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Thanks to several people in the parish DN has successfully moved our production operations to the Windmill Centre. Many thanks to the primary school for housing us for so many years and we look forward to seeing their dramatic productions, making the most of the space we have vacated for their rehearsals.

April

- Wed 1 School production: Peter Pan, Parish Church, evening
- Wed 1 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10pm
- Wed 1 Photographic Society: AGM plus *Venice, Colours of the City*, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm **p13**
- Thu 2 School production: Peter Pan, Parish Church
- Sat 4 PTA: Pete Boss and The Bluehearts, and Indigo Child, Windmill Centre **p3**
- Sat 4 Police Neighbourhood Group: Deddington and Hempton **p2**
- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
- Wed 8 Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5-7pm
- Wed 8 History Society: Mark Davies, *Oxford's Waterways and Canals*, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm **p15**
- Thu 9 Children's activities: Parish Church, 9.15am-12.45pm
- Tue 14 WI: *It All Started With Avon*, Amy Duckett, Holly Tree, 7.30pm **p14**
- Wed 15 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Thu 16 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Wed 22 Deddington APCM, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 25 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.30am-12.30pm
- Sun 26 Police Neighbourhood Group: Clifton
- Wed 29 LYRA concert, Parish Church
- Thu 30 Book Club: Call Sally Lambert on 338094 for venue **p14**

May

- Fri 1 DOGS: Full day's golf at Cotswold Hills Golf Club **p15**
- Wed 6 Photographic Society: Workshop, Table Top Photography, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm **p13**
- Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10pm
- Wed 6 Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Mon 11 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am-noon
- Tue 12 WI
- Wed 13 History Society: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 16 Bowls Club: Cake and plant stall, under the Town Hall, 9.00am
- Sun 17 PTA: 5th Deddington walk **p3**
- Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Town Hall 18 March 2009

Present: Cllrs Flux [Chair], Ince, Privett, Rudge, Squires, Todd, Watts, Westbury, Wood, OCC Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, Minute Clerk and DN correspondent.

County Council Report

The Police Neighbourhood group will be in Deddington and Hempton on Saturday 4 April, and in Clifton on 26 April for residential consultation.

Finance & General Purposes

PC income: Less income than forecast because of lower interest rates. Further information will be made available on Deddington OnLine at www.deddington.org.uk/forum.

Town Hall: Painting may be held over to next year.

Allotments: Satin Lane shed to be charged to Capital reserve. Invoices will be sent out when draft agreement available. Stone Pits title confirmed, cost to be charged to acquisition of asset.

Building insurance: A schedule of all insurance was reviewed and the value was questioned, particularly for the sports pavilions at WCC. PC to evaluate pragmatically and where appropriate 'own insure'.

WCC Club rents: all rents are to be reviewed.

Cricket Club: The business plan submitted was accepted and a loan of £4,000 agreed to be repaid in four annual instalments.

Health Centre pharmacy: Thames Valley Primary Care Agency have confirmed the 'rural' designation for Deddington, enabling the retention of the pharmacy.

Planning

PC no objection: [1] Treholford, New Street, felling walnut tree. [2] 2 St Thomas St, felling an elder, replacing with a silver birch. [3] Sentry House, Castle St, trimming and pruning five oak trees. [4] OCC Depot, Banbury Road: site is to be extended to the adjacent field to the north. Works to include the replacement of temporary office building with a two-storey structure, vehicle park and 27.5 feet high curved canopy to store rock salt. Concern expressed about the intrusion of the building into the skyline, increased light pollution, and the impact of the curved canopy roof which will need to be painted in a non-reflective appropriate colour. However with these qualifications PC did not object. *Approvals:* [5] Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, restoration of Bradstone cladding and repainting.

Highways

Walk to School Week: commencing 18 May, Speedwatch posters will be distributed around the parish.

59 bus service: The Oxford-Banbury service is being upgraded and a digital information status sign has been offered.

Southgate pinchpoint: Complaint that 7.5 tonne weight restriction and 'give way' signs on the way to Clifton are being ignored. OCC to investigate.

Speed Indicator Display [SID]: The unit delivered to Deddington is to be shared with 35 villages and will not be deployed in the parish often. Earl's Lane is a candidate road when Deddington gets the SID.

High St traffic lights: Support is being sought to lobby OCC for reconsideration.

Street lighting: Walnut Close, Clifton will be the first to experiment with switching off lights between 00.30 and 05.30am. OCC has highlighted the carbon emissions of street lighting and are considering turning off lights in some areas between 00.30 to 05.30 hrs if the residents affected agree. Anyone interested in this energy-saving initiative should contact PC. If you have already consulted neighbours then please include that information.

Parking: A definitive ruling on street parking will be available from the PC office when required. There appears to be little scope to ease the problem because of legislation and lack of convenient parking space availability.

St Thomas Street: Parking congestion at the lower end near Satin Lane is causing traffic problems and several near miss accidents have been reported.

Recreation:

Fitness trail: Castle Grounds would be the most suitable site. Equipment and signage would need to be vandal proof. Parking facilities would also need to be improved. The clearance of the entrance to the Castle Grounds has been approved. The possibility of a working group to promote and project manage the development was suggested.

Annual fair: The annual fee to the operator was increased to £230. The problem of large trucks blocking access to shops will be avoided this year. Damage from last year's fair to the Market Place tarmac will be pointed out to the operator.

Environment & Special Projects

Wildflower sites: Cemetery site inspected and approved by consultant, awaiting his report.

Deddington planters: Nicholsons have started work, signage yet to seen.

Hanging baskets: The Unicorn PH has sponsored the planting this year.

Dog bins: Hempton Rd bin has now been emptied and the Clifton bin relocated.

War memorial cemetery: Clearance of thorns, ivy and over-hanging trees has started.

Hempton Rd cemetery: New cemetery costs and regulations submitted for circulation to funeral directors. In conjunction with the risk assessment, all gravestones to be inspected once a year. Costs of hard standing for water trough and waste bins to be investigated.

AOB Cllr Helen Spencer has resigned from PC, volunteers for selection for co-option on to the council by 13 May 2009. If interested please contact Parish Clerk.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £3,189.14. Investments totalled £533,069 at West Brom BS, Barclays, Birmingham Midshires BS & Anglo Irish Bank.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 15 April 2009 at the Town Hall.

SCHOOL NEWS

As we look forward to April and our school performances, I thought it would be an opportunity to let a Year 6 pupil report to you on the wonderful week we had at Yenworthy in North Devon. I think the recount below really captures the fun we had!

Yenworthy was a brilliant experience for all of Deddington School's Year 6 class. We made an early departure for Devon at around 7.30am and after a long journey we finally arrived at 1pm. Throughout the week we did a large range of exhausting, yet exciting activities, from making our beds to the exhilarating zip wire! These were led by Yenworthy's instructors; they were firm but fair and were a good laugh!

Our highlight was definitely the canoeing; we

learnt lots of useful skills like learning knots to tie the canoes together and sailing like pirates across a large reservoir. Even the adults joined in; we threw snowballs (we had snow!) and splashed them with water! Throughout the week, after getting wet and cold we all looked forward to a soothing, cooked dinner. The dumplings and beef stew went down particularly well after getting drenched from the heavy rain and the roast was amazing.

So after a long week of getting lost in woods, getting stuck in-between rocks while coasteering and clambering over nine foot walls, we said our thanks, took one last photo and set off home.

James Burkill, Year 6

Jane Cross

Deputy Head Teacher 338430

PTA

As you read this, we will know which team won our popular Quiz Night. I will report on the amount raised next month. Mean time, thanks to our brilliant quiz masters, Mike and Heather Ward and Alan Collins, those who generously supported the event and those who helped make it such a successful evening.

On Saturday 4 April we are back at the Windmill running the bar during a live performance from two successful local bands: Pete Boss and The Bluehearts and Indigo Child. This is destined to be a fab night of contemporary rhythm and blues complemented by Indigo Child's classic party selection which is guaranteed to get the evening started in a lively manner! Tickets are £7.00 (£8.00 on the door) available from Pete Boss, The Old Farmhouse, New Street, Deddington OX15 0ST, email pboss@btinternet.com or tel 338536.

Have you completed your order form for our superb summer bedding plants and hanging baskets yet? The deadline is Friday 3 April. Orders need to be placed in the appropriate box in the school reception area. The plants were hugely successful

last year and many people wished they had put in an order when they saw the plants arrive! Don't let the same thing happen this year – get your order in asap! We are sure that the plants will provide great pleasure during the long hot summer days ahead.

The 5th Annual Deddington Walk – 'Walk this way and meet the Music Makers!' is on Sunday 17 May. There is a completely new route with trump cards to collect and lots of excitement. The Walk is open to all – not just school children! Register early to make sure you don't miss out – visit www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk, email deddington@cherwell.co.uk or phone 338750. There will be sizzling hot bacon rolls to start the day and a delicious BBQ, bar and entertainment laid on for your return. Who will you meet en route? Heaps of fun along with a bit of exercise - what better way to spend a sunny spring Sunday morning?

Dates for your diary: 17 May – 5th Annual Deddington Walk; 20 June – School Fete; 6 November – Fireworks Night (yes, we have already been asked for this).

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

April

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed 1 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 2 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 5 10.30am Eucharist with Procession
 Palm Sunday
 Wed 8 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 9 9.00pm Eucharist
 Fri 10 9.30am Hot Cross Bun Service
 Sun 12 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Eucharist
 Wed 15 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 16 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 19 10.30am Eucharist
 Wed 22 10.00am Eucharist
 Sun 26 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Morning Worship

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Suns 10.30am

Preachers 26 April John Neale

Bible Study

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

St John's, Hempton

Sun 5 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 12 6.00am Sunrise Eucharist
 Sun 19 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 26 6.00pm Evensong

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

The Vicar will be abroad for three months from February to April and the Reverend John Dane will be Priest-in-Charge during that period.

Pastor I Walton 337157

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Sunday afternoon services have been resumed following the winter break

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation

Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

Sunday 12 April 3.00pm Easter Service with Communion

Mrs J Minnear 338529

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Rev A J Burns 277396

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

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

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

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

Sun 5 Masses at Hethe and Adderbury at usual times but preceded in both cases by blessing and distribution of palms.

Thu 9 7.30pm Maunday Thursday Hethe only

Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching at the Altar of Repose

Fri 10 Good Friday Hethe only

3.00pm Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 11 8.30pm Hethe only

Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter

Sun 12 8.30am Adderbury Mass

10.00am Hethe Mass



The people who suffer most when world finances get in a mess

are, inevitably, those who are already poor. For this reason, this year Christian Aid Week is even more important than ever and members of Deddington churches will next month be working to invite every household in the parish to give generously to bring food, clean water and hope to the

millions for whom daily life is increasingly difficult. Although we trust that many who helped the house-to-house collection last year will be available to do so again, next month we would welcome several more volunteers.

Christian Aid Week is 10 – 16 May and we would be very glad to hear from anyone who could give an hour or two that week. Please contact Pat Brittain (338685) or Hugh and Diana Marshall (337761).

2009 festival deddington!

**Deddington
Festival 2009
25 June – 5 July**

Thursday 25 June

Community Concert

Friday 26 June

Craft Exhibition; School Concert

Literary Evening including Writing Competition

Winners and Open Forum

Saturday 27 June

Farmers' Market; Art Exhibition; Craft Exhibition

Open Gardens

Orchestral Masterpieces

with Oxford Sinfonia Orchestra

Sunday 28 June

Art Exhibition; Craft Exhibition; Open Gardens

Palm Court Ensemble

Monday 29 June

Children's Storytime in the Library

Thursday 2 July

Authors' Evening in the Library

Friday 3 July

Poetry Please Evening

Saturday 4 July

Art Exhibition; Daeda's Wood Guided Walk

Art Workshop

Stekpanna Concert

Sunday 5 July

Art Exhibition

Events still to be timetabled include

Deddington and District History Society Exhibition

'Historical Wills and Inventories'

Walter Meagher

Guided Walk

All events subject to confirmation
More details, and photos from 2008 on our website
at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

Deddington Farmers' Market

The April market is on 25th of the month. Hopefully we will really be into the growing season, and your garden will be bursting with energy. One of the best things about the produce from the market is its freshness. Have you noticed how much longer your veggies keep and how superior they taste when bought fresh? Now Deddington Farmers' Market has a way to help you get more fresh food. Grow your own! If you want to try this rewarding pastime, you can buy vegetable plants from the market, ready to be planted out so that you can have more fresh food for more of the time. For a family cook, fresh herbs can make the difference between good food and special flavour. Plant your own fresh herbs for that year round flavour lift!

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Thirty days to go

With the deadline for entries being 30 April, writers and poets still have time to complete their entry for the Deddington Writing Competition. Details can be downloaded from www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk and are available from local libraries or from 7 The Daedings, Deddington. The topic for entries in the Open Competition is 'Journey', and for Juniors it is 'The Secret', but it is essential that every entry should comply exactly with the Competition Rules and be submitted with a completed entry form. Entries which do not comply will be disqualified.

The competition, which is now in its fourth year, offers those who enjoy writing an opportunity to have their work read by experienced writers and judged alongside other aspiring authors by one of the four judges who were listed in last month's *Deddington News*. The judges will announce the winners and speak about the work of an author at the award-giving evening on Friday 26 June – more details next month.

Hugh Marshall 337761



Many people are realising that we have seen a permanent change in the way that we communicate news, advertising and opinion. We are changing the way we seek visual entertainment as well. Do you remember the steel rack for holding newspapers, so that you could grab one on the way to your train? I saw a picture (on the internet of course) of a huge pile of these, unused and waiting to be recycled. Newspapers are almost dead in printed form; even the free issues are almost gone. The replacement, of course, is the internet. Web-based newspapers and aggregators of news stories have a greater readership than the old black printed stuff that you could read on the train and made your hands filthy. With a newspaper, if you had a comment to make you could write to the editor. If you had a good weekly local paper your comment could be read by thousands within a week. And a week later you might get some feedback on your opinion. Now you can use the forum on DOL. Your comments will be read by thousands, and you can get feedback in seconds.

Want to have your say? Put it on the forum!

Paul Drawmer 338450
paul@drawmer.net

If the asparagus is early, there may be some available. The season 'officially' starts on 1 May, but I expect there will be some early shoots at our April market, and our weather doesn't know the official dates. Have you tried eating a soft-boiled egg with asparagus dipped in it? Asparagus goes well with bacon too; it's an excellent breakfast food.

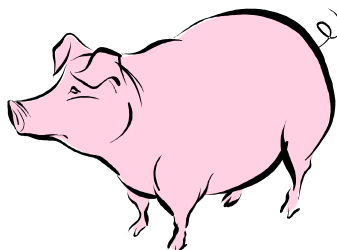
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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

9th April - Egerton called this evening and announced that he, Mr Burgess and Mr Cave had all received Notice to Quit posts as Curates and assistant ditto here – in 6 months from this day – sad tidings but long expected. *[Due to Rev Brogden's future return]*

20th April - On my return from Clifton, about half way, the horse took fright at two pigs and upset the dog cart off the road – pitching me out on one side – the cart luckily not falling on me tho' resting on one wheel only. I soon got up and felt somewhat shaken and



became more or less stiff, my hat saved my head, the brim in front being broken and the edge at the top was considerably indented. God be thanked the accident was attended with no worse consequence either to myself or to Edmund the coachman who was driving – and escaped better than I did. Luckily some labouring men were at hand and they held the horse's head down till we had cut the traces and liberated him – he was uninjured – the dog cart wing

was smashed and bent. The horse was led home by Edmund and the dog cart brought home by two men and I walked home with Radway.

21st April - We heard from John again (from Egypt), two very interesting and satisfactory letters.

25th April - Mr Brogden returned again as Vicar for the third time after an absence of more than two years in London.

26th April - I found on my return from Church at Clifton that the Vestry here (Mr Brogden being in the Chair) had elected two new Churchwardens, he having chosen Mr Field as his Churchwarden and the Parish Mr Gulliver, without opposition. I was not present having Duty at Clifton, added to which I had determined otherwise, ie not to be present at a Vestry presided over by Mr Brogden – and so to be spared any act of opposition towards him – which must have occurred had I been present – as both the new Churchwardens were chosen out of a spirit of opposition and annoyance to the present Clergy and their supporters. I should have opposed Mr Gulliver's appointment – and a poll would have ensued. There were others who ought to have been present and done so – but came to the meeting too late.

28th April – Mr Brogden left this place again last night by the last train.

Buffy Heywood
338212

The 5th annual
Deddington Walk

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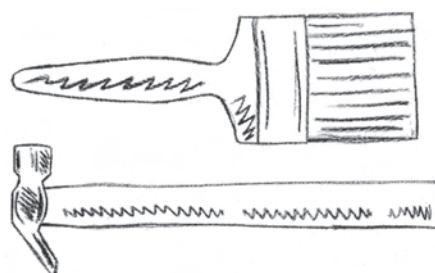
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WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

As reported last month, the planning application for the wind turbine has been withdrawn from Cherwell DC pending further research and consultation. We said that if the turbine project were to fall at any hurdle – be it planning or funding – we would look at alternative sources of renewable energy.

We planned to approach the Sita Trust for grant aid and we have just discovered a change in the conditions under which they offer grants for Community Enhancement Projects. This means that we have to move fast (before 31 March) if we are to ask them for funding. Consequently we are urgently looking at the alternative of photovoltaic solar panels for the south facing roof. First indications are that the capital outlay will be about the same as for the turbine (£55K), but the output of generated electricity will be much lower (about one-third that of the turbine). Watch this space for news of our progress.

Meanwhile we are very pleased to note that the energy saving from the new gas boiler is remarkable. Timer switches on both heating and hot water supplies have enhanced the energy saving further. Energy costs are one of the centre's largest overheads; by holding costs or making savings here we keep our user fees some of the lowest in the area.

Mark Tyler, Chairman
338056

News from Hempton

The interior of St John's including the ceilings, walls and beams has been completely decorated over recent weeks and the decorated area over the altar restored as well. This job was extremely difficult due to the tall nature of the church and moving heavy pews out of the way. The work was done to a high standard by Pete Cantwell of Moreton-in-Marsh. The church will be open on a daily basis at the start of British Summer Time. Are you a Friend of the church or would you like to become one? Subscriptions are now due and can be paid to any member of the Committee. Membership fees are £5 minimum per family or £3 per individual. Your contributions help pay for the maintenance of the church for which the Friends are responsible.

The Easter Sunday service this year will be something different, with a Sunrise Eucharist at 6.00am on 12 April. Let's hope for a good congregation to make it worthwhile. Light refreshments will follow the service.

The table tennis team have had two draws recently against Ratley and Bodicote as they battle to avoid relegation. As you read this they will have played their semi-final of the Handicap Cup, also against Ratley. The result will be published in next month's issue.

I have had several replies to our advert for use of the Church Hall, so advertising pays.

Les Chappell 338054



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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

E-MAIL FROM JOHN DAY, MILL CLOSE,
DEDDINGTON

To provide balance I would like to respond to Christopher Hall's letter in the March DN. It was a nice letter but biased in regard to the objectors to the wind turbine proposal. As one who vigorously opposes the turbine I would like to make a few things clear.

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KRISTIN THOMPSON
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letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

1. At no point has the Windmill Centre provided a viability study comparing the costs and impacts of alternative energies and, to my knowledge, they have not undertaken detailed studies to show how the Centre's electricity is being used.

2. Acceptable noise levels are down to individuals and everyone has the right to object to additional noise disturbance. I moved from a location with similar constant background noise in order to appreciate the quiet natural noise of the countryside.

3. Any grant money is not only available for a wind turbine. The Sita Trust is open to all environmental schemes and will judge them on their merits.

4. The reference to nuclear power is interesting as a number of experts believe that expanding nuclear power is the only true 'green' solution to replacing fossil fuels. (I would not want a nuclear power station in the village either.)

5. Many questions put to the WCC by objectors have never been answered to our satisfaction.

6. Christopher Hall extols the virtue of solar power. This is a solution I would like investigated properly by the WCC. This, I believe, would receive support from all objectors.

7. If the National Grid wanted to put an energy pylon in Christopher Hall's back garden he might want to object. If so, I do not think I would suggest that he is

living in the past and ignoring an essential technological development.

My biggest objection to the scheme is that it is not economically viable. I find it hard to accept that anyone believes that spending £40,000 on a scheme that will need replacing before the true payback period has been

reached is a good idea. It certainly isn't a good idea for the environment – after all, how much waste does The Sita Trust need to put into landfill to make the £40,000 the WCC would ask for as a grant?

FROM SUSAN GETCHELL, FLORIDA

In remembrance of Beryl & Dick Fisher who passed away April 2 and April 21 2007

It's lonesome here without you
We miss you more each day
Life doesn't seem the same
Since you've gone away.
When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong
We seem to hear you whisper
'Cheer up and carry on'.
Each time we see your pictures
You seem to smile and say
'Don't cry, we're in God's keeping
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It's been two years since God called you both home
and may the angels keep you safe.
Mum, Susan, Shaun & Josh

Written by Susan Getchell, daughter of Beryl & Dick

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I am one of your local Police Community Support Officers. I am available for talks at Scouts and Cubs if required. I can talk about Crime Prevention or any topic that is felt would be beneficial to them. Please contact me on 07890672173. I am also available for any other clubs or meetings in Deddington.



Lana Smith
C9930

IT'S ALL GROW

On the Farm

According to my old weather almanac, if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb, but if it comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion. Well, this month so far has been very lamb-like, both in weather terms and in the barn. This has meant that we have been able to get the ewes and their lambs out into the grass paddocks within 36 hours of being born, so we have not had the disease and have missed the mothering problems that come with having to hold them back in the barns due to difficult weather conditions. If the month of March goes out like a lion the almanac entry for April is full of promise as it reads 'when April blows his horn 'tis good for hay and corn'. We shall need a good crop of hay this year as our hay stocks are at an all-time low after last summer's very poor crop.

Although the night-time temperatures are still quite low, the warm early spring sunshine has brought the crops on well with the late drilled oil seed rape showing good promise. The recent dry weather has meant the spring beans were planted in good conditions with the dust blowing.

The bees have also got off to a good start with all the colonies gathering large amounts of pollen from the early spring flowers and the goat willow (pussy willow) which is now in flower, a good indication that the queen has started to lay. Contrary to the doom about the demise of the honey bee we have not seen any winter losses so far. With the sunny days it is very tempting to open up the hives and have a

look inside but it is still too cool to risk even a brief inspection as the young brood are easily chilled and would quickly die. This would set the whole colony back, delaying the start of the honey season, and my queen breeding programme.

Many of the farmyard birds have made an early start to the breeding season and it won't be long before the swallows return from Africa, always a welcome sight. Another spring visitor which is always a pleasure to see is the curlew. Two pairs have now returned from their over-winter stay in the Wash and with any luck a few more will follow. Out of all the different species of bird that we have on the farm, for me the return of the curlew is always a special event as it was the first bird I heard and saw when I walked the farm as a prospective tenant 35 years ago.

After the last two bad summers the moth populations at Home Farm are somewhat depleted, but small numbers are beginning to come to the light traps and the numbers should increase as the weather warms up. It is pleasing to record four species of butterfly on the wing in the first two weeks of March.

Oh well, it's 3.00am and time for another round in the maternity ward and then with any luck a few hours of sleep. I must be mad, but after 48 years of playing midwife to a load of woolly-headed ovines, I wouldn't miss it for the world.

George Fenemore 338203

The Allotment

Last month we were knee-deep in snow and, as I write this, we have record high temperatures. But I suggest that, as it's only March, the rain won't be far away so make the most of this perfect planting weather, even if it's not quite warm enough to go without your vest!

Whilst planning my allotment's crop rotation I have been reading up on companion planting and shall be trying some of the ideas in my plot. This is based on the concept that certain plants can benefit each other when planted in near proximity, whether to produce a higher yield, enhance flavour or as pest control. Although there is not much scientific evidence on the subject, gardeners have been doing this for a long time and some combinations do seem to work well with each other - also centuries of gardening lore can't be far wrong.

Hempton suffered from the carrot fly last year so I wanted to see what I could do to protect my carrots this year. Whilst reviewing this, I unearthed a myriad of suggestions not only for companion planting but also for plants that positively dislike each other and will not flourish side by side. Here are a few ideas that you may like to try:

Plant onions or the onion family next to carrots and they will both flourish. Do not plant parsnips near carrots as they release substances in the soil which could reduce growth.

Rosemary, sage or mint repel the cabbage fly. (Plant mint in a pot - it may be handy for repelling flies but you don't want to end up with it as a weed.)

Celery, dill, onions and potatoes are good companion plants to brassicas. They do not get along with strawberries.

This is the month for planting your asparagus bed and apparently if you plant parsley nearby it is said to enhance the flavour. Onions and potatoes shouldn't be planted nearby.

Onions shouldn't be planted near peas or beans as they repel each other. If you plant lettuces near your onions they'll do really well.

Marigold helps most plants, especially tomatoes and peppers, cucurbits (cucumbers, gourds, squash), brassicas (broccoli, kale, cabbage). Marigolds also keep away aphids.

Hoe regularly when the weeds are small and they won't become a problem. Do so on a dry day but collect up the weeds to prevent re-rooting, especially if rain is likely.

Whilst we're enjoying the warm weather remember these clear nights can be cold and your seedlings are tender and vulnerable to frost. This will damage their cells, slow down their growth and so reduce their potential. A layer of fleece will protect emerged seedlings and soft fruit blossom on trees. Happy gardening!

Sam Willis, Samantha.willis@gmail.com

Concluding Daphne Harper's 'Reminiscent Walk' around 1940s Deddington:

'In Chapel Square, of course, stands the Wesleyan Chapel and nearby is Johnson's Timber Yard that, just recently, had a bad fire. Also in the vicinity are the businesses of two coal merchants and hauliers, Mr Jack Callow in Philcote Street and Mr Fred Deeley in Castle Street. Returning into Market Place we pass 'Nurse's Cottage', the home for many years of the District Nurse. I remember Nurse Keyes and Nurse Fox, maybe on the way to visit a patient at home, maybe deliver a baby, their little black bag close at hand! Three doors up from 'Nurse's Cottage' are the Co-op Stores managed by Mr Francis George since 1920, helped by his wife for many years. After Francis George's retirement the stores had two

managers in five years before I took over for the following 23 years! Further along to the north is SS Peter and Paul, the parish church, where members of my family sing in the choir, others ring the bells. Further north is the historic Castle House but we stay in Market Place to look in on Mr and Mrs Robert Tucker in Tucker's Stores. Their main brand of tinned goods is Epicure and they stock Fuller's cakes and chocolate and sell 'ironmongery' and

garden requirements. Round the corner, north of Tuckers Stores, is the Post Office for many years owned by the Bolton family who run the postal department and sell newspapers and stationery.

It seems incredible that Deddington has so many shops, all of which make a living for their owners and give employment to local people.

We have now completed our memory walk but

must not forget the Home Guard and Wireless Communications Dept in Hempton Road, manned by Mr Jack Morris who donated two bells to SS Peter and Paul tower named after his children, Jack and Jill. Apart from the Youth Club, football teams Deddington Town and Reserves, the Bowls Club founded in the early 1900s, there is the Air Training Corps and a Morris dancing team, and

did you know Deddington once had 14 public houses?'

Thank you Daphne for putting your memories to paper for inclusion in the now historic Deddington Women's Institute Scrap Book and allowing us to print an edited version in the Deddington News. Reproduced here is a very precious photograph lent by Colin Robinson.

Ruth Johnson 338355



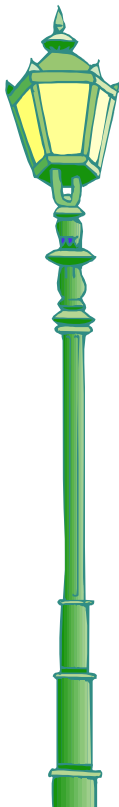
Market Place in wartime, with white wings and running boards on the car and white flashes on the pavement edges to guide in the blackout

News from Clifton

Shock horror gasp! The blight of modern metropolises everywhere has come to Clifton ... the urban blight that is graffiti. We all awoke on the morning of 25 February with the same marks on the old chapel and bus shelter. The 'Tag' as I believe this phenomenon is called in modern parlance showed a DAP in matt black paint. This has now been cleaned but we must all be vigilant.

Walnut Close in Clifton has formally requested to take part in an OCC street light switch off from 12.30pm–5.30am. If your neighbours think they want to give it a go please let the PC clerk know – or talk to a member of the PC.

Idle (*don't you mean addled?* Ed) conversation at book club last month turned to a Pimlico-type declaration of independence for Clifton. Now this was clearly the People's Republic of Clifton, having started a Heating Fuel Co-Operative where 10 houses ganged together to negotiate a 12% reduction in price for a single stop delivery. Each comrade was billed separately but the reduced transport cost (and reduced



HGV movements) meant savings could be made. If more people would join, the saving could be even greater, so if you are interested please contact that insufferable busybody Cllr Alan Collins, although he says there will probably not be another order before next winter – but names in the frame, as they say will give it more impetus.

As you read this Kevin will be 'blowing his brains out' in Saharan Africa. You can track him (and sponsor him still) on his web site on <http://www.kevinmayoultra.co.uk>. The bunting is out for his return and an open top sandal welcome is planned. In fact as I write he is running up and down sand dunes in Wales in preparation.

Many a tear was shed as Graham's last day dawned in March. Graham is the bus driver who over the last six years has cared for our children and those of Upper Larkrise and the Barfords on their journey to school. He has always gone the 'extra mile' for the children's comfort and safety with a smile and a wave. A collection was taken and a little presentation took place before he delivered his precious cargo for the last time. We will miss his little travel updates by phone if any problems beset his daily mission.

**Martin Bryce
338031**

GREEN PIECE

Machines for living in

Everything about a house is there for a reason, not least that it should look good. The technology of keeping us dry, warm, comfortable and secure moves with the times.

Houses were designed in response to their environment – ours is changing. Locally we have Horn-ton brown stone as a building material; slate was suitable for splitting to make an effective covering,



Knitting on New Street, part of the conservation area

lasting longer than thatch, and so replacing it. Roofs are pitched so that the rainwater can run off and the plastic bits on the side of the house are there to carry the water away. It was the Tudors who first added chimneys to carry away the smoke from fires;

now we use them to bolt on our TV aerials. Without them and the dishes that festoon our rooftops – even in the conservation area – we'd not be able to see the footie, *Strictly* or whatever. The knitting of cables and wires draped from poles along the street enables us to power our homes, chat on the phone and order stuff online. Without double or secondary glazing, we lose heat... but the conservation officer says we are subject to listed building consent.

The government is encouraging us to save and indeed to generate our own energy... but the conservation officer doesn't like it in a conservation area if it is visible from the road or on the main elevation. In 1923, le Corbusier, the father of modern architecture, regarded a house as 'a machine for living in'; I believe he would approve of these developments... but the conservation officer doesn't – yet. But what if James Lovelock is right? Who he?

Colin Robinson

colin.robinson@deddington.net



Children's Easter Activities

for Primary School children aged 5–11
Deddington Parish Church, 10–12.30pm

Crafts, cooking, chess and other games

Thursday 9 April 2009

Cost £1.50

Application forms and enquiries to:

Caroline Tindale 337962

Janet Watts 337135

Sarah Boss 338536

Additional forms at School Office & Church

Applications in by Monday 6 April please

From The Fire Station

We have had a relatively quiet month at the Fire Station. Just five shouts received, one electrical fire in a pub, one false alarm with good intent, a road traffic collision involving a head-on between a car and a van, and two calls to stand by elsewhere.

Safety reminders: There was a serious flat fire in Oxford a few weeks ago, and many people had to be rescued and evacuated. The property in question had several smoke detectors, but not a single one working. Do your smoke detectors work? Why not check them now? Do you need help and fire safety advice? Ring 0800 0 325 999.

Crewing: We currently have nine crew and, thanks to the efforts of Acting Watch Manager Chris Fenemore in constantly juggling the crew's shifts and hours of cover, we manage to keep our fire engine available most of the time. We do have capacity to take on three more firefighters which would reduce the number of hours 'on call' for all crew members. Get in touch if you'd like to join us (0800 5 870 870).

Sharon Wilson of Adderbury has now successfully completed her basic training, and Graham Harding of Barford is going for his Breathing Apparatus training over the next two weeks. Adam Franklin has passed his emergency response driving course and is now able to transport us to incidents on blue lights, so if you see the fire engine coming ...

Charity Events: Planning for the annual 999 Rowing Challenge is under way; come and see the Fire Crew thrash the Police, Docs and Vets at the Farmers' Market in Deddington on 25 April!

Katharine House Fund Raising

The girls in the Post Office are planning a book and DVD sale at the April Farmers' Market to raise funds for Katharine House Hospice. If anyone has any books or DVDs that they have finished with and would like to donate to this worthy cause, would they please leave them at the Post Office or telephone Maureen on 338699 to arrange collection. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Maureen Golder 338699

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This month we have been delighted to welcome our new Manager, Sarah Inkpen, to the team. We hope she enjoys working with us! Our vehicle topic has been great fun and amongst other things we have enjoyed washing a car and seeing inside a camper van. We journeyed on foot around the village and the children took photographs of some of the vehicles and buildings we saw. We dressed up in red to celebrate Red Nose Day and made some tasty Red Nose biscuits to take home. The committee held a fund-raising race night at the British Legion which was a great success. Thank you to the organisers and to the British Legion for their hospitality.

Lucy Squires 337484

Friends of Deddington Festival

If you have any thoughts about the 2009 Deddington Festival – preferences, additions – please let us know as soon as possible and we'll include them in Newsletter 9 which comes out at the end of April.

We shall again be asking for your help at some Festival events and, in more celebratory mood, hoping to see everyone at the pre-Festival Reception in June.

Kristin Thompson
337052

From the Police

During February as a team we have been conducting many high-visibility patrols in villages that have seen anti-social behaviour.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Lana Smith and Nikki Dale have received positive feedback from residents in Bloxham following their patrols and it has been noted by residents that anti-social behaviour in the area has reduced over the period of patrols. There has also been positive feedback following patrols and attending community meetings in Adderbury.

During February there have been seven incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in the Twyford and Adderbury area. If anyone has any information regarding these offences please make contact on 0845 8 505 505 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



I have taken delivery of a brand new Speed Indicator Device (SID) to place at the side of the road and show motorists what speeds they are doing through the villages. Speeding is our number one neighbourhood action group priority, and the SID will be a very effective tool in tackling the problem.

PC Morris
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

PARISH BUTTERFLY SURVEY

The new season has begun, with yellow brimstones appearing in many recorders' gardens. For our enjoyment and to help with identification, Peter Sheasby will give a slide show on butterflies on Wednesday 20 May at 7.30pm in Hempton Church Hall. Walter Meagher will introduce the evening.

Many of you will know Peter's work. He lives in Bloxham and is an amateur botanist and photographer. He produced the superb photographs for Walter's book *Portrait of a River*, has done much botanical recording for the County Flora of Oxfordshire and also for the Botanical Society of the British Isles.



Walter needs no introduction to DN readers. A (restless) Deddington resident, he studied botany in the States, at the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, the University of Michigan and the Kellogg Biological Station. He has published scientific papers, is the author of several books, a regular contributor to the Oxford Magazine and a member of both the BSBI and the American Society of Plant Taxonomists.

The evening is for everyone. Come along and discover why so many people are in thrall to butterflies.

Kristin Thompson
337052

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

At March's meeting Colin Harrison gave a presentation to the Society on a recent journey through the American states of New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. A pictorial tour de force, which included a wide variety of photographic subjects ranging from churches, graveyards and rock formations to deserts, animal life and working steam locomotives on the Durango to Silvertown railway line. Although his photographs did include some people, Colin explained there were religious difficulties in taking personal images in this area due to the large number of native Americans. His main interest was therefore images of buildings and landscapes, and particularly in capturing unusual and creative photographs - with the emphasis on textures, composition and lighting. Of particular interest were his photographs of the Pueblo Indian dwellings and churches in New Mexico, and the desert landscapes in the White Sands desert area were especially impressive. Colin concluded by responding to various questions about his camera, equipment and photographic techniques. An extremely interesting evening.

John Branton
01295 811071

1st Deddington Scouts

Cubs

The Cubs earned their home help badge by doing five chores at home as well as learning to iron, clean shoes, fold a shirt, sew (supervised by two brave mums), make tea and wash up. Will they use their new skills at home? We can only hope. We looked at the Union flag, the flags that are part of it and the saints they represent. While we were doing this the Cubs looked on the internet for saints that shared their names then, armed with one line of the national anthem each, organised themselves to sing the first two verses. They are now making St George badges ready for the parade in April.

The young leaders organised an Australia Day evening: barbies, kangaroos and wall paintings.

Unfortunately the supercub competition was cancelled due to the snow.

Jo Churchyard 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

So far this term the Scouts have tackled a number of diverse topics such as smoking, alcohol and drugs, when they looked at current ad campaigns and discussed their effectiveness.

They have had a quick first aid refresher and worked on their individual projects: art, entertainer, cycling, naturalist and trolley building amongst them.

They raised money for Comic Relief by wearing red noses while gaining their swimming badge at Spiceball.

Plans are well advanced for the county Zodiac camp in May and 29 of our Cubs and Scouts will be attending, subsidised by some of the money donated by the market.

Thanks to one of the other district leaders, we will soon have our own web page, <http://www.deddingtonscouts.co.uk/>.

Pete Churchyard 338071

Youth Club

More than 40 10-14 years old look forward to Monday evenings as it's Youth Club night!

The current 'behind the scenes' team of Maureen Forsyth, Pam Axten and Barbara Lowe all wish to stand down this summer after seven years and they all deserve medals having created the successful Youth Club we have in our parish. Please read on!

A new 'behind the scenes' team is needed. If there are four of us, it would mean attending youth club once every four weeks - to run the tuck shop. Otherwise the duties are to support the current team of full-time youth leaders and volunteers and attend two annual meetings.

Please contact me for details on the current roles and let me know if you could join me as part of a new team from September 2009.

Helen Spencer 337373
helen@richardspencerbuilders.co.uk

We have had some interesting evenings so far this term with jewellery making, cooking, sports activities with the Cherwell youth team, and a fire awareness course. Thanks go to the firefighters for their games which were good fun, but we also practised some skills we may need in a fire. Coming up is T-shirt designing and a visit from the A team with their challenging sports and games, which is our last session before Easter. We return after the Easter break on 20 April. If there is anyone who has a tenth birthday between now and then who would like to join Youth Club, please get in touch with Dawn on 338884.

Pam Axten
337919

1st Deddington Brownies

Recently the Brownies spent an interesting evening learning First Aid. They discovered what to do in an emergency and practised putting each other into the recovery position. This work will lead to them receiving their First Aid badges. Thank you to Kath Rose who came along to teach the Brownies. Another informative evening was spent with the recycling team from Cherwell District Council, who taught us all about what and why we recycle. We all learnt something new. We have also spent an evening enjoying hot chocolate and learning camp-fire songs.

Lucy Squires
338442

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Book Club

Last month we read *Dreams from my Father* by Barack Obama and we would highly recommend this book. Written before he had any political aspirations, this is a very honest account of his early life and his struggle as a man of mixed race to find a comfortable place in society. The young Obama was raised in a white family, but worked for many years amongst racial problems as a community organiser. We felt that these experiences may put him in a unique position to understand racial issues and help effect change. Overly long in some sections, but generally well written and very readable.

The next book is *Nella Last's Peace: The Post-War Diaries of Housewife 49* by Trustees of the Mass Observation Archives. Next meeting 30 April.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results

28/02/09 KEA Reserves (CUP) (a) L 1-7

07/03/09 Heyford United (h) W 4-1

14/03/09 Heyford Athletic (a) L 1-4

Reserve Team Results

28/02/09 ABK Sports Res (CUP) (h) L 0-2

14/03/09 Wroxton Sports Res (h) L 1-2 Giles

The Gods punished Tantalus by forcing him to stand in a pool of water just below a juicy fruit tree. Whenever he bowed to drink or reached for the fruit, the water and branches would move just out of reach so that he was eternally tormented. It seems that both teams are currently suffering from an eternal thirst for success that seems out of reach.

Despite using many of the Reserves' strongest players, the First Team were overwhelmingly beaten and humbled in their remaining match away to Heyford Athletic. Performances from

Timmy J Spencer, Luc Thornton and Jack Cumming were among the few bright spots of a pretty dismal month. With three games left the First team are outside bets for a top three finish.



Despite some Napoleonic thrusts the Reserves met their Waterloo as it were, descending into a hideous run of results. After the first defeat of the season back in January they have won just two out of six games since, crashing out at the semi-final stage of the Eric Morris Cup with barely a whimper. Some kind of corrupting melancholy seems to have pervaded the team's play. The easy-on-the-eye football is still present, but the style seems to be all 'ping' and no 'pong'. Some clinical finishing is sorely needed to rescue this hugely promising campaign. With a ludicrous 10 games left, and their fortunes lying partially in the hands of the in-

ept fixture secretary, they will need to win the vast majority of these to maintain hopes of promotion.

Finally, high fives and wet towel whippings to those selfless lads and lasses who helped run the Football Club Race Night, it was a resounding success!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

1st Deddington Guides

We are thrilled to welcome Jazzy, Sophie, Tilly, Ellie, Francesca, Joanna and Julia, all of whom made their promise this term.

It's been a busy term with fruit from around the world, cupboard sorting, international activities and pancakes. This year's project is deaf awareness – thank you to Moira Byast who came to teach us some sign language.

We've tried to reuse items where we can - making some brilliant outfits and accessories from recycled materials - and held a swap shop exchanging our unwanted books and games for good as new!

Many guides went to Oxford to see the 'Gang Show', which they loved. We hope they've brought back some great ideas for our entertainment! We're rehearsing at present. Any money we raise will go to charity.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marion Trinder 01869 340806

WI

Speaker Christine Farmer on 'The History of Masks' followed our annual meeting in March. Many and varied masks collected over many years were on display. Some were from Christine's own exotic travels and some from friends who knew of her growing collection. Sometimes perceived as magical, sometimes spiritual and sometimes theatrical, all were very strange to us, but Christine's interpretations of their uses in their appropriate settings quickly had members entertained and interested. Beryl thanked Christine on behalf of members and soon all enjoyed the wine and cheese that followed. On 7 April our speaker is Amy Duckett: 'It started with Avon'.

Our annual outing is to Kew Gardens on 14 July. Cost and details will be given later.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Badminton Club

Our season is coming to an end. All teams have played well this season. For the Men's B the step up to Division One was just too much and so it's back to Division Two next season. Our Ladies team is still in with a chance of promotion. Our last night for juniors is 31 March; the senior club last night is 28 April. Our AGM will be held in May, date to be advised. We are back the first week in September, so enjoy the summer.

Mark Tyler 338056

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The ever-popular summer weekend away is now finalised. This event is scheduled for 26-27 July 2009 at Wokefield Park (DeVere Hotel) near Reading. As part of the occasion there will be a raffle to raise a donation for Katharine House. Last year we raised an outstanding £275.

David Darst 338589

Deddington and District History Society

On 11 March Stephen Barker gave an authoritative and lively account of the Civil War battle of Cropredy Bridge, which was a larger and more significant affair than some of us realised, and with profound ramifications for military strategy thereafter.

Our speaker on Wednesday 8 April (7.30pm) will be Mark Davies on the subject of Oxford's waterways and canals, a subject that he has made very much his own in recent years. Anyone is welcome to join us at the Windmill Centre.

We seem to have devoted quite a lot of time to 17th-century topics this season, which should leave us well prepared for our planned visit to Naseby on 14 June, the 350th anniversary of the



Battle of Naseby. There will be an exclusive tour of the battlefield for members of the Deddington and District History Society, prior to a public re-enactment of the battle. Our members will receive notification and instructions separately. Any non-member who wishes to join us should contact Moira Byast (below).

There are now just a few copies of our reprint of Mary Vane Turner's *History of Deddington* available for sale. They can be bought at the branch library in Deddington.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

Cricket Club

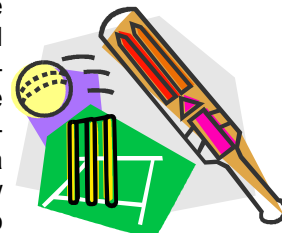
The 2009 Season promises to be an exciting one for Deddington Cricket Club as we seek to involve more members of the parish and provide facilities that will generate greater participation than has previously been possible.

We started a second Saturday side last year, made up of predominantly younger members and with the guidance of a few 'old hands' they won

promotion in their first year. The Under 11s will again be playing Wednesday evening league matches and practice evenings are being scheduled.

This year we would like to continue the development of a ladies' side and are in the process of establishing some friendlies against like-minded clubs.

A key ingredient to the above mix will be the new nets which are due to be built at the Windmill ground in April. The two bay artificial surface nets will give us the opportunity to practise and coach all ages in a safe environment. A new bowling machine will also be available and we are hoping to have qualified coaches visit. Any ladies interested in playing should contact Jim Turburfield on 01295 266225 or 07809 459228. For all other enquiries please visit our 'Contact Us' page at www.deddingtoncc.co.uk and we look forward to hearing from you.



James Ransom
james.ransom@hotmail.co.uk

Windmill Tuesday/Thursday Club

We have just completed a six-week programme focusing on the causes and prevention of falls. It was interesting and varied and gives vulnerable clients the advantage of fast-track access to professional help. We also had a useful talk on benefits, which gives our clients the unique opportunity to discuss their individual situation and needs. We have been entertained by the 'Travelling Musicians' who took us back to the sixties, and 'in house' by Tom who gave us solo renditions of songs in our St Patrick's Day quiz. The Thursday club went back in time with the film '24 Square Miles' – a glimpse of life as it was in local villages just after the war (and featuring a certain local personality in his primary school days!). We have had pancakes and birthday cakes to celebrate these special days and the volunteers had a very enjoyable evening out, which we would like to make a regular event. We do have a good time together and would be pleased to welcome both new helpers and new clients. For more information call Debbie (07737 892 745), Ann (337144) or Jean (338110).

On a less happy note, it was distressing to find abusive comments disfiguring our display of photographs which we have now removed. One of the photos featured a client now deceased, which was especially painful. We hope the perpetrator(s) will realise the hurt their lack of respect has caused and that there will be no repetition of the incident when the pictures are re-hung.

Jean Rudge
338110

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April 2009

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**BULL RING, HORSEFAIR, VICTORIA TERRACE:**

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Molly Neild, 1 Philcote Street, 338521

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Janet Broadbent, Stone Court, Earl's Lane, 338173

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Joyce Minnear, 2 Holly Tree Cottages, 338529

HIGH STREET:

Sally and Michael Allbrook, 11 High Street, 338374

THE GROVE:

Teresa Allen, 2 The Grove 337676

CHURCH STREET, MARKET PLACE,**THE TCHURE:**

Pat Swash, Foresters Cottage, The Tchure, 338920

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John Burdon, Kempster Place, Philcote Street, 338150

ST THOMAS' STREET, CHAPMAN'S LANE:

Eileen and Don Anderson, Wicklewood, Chapman's Lane, 338325

NEW STREET:

Walter Caporn, Mallards, New Street, 338402

THE DAEDINGS, PIERS ROW:

Helen Worrell, 18 The Daedings, 338189 (eve only)

HEMPTON ROAD, THE PADDOCKS:

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