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DEDDINGTON NEWS



The Season of Goodwill is almost here and by the size of this issue you can see there is certainly plenty of that among the people of Deddington. Our very grateful thanks go to the traders who have supported this Christmas issue so magnificently, to the Parish Council, to Mrs. McDivett of Clifton Road and to Jean and Douglas Ward of Maunds Farmhouse for their generous donations. Thanks also to the organisations for their regular reports -- it is they who write the "News" after all. Community spirit is so intangible and elusive that it is very encouraging to see positive evidence that so many people are actively involved.

"Deddington News" is compiled by three "comers-in" - Jill Cheeseman (reports and typing), Monica Sansome (advertisements) and Mary Robinson (editor). Help is still wanted with stapling and batching the magazines ready for distribution. Anyone with an hour or so to spare on a Friday morning once a month, please contact Moya Hassan, High Ridge, High Street, phone 623.

Our thanks to Rob Sansome and Dave Wheeler for the advertisements, to the Reverend George Palmer for many hours spent printing, and to the Guides for distribution. The cover photograph was kindly loaned by Mr. F. Deely, original photographer unknown.

Extra copies will be on sale at the Post Office, 5p each. Why not send the "News" to friends and relatives who have left Deddington recently? In fact we are already travelling widely: to Tony and Brenda Difford's aunt Betty Gaillard who used to live at Duns Tew and left about 6 years ago. Shopped in Deddington, a "Unicorn" regular, now lives in Misson, Landes, France. Happy Christmas Betty and Jean Gaillard. And to Winnie and Stan Brown's niece Peggy, who left Deddington (born and bred) about 18 months ago and now lives in Pennsylvania, USA. Happy Christmas Peggy and Bill Johnson.

There will be no January issue as in other months we would put the magazine together in what this month will be Christmas week. Copy date for the February issue is 28th January 1977. May Christmas be all you would wish and may you have a content and peaceful 1977.

DEDDINGTON PISTOL TEAMS' SUCCESS

Full marks went recently to Deddington 'A' Pistol team who were unbeaten throughout their whole season and carried off the Midland Pistol League Division 1 Championship. The team included Peter Garrett, 1974 County champion, who was also in the air pistol team which topped Division 2 of the National League. Also winning their division in the Midland Pistol League were the Deddington 'C' team. The next "News" has a brief history of the Rifle and Revolver Club.
M.R.

DEDDINGTON LADIES

The festive season seems to be well under way and with our Christmas Fayre on November 6 being one of the first events of its kind this year, we were delighted with the £60 raised towards our Old Folks Party. This is to be held at the Wesleyan Hall, 3.30 - 6 p.m. Saturday 4th December, where, after frantic last minute sewing sessions and rehearsals, we hope to put on a polished performance of our variety show.

Something we are all looking forward to is our annual Christmas dinner on 1st December - taking the place of our monthly meeting. Our next actual meeting and A.G.M. is on Wednesday 5th January 1977 8 p.m. at the Holly Tree Club and all new members are most welcome. After the A.G.M. the talented cast will give a performance of the variety show.

Maggie Rampley (Secretary)

BUS SERVICES

Mr. Douglas Ward, Maunds Farmhouse, Convenor of the Deddington Transport Group, invites comments on the following letter from the National Bus Company (Midland Red):

I would inform you that from Monday, 15th November 1976, the following alterations to services in your area will take place:

1. Service 491: Due to lack of patronage, and following requests from Bloxham Parish Council, the 2235 hours departure (Mondays to Saturdays) from Banbury to Deddington will no longer operate beyond Adderbury West, but will serve Milton and Bloxham instead. Consequently the 2302 hours journey from Deddington to Banbury will also be withdrawn. This alteration will be for an experimental period only and we would appreciate the views of your group as to whether the 2135 hours, 491 service, should continue to serve Deddington, or whether the 2235 hours journey would offer a better facility for the village.

2. Service 491: The 1705 hours departure from Aynho (Mondays to Fridays) due at Deddington at 1716 will now leave Aynho at 1655 and Deddington at 1706 arriving in Banbury at 1732 hours.

I trust that the above alterations will meet with your approval and I look forward to receiving your comments.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

Christmas Services: 19th December 11 a.m. Mr. C. Justice; 26th December 11 a.m. Mr. S. English. We extend a warm welcome to all who would like to join us in these Carol Services.

News item: A Minister has now been appointed to the Deddington Circuit of Churches. He is the Rev. M. Nicholls, who at present is serving a church at Skelmanthorpe, Yorks, and hopes to take up Ministry here next June, residing at Deddington.
Doris Walker, Hon. Secretary

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Can we thank again everyone who sponsored our knit-in last month, because when all the money was counted we had collected over £70! This was shared with the Brownies, who worked so hard. With our half, we could afford to buy our first tent for Guide use. We have been saving hard for this since the company was started, so we are pleased that it is soon to arrive.

Happy Christmas to all our girls, their families and all our friends. See you next year.

P.S. Can we thank the Scouts who have been helping with our magazine deliveries.
Jenny Jones

PLAYGROUP

On November 13th Deddington Playgroup held their Christmas Bazaar and thanks to the support of the village it was highly successful. We must especially thank all the donators of the lovely raffle prizes. Many thanks also to Father Christmas for visiting the playgroup hut on that day and fitting us into his busy schedule.

The next event at the playgroup will be our Christmas party which will be held in the last week of term. Our next Committee meeting will be making the final arrangements for this.

Kathy Morris

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOMES CONCERT

On Saturday, the 29th January 1977 in the Windmill Hall at 7.30 p.m. a concert will be held and the money raised given to the National Children's Homes. All of the performers will be under 15 years of age and are looking forward to entertaining you. Susan Taylor's Dancing Academy have offered to take part and the other children are all young musicians, singers, etc. from the Deddington area. We held concerts of this type during the Deddington Festivals and they proved to be most successful, as I am sure this one will be. I am the North Oxfordshire Treasurer for the National Children's Homes and they are always in need of money. This way the children taking part can do what they enjoy and at the same time raise funds for children less fortunate than themselves. I do hope you will come along as I am sure we shall all spend an enjoyable evening. Admission will be Adults 35p, Children and OAP's 20p. We look forward to seeing you.

Cynthia Garvey

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

There will be a Nativity Play performed by the Sunday School scholars on Saturday 18th December at 3 p.m. in the Church. The play will be repeated on Monday, 20th December at 7 p.m. On Sunday, 19th December at 6 p.m. we are holding a Carol Service with David Rose and the Elizabeth Singers.

We hope you will come and join our seasonal celebrations. There will be a warm welcome for everybody.

E. Lines

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

We would like to thank all those who came to the Firework Display for their support. On November 15th the Scout H.Q. was officially opened by the District Commissioner, Mr. Parry. As part of our opening we held a going up ceremony for four Cubs to Scouts. They were:- Simon Berry, James Carvell, Philip Holliday, Paul Wilkins.

The Cub Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 19th December, 3.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at H.Q. Windmill School. Christmas Holiday - Our last Pack Meeting will be on 20th December and our first meeting in 1977 will be on 10th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. The first social event in 1977 will be a St. Valentine's Dance on February 11th. Dancing to Mother of Pearl. Venue advised later.

A. R. Welford, Group Scout Leader

CLIFTON NEWS

Strange new noises in the night and heavily loaded lorries trundling through Clifton. What is happening - a smuggling operation, illicit contraband?! No, it's just a sign of increased activity as the seasonal rush for poultry begins. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to thank all the Deddington, Clifton and Hempton people involved in providing so many households with their Christmas fare. Let us hope they enjoy a well deserved rest during their Christmas holiday!

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN CHURCH

Tuesday 14th December 7.15 p.m. Church Primary School Play in Church.
Sunday 19th December 10.30 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols.
Monday, 20th December 2.30 p.m. Church Primary School Service.
Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve) 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass.
Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day): 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion
9.0 a.m. Holy Communion at St. John's Hempton
10.30 a.m. Carols and the Christmas Crib (especially suitable for children.)
Sunday 26th December (The Feast of St. Stephen) 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Mattins

Church Primary School Play

On Sunday 5th December the portable box stage in our Church will be erected, for the children to have over a week for rehearsals for their play on Tuesday 14th December. Entitled "While Bethlehem Sleeps" the one scene will be the stable at Bethlehem which has been constructed and painted by Mrs. Terry's class. Mr. Dunton's and Mrs. Terry's classes will be responsible for most of the acting, but all the other classes will join in, and there will be musical items and carols. Already there is much excitement over the costumes, for it is fun to dress up and we know that all parents and friends will be there on this great evening. (Retiring collection for the Church of England's Children's Society).

After the play the stage will be put back in the conference corner where it makes a wall for a cosy room. Mrs. Wright's class will be busy making and arranging the Christmas Crib in the North porch, ready for the school service on Monday 20th December and again we know parents and friends will be with us.

Yours (the monthly paper for the over 60's)

Mrs. Ell, our distributor for "Yours", now has the copies which have been ordered, but if you have not already given her a firm order for next year, please do so now. The cost is 7p a copy.

Psychiatric Social Work

The Holly Tree Clubroom was full for the talk by Michael Palmer about his work as a psychiatric Social Worker. We were given many examples of disturbed young people, and their family backgrounds which are often the cause of their problems. On the Sunday before, in the Weekly Notice Paper, I had asked for anything to "personalise" a flat for an eighteen year old who had spent all her life in an institution. Within an hour I was offered the record player I had asked for, but had little hope of receiving - as well as many other useful things. You are truly remarkable with your help, thank you all so much. Have you any records for this girl?

Remembrance Sunday

The weather was fine for our Parade at the War Memorial and for the service in Church; the attendance for both of these was greater than ever, and the collection at the service for the Royal British Legion Appeal Fund amounted to £33.

George Palmer

CHORAL SOCIETY

Deddington Choral Society is putting on a concert of Christmas carols and music at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 20th December in Barford St. Michael Church.

Mrs. Barbour

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A Parish meeting was held on 9th November to discuss the possibility of holding events in Deddington to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 1977. Mr. Garrett chaired the meeting (consisting mainly of representatives from local organisations). June 6th and 7th next year are designated Public Holidays, and many parish councils had already started preparations for events and fund raising.

It was unanimously agreed that some form of celebration should be held, and many different suggestions were made. Some organisations had already decided on their contribution: Mrs. Betty Francis, representing the Parish Church, outlined plans for a flower festival and craft exhibition to be held in the Church. Mrs. Mary Rignall said that the Brownies wanted to tidy part of Deddington weekly for a few months; she suggested that each child in the parish should be given a celebration mug or coin. Mr. Drake raised the Parish Council suggestion that the council status should be changed from 'Parish' to 'Town' in 1977 which would be a good time to celebrate the Chairman's new designation as Mayor.

Mr. Webber and Mr. Isaacs, representing Hempton Residents' Association, said that Hempton wished to be included in the parish celebrations and suggested that the amount of money raised by organisations should be matched by a similar amount from the Parish rates.

A Committee was formed to decide on, and organise, events and fund raising. Mr. Garrett was elected as Chairman, and members are: Mrs. Ware, Rev. Palmer, Mr. Hindley (Deddington Society), Mr. Kimble (Playgroup), Mrs. Jones (W.I.), Mr. Duxbury (Primary School), Mrs. Sansome (Parish Council and Newspaper), Mr. Hayward (Parish Council and Football Club), Mrs. Rignall (Brownies), Mrs. Rampley (Guides and Deddington Ladies), Mrs. Edmonds (Holly Tree Club and Deddington Players). Other organisations would elect their committee members at a later date.

Jubilee Committee Meeting: 17 November

At this first meeting, new members were nominated by their organisations following the Parish meeting: Mr. Tony Welford (Cubs and Scouts), Mr. T. Dunton (Primary School), and Mr. P. Walker (Wesleyan Chapel). Two vice-chairmen were appointed - Mr. W. Caporn representing Hempton and Mr. D. Welford representing Clifton. The Committee elected Mr. E. Kimble as treasurer and Mrs. M. Rampley and Mrs. M. Sansome as joint secretaries.

The main business of the evening was to make an outline plan of events and discuss ways of financing them.

Children up to and including 11 years of age will receive a celebration mug, and possibly the 11-16 years old will receive a celebration coin. Mr. Walker said that the Wesleyan chapel members were in favour of a United Service, and it was provisionally agreed that this should take place on Sunday June 5th. Mr. Hayward suggested that he should approach the Football Club Committee to see whether their annual six-a-side matches and Fete could be arranged to take place on Monday 6th June.

It was agreed that Tuesday 7th June should be the main day for celebrations, perhaps starting with a full peal of bells. At 2 p.m. there would be a carnival with each organisation providing a float, followed by a children's tea party in the market square. Entertainment would be provided by the playgroup, guides and primary school pupils. A dance in the main square would provide the evening celebration with possibly a disco in the Bull Ring. The Holly Tree Club are planning to hold their own Victorian tea party on Wednesday 8th June.

Many suggestions were made about raising funds for these events. Mr. Hindley suggested that the money collected during Coronation year

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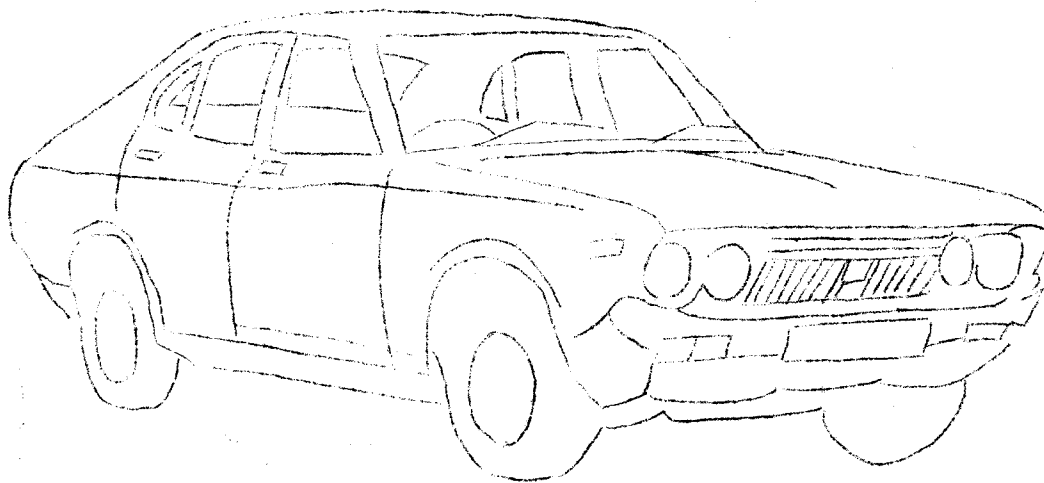
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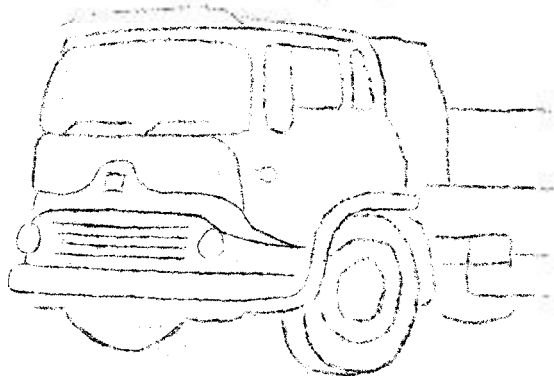
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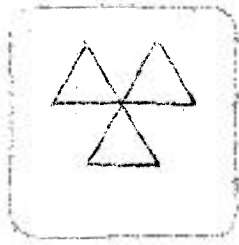
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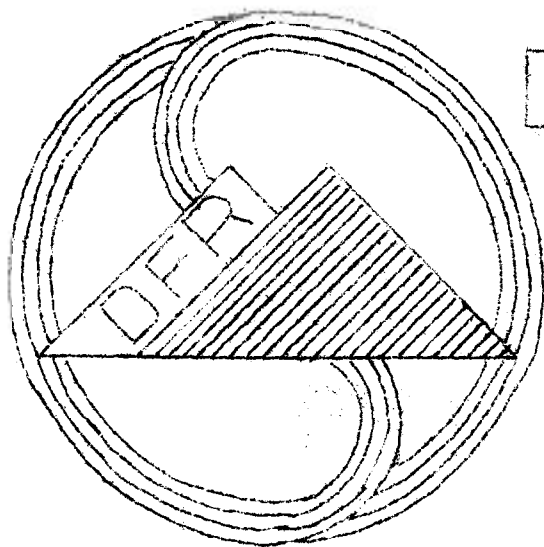
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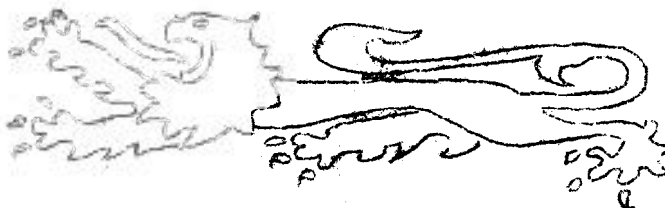
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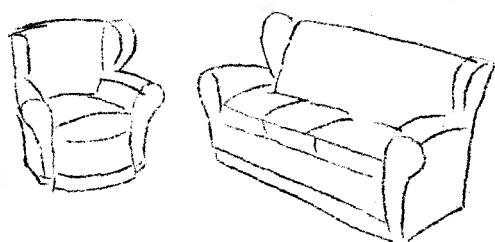
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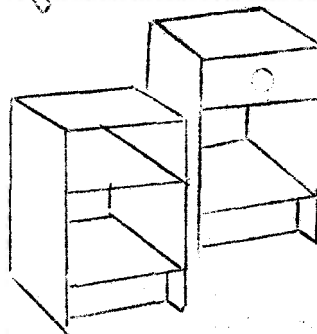
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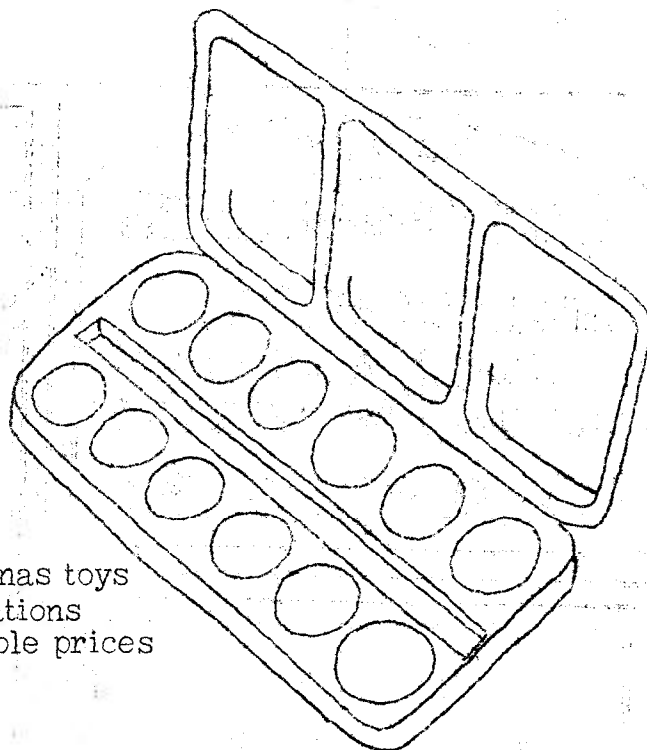
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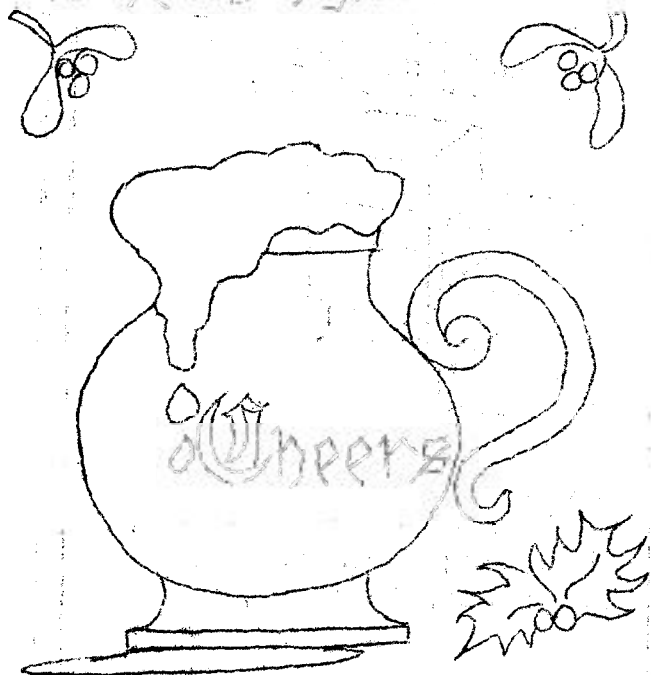


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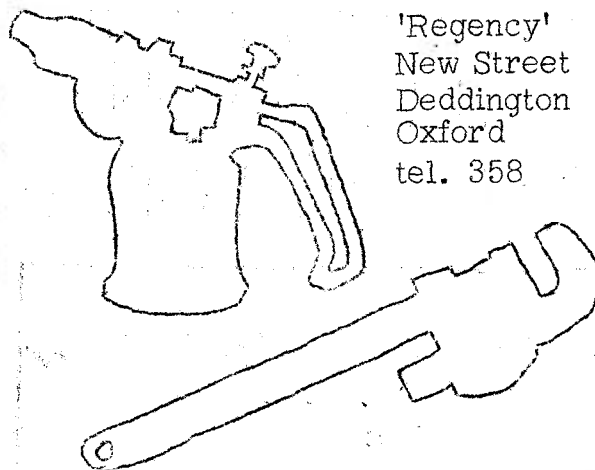


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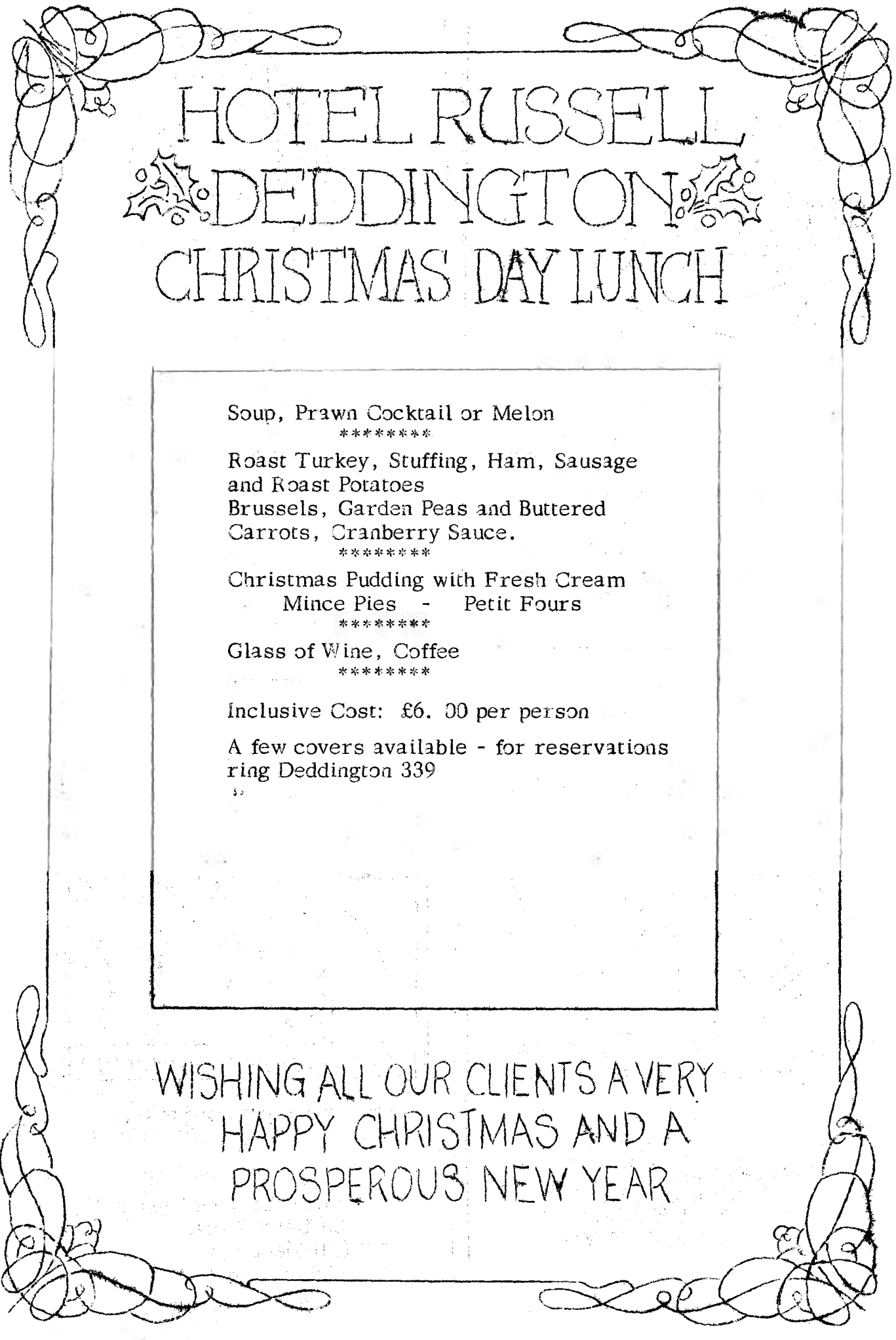
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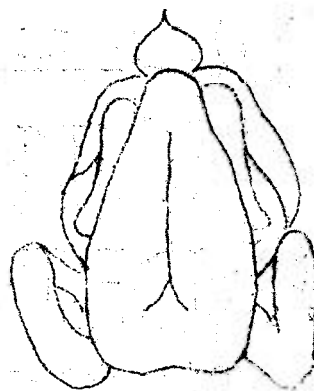
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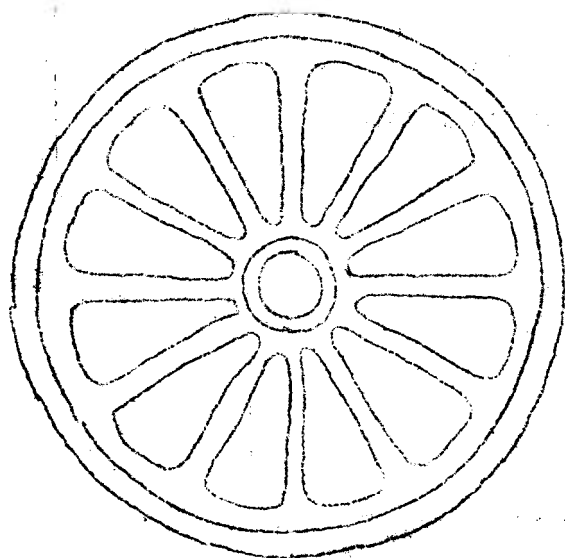


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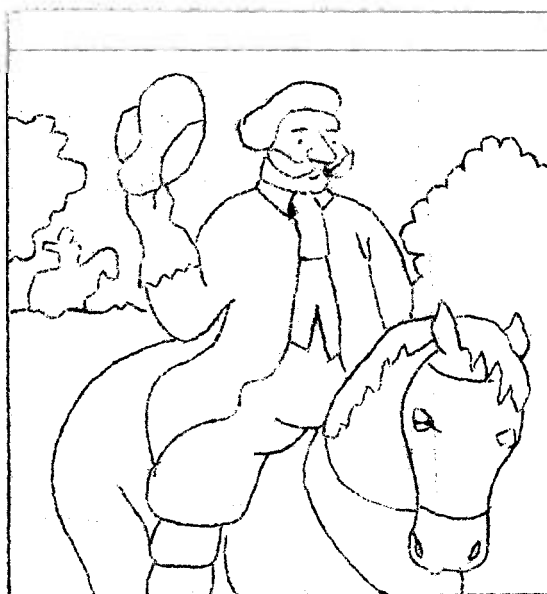


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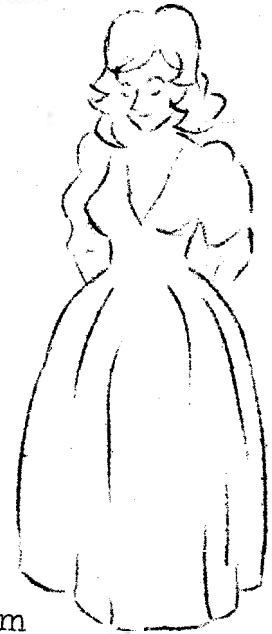
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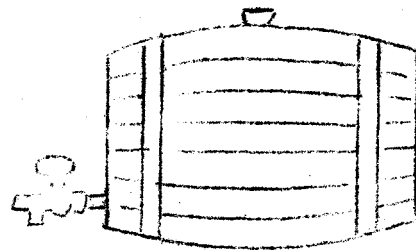
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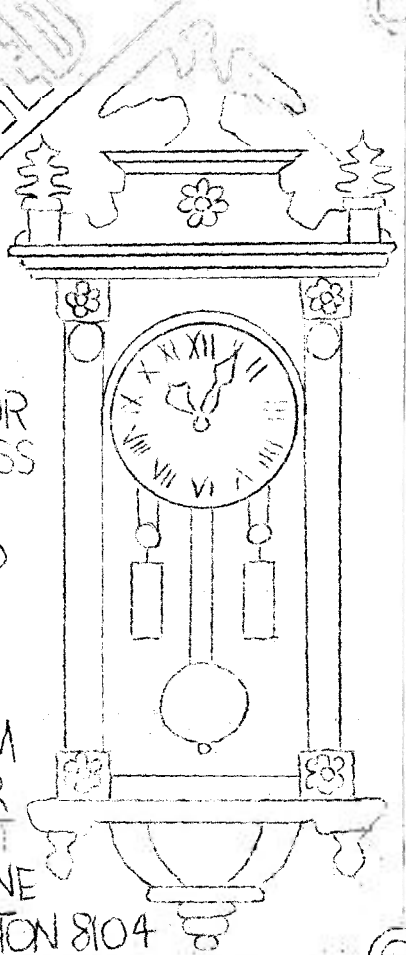
Prosperous New Year

should be used, and Mr. Garrett agreed to ask the Parish Council for a grant for the Jubilee Fund. Each organisation will hold its own fund raising event, and collecting tins will be placed in local shops and a house-to-house collection made. It was agreed to hold a raffle, the prizes to be awarded on Tuesday 7th June.

Maggie Rampley and Monica Sansome, Joint Secretaries

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 24 November 1976

1. Before the official business, Mr. Garrett made this statement: "As this is the last meeting for Mr. Foreman as Clerk, I am sure Councillors will wish to thank him for the way he has carried out his duties as Parish Clerk for the past 4 years, and wish him well for the future". A letter of thanks to Mr. Foreman was also read out from Hempton Residents Association. Mr. C.W.G. Phillips, who had been offered the post on a 6 months' trial period, had now turned down the offer and the post has been advertised in the local press.
2. Wicksteed's report on Playground Equipment: Wicksteeds have inspected again the Castle Grounds site, this time accompanied by Mr. Garrett and Mr. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill confirmed that the Ocean Wave is safe for some years yet, and that with new rails on the slide and concrete sleeves for the swing supports, this equipment will also be quite sound. Quotations for the work are being sought and repairs carried out as soon as possible.
3. Oxfordshire County Council have been reminded again about the Daedings footpath light, and say the work is in hand. Work is also in progress for new name signs for Clifton.
4. Paddocks lighting: Mr. Welford has re-negotiated with the SEB for 3 lights for the Paddocks. The cost is now down to £396 on the condition that the estimate is accepted within 28 days. £149 will have to be paid in advance. This amount is still available in the Parish Council Lighting Account and the balance will be found from next year's budgets when the work is complete.

<p>DEDDINGTON P.T.A.</p> <h1>GRAND CHRISTMAS DANCE</h1> <p>FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER AT WINDMILL SCHOOL HALL DANCING TO KEN-E-LEE</p> <p>TICKETS: £1.50 EACH INCLUSIVE OF BUFFET FROM P.T.A. COMMITTEE MEMBER OR SCHOOL</p>	<p>WANTED</p> <p>VIENNA REGULATOR WITH BRASS WEIGHTS 30 TO 80 POUNDS</p> <p>CAPT. TOM SPITTLER GASLIGHT EARLS LANE DEDDINGTON 8104</p> 
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In the Great Deddington Skirmish (NEWS first number) John Somerton and a company of Deddington men took 'direct action' against the unscrupulous Mr. Big, John Aston of Somerton. This month we open an investigation of a case in the North Oxfordshire of the 1430s which leads straight from one of the local big shots to corruption at government level.

The stake was the rich manors of Stanton and Barton St. John and the inheritance was disputed by Clemence Lydeyard (nee St. John) and the well-connected Thomas Seyntcler. Both traced descent back to a Roger St. John. The crucial document in the dispute was an 80-year old Chancery record and a critical fact documented in it was the age of Roger St. John in 1354. Seyntcler asserted that his ancestor had then been forty; Clemence and her husband John claimed that the document had originally given the age as twenty-four, but that it had been tampered with by Thomas's lawyer, Banbury-born Robert Danvers. In June 1433 a hearing was held in the Star Chamber. Danvers had to clear his name and, at the same time, clinch his client's case.

Seyntcler had retained Danvers, a rising young attorney in the capital, back in 1431. The lawyer's first move was to go to the Chancery offices in the Tower of London and have a copy made of the vital document. While there he also, claimed the Lydeyards, altered the original. It was indisputably 'newly erased and rewritten in fresh ink.' Danvers was outraged, and he had John Frank, controller of the Chancery Records to back him. Lesser fry followed. Robert Poleyn, assistant chancery clerk testified that when the copy was made the original showed the age of the long dead Roger St. John as forty (i.e. XL) 'in ancient script with nought erased, suspicious or defective'. But, Poleyn now recalled that William Broket, an exchequer clerk, had recent access to the document.

Now Lawyer Danvers had only to establish a link between Broket and Lydeyard. The ground was already prepared. Letters, supposedly from Lydeyard but in fact written by Danvers, had been sent to Broket asking for assurances 'by letter whether the clerks of the Tower might in any way espie you in razing the said record.' Astonishingly Broket not only did write back but in so doing tacitly implicated himself in the falsification. Having got this remarkable correspondence accepted as evidence Danvers now called Broket to the stand. There he freely admitted that he had gone to the Chancery Offices; had asked for the St. John document; had got Robert Poleyn out of the room by asking for additional papers; and then 'being alone, with his finger nail erased the number xl which was in the document when he came and restored and blotted the same number, to make it the more suspect.' Danvers had not only cleared himself, he had also neatly established that the original document, like his copy, supported his client's contention as to Roger St. John's age.

Broket was sacked, the Treasurer being, understandably enough, 'in diverse ways troubled about the said William's examination concerning the erasure.' Why he should have ruined his career for an unknown Oxfordshire gentleman is not made clear. Danvers made no charges of bribery against him. Nor is it clear why John Frank, a senior government official, should have been involved. Least of all is it clear why Lydeyard should have conducted so much mismanaged plotting merely to 'falsify' a document in his enemies' favour. In the next number all will, as they say, be revealed.

Geoffrey Hindley

WHAT ON EARTH IS THE DEDDINGTON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE?

Sounds pretty dull doesn't it? Bear with me a little longer! For instance, did you know that .. Local Authorities have a legal responsibility to provide facilities for "organised cultural training and recreative activities" for people over school age? But of course you did! Oxfordshire County Council has a flexible approach, unloading as much of the administrative and financial work as it can on to locally appointed Management Committees, leaving them to organise a programme of leisure activities to suit their own neighbourhoods.

In Deddington's case, discussions took place nearly three years ago between the LEA and Deddington Society which at that time was concerned with securing the use of a hall for community purposes. As a result, a body with the strange title of Deddington Hall Management Committee emerged. Strange in that the hall in question was the one better known as the Windmill Hall, in the annexe to the Warriner School along Hempton Road.

The DHMC has the following members:

2 members nominated by the Governors of the Warriner School

(Mr. H. Butler, one vacancy)

2 Parish Council representatives (Mr. R. Hayward, Mr. M. O'Neill)

2 members of Deddington Society (Mr. G. Sullivan Chairman DHMC, one vacancy)

The Headmaster of the Warriner School (Mr. D. John)

The Organising Secretary - Adult Education (Mrs. K. Shilcock)

Co-opted members: Mrs. J. Cheeseman (Secretary), Mr. A. Mann

(Treasurer) Mr. N. Drake (Chairman Deddington Scout Group), Mr. W. Mitchell (Caretaker) Mrs. M. Robinson (Editor "Deddington News")

The Management Committee has three broad functions: to arrange a programme of Further Education activities; to publicise locally a programme of events provided by local organisations and the DHMC; and to supervise the letting arrangements for the hall.

On the first of these, after a hectic start, an Adult Education Centre has been established and now attracts over a hundred students. It is open three evenings a week throughout the school year. A part-time Organising Secretary has been appointed to run the programme and a small annual grant is paid by the LEA. New this year is a day-time pottery class (with ancillary creche facilities) and a scheme whereby local societies have the use of premises whenever the centre is open for classes, in return for an annual affiliation fee of 50p per member. So far three groups have taken advantage of this scheme: The Brownies, Guides and Choral Society.

To fulfil the second responsibility, the Management Committee set up an informal Publications Committee to launch "Deddington News". Local traders have generously supported the venture with advertising and the Parish Council is making a monthly grant of £4 an issue for the first few issues. "Deddington News" will continue after a 6 months' trial period only if it can cover its costs (roughly £16 per issue) from advertising revenue and donations, and if local groups and individuals keep sending in details of their activities, articles, letters and any news of general community interest.

On the third function of letting the hall, progress has, for various reasons, been slow. Hiring charges for school premises have been rising generally and the Management Committee has to cover the rental charged by the LEA when the hall is hired. After protracted negotiations the new rates for hiring the hall will be:

Summer (1st May - 31st August) £2 per hour

Winter (1st September - 30th April) £4 per hour

Any hirer in the winter not requiring heating need pay only the summer charges. Anyone interested in helping at the Centre should contact the Secretary, Jill Cheeseman, phone 609. In particular voluntary helpers are urgently required for the creche on Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Management Committee will need a new Treasurer when Tony Mann leaves in the near future.

November 5th was once again enjoyed in Hempton by the children and many adults too. The annual bonfire and fireworks display run by the Residents Association has been for many years an important event in the calendar. What was particularly encouraging about this year was that so many people were involved in building the bonfire, letting off fireworks, cooking or selling hotdogs, beefburgers, soup and hot potatoes - it was in fact a real community effort.

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association was held on November 11th in the Church School Room. 24 Residents were present and 5 apologies were received. After reports from the treasurer and secretary, elections were held. Mr. Billington was re-elected chairman, Mr. Isaac secretary and Mrs. Toms treasurer. The new committee consists of Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Caporn, Mr. Maingot, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hayward and Mr. Biggs. Thanks were given to Mrs. Devan, Mr. Wyton and Mr. Webber, the retiring members.

Among other subjects discussed at the meeting were surface water on the road in the gap at Hempton, which increases the already great dangers there; the possibility of allotments in Hempton; and access to the playing field which is rented from Mr. Dodds by the association. The new committee will be pursuing these matters and others, as well as organizing social activities in Hempton during the coming year.

Finally the Jubilee celebrations were discussed at some length and Mr. Caporn was elected as the Hempton representative on the Deddington Parish Jubilee Committee, whose prospective actions the Residents Association members present unanimously supported.
C. R. M. Isaac

W. I. NEWS

At our November meeting Mr. Hubert Trevor showed slides and talked about the various species of birds that nest in our local hedgerows. In 1978 a census of barn owls is to be taken, and we were asked to record any we might see.

Our "A" Darts team lost their match to Fritwell, but the "B" team won against Kirtlington. Crochet classes are well under way under the expert eye of Miss White

Our Christmas Party is to take place on Tuesday 14th December and on 11th January a talk on American Life is to be given by a resident of Heyford Camp. Mrs. P. Jones is to represent the W.I. on the Queens Jubilee Celebration Committee.

A Happy Christmas to you all.
Betty Caporn

DIARY OF EVENTS

December	4:	Deddington Ladies Old Folks Party & Variety Show
	14:	Primary School Play in Church
	14:	W. I. Christmas Party
	16:	Rita & Elizabeth Christmas Sale & Open Evening
18	20:	Nativity Play, Congregational Church
	19:	Carol Service Congregational Church
	19:	Cubs Christmas Party
19	26:	Carol Service, Wesleyan Reform Church
	20:	Primary School Carol Service in Church
	20:	Choral Society Carol Concert, Barford.St.Michael Church
January	5:	Deddington Ladies AGM
	11:	"American Life" - W.I. talk
	29:	National Children's Homes Concert
February	11:	Scouts St. Valentine's Dance



COMPETITION!

PRIZE!

Think of the story of the First Christmas. Try and look at old cards and pictures showing the stable in Bethlehem.

Draw your own picture showing The First Christmas. Put in Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus, animals, shepherds and so on. Colour it with pencils, crayons or felt pens. Put your NAME, AGE and ADDRESS on the back and send it to me; Mrs. E. Chessall, 37, The Daedings, Deddington, by Friday December 17th.

