClimateXChange is a new Climate Change project for Oxfordshire. It's about you, your family, your neighbour, your street, your pub, school, business, church all getting 'fantastically imaginative' about climate change. How do you feel? What do you want to know? How do you want

to find it out? What do you want to do? ClimateXChange is here to help you do all that. Turn climate change on its head, dive in and experience the thrill of the adventure.

Climate explorers

We're recruiting volunteer 'climate explorers' to help generate a

climate buzz across Oxfordshire - people like you! Do you want to organise an event? Maybe you want to learn how to make your local climate film? Perhaps you want to speak about climate change to your club?

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SPARROWHAWK

Beauty and daring combine in this swashbuckling raptor - a skilful predator, stealing songbirds, rattling cat nerves, invading the bird feeder, causing alarm and fright. We call meetings and issue warrants while she takes what she wants without permission or reprehension. It is what teenagers do.



Sweeping low, dashing when required, the hawk weaves from side to side along a hedge, hunting small mammals and birds. She has an athletic trimness, and a long narrow banded tail that adds to the beauty of the bird.

In 1952, Hollom (*The Popular Handbook of British Birds*, P.A.D. Hollom, 1963, H.F. & G. Witherby Ltd.) observed that the sparrowhawk had seriously

declined where woodland had vanished; we know from recent parish records that sparrowhawks have adjusted to this deprivation. If they were more numerous, they would be a pest. As it is, they are seen very often, not only along the hedges, but also in the garden. Mrs G M Cozens (Deddington), writes: 'A large cock sparrowhawk sat for at least four minutes on a rose frame in my garden on 9 February. He had no luck that day.'

'We see sparrowhawks in our garden from time to time. Once one crashed into a window, and we thought he was dead. He was lying on his back with his feet in the air, but on closer inspection, we saw that he was still alive. We left him alone, and after ten minutes he was upright, and after a further ten minutes or so he flew away.' Jill Cheeseman (Deddington). University's Environmental Change Institute with partner organisations including: Abingdon Specialist Schools Partnership, Christian Concern for One World, Common Purpose Oxfordshire, Earth from the Air, Northmoor Trust, Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes, Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum, Oxfordshire Rural

Community Council, Oxfordshire Town Chambers Network, Place Group (education consultancy), Red Redemption Ltd (makers of the Climate Challenge BBC game), Sustrans South East, Thames Water.

Climate-X-Change will run through 2007, Oxfordshire's **1000th** anniversary. Read more about them:

www.climatex.org Jo Hamilton, ClimateXchange Co-ordinator, Oxford University Centre for the Environment. 01865 275856 johamilton@ouce.ox.ac.uk

Anne Barlow (Deddington) sent a photo of a female sparrowhawk perched on a trellis in her garden, back turned to the camera. The nonchalance of the predator! 'What was noticeable (unsurprisingly) was the absolute quiet in the garden. I leave food out for the garden birds, and they were all absent for quite some time after the bird of prey had been around.'

'Here is our sparrowhawk story ... We have house cats. They have their own section of the garden which is roofed and fenced. One Sunday afternoon in July last year, we were sitting in with the cats, having an afternoon 'cuppa', when there was a loud feathery swishing noise, and a sparrowhawk landed in the garden, some five feet from where we were sitting, clutching a small bird in its right claw. Four cats immediately launched themselves at the wire mesh of the cat garden. The sparrowhawk made a noise and loosened his grip on his prey, which flew away. It all happened so quickly, but I will never forget the baleful look in the hawk's eye as it looked straight at us.' Moira Byast (Hempton).

Here we have evidence for reclassification. The sparrowhawk, effigy and figure of wildness, lives in association with human settlement and habitation, like the blue tit, dunnock, jackdaw, wood pigeon, swallow, swift, hedgehog, pipistrelle bat, slug and snail. Improbably, perhaps, the sparrowhawk is becoming a garden bird.

Walter L. Meagher

(Walter now has a list of 112 species from the observations of 27 observers in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. He is printing 50 copies of a *Parish Register of Birds* and hopes to have it available at the April Farmers' Market. Ed)

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April 2007

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

DEDDINGTON -

HELPLINES

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PHILCOTE STREET:	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01865 242373	
Molly Neild, 1 Philcote Street 338521	ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIET	Y 01295 750622	
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