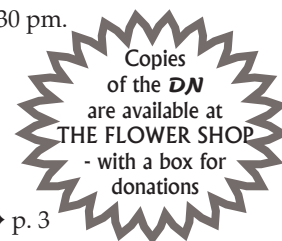


## June

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 Sun 11 Family Picnic: Daeda's Wood, noon-4pm. ➡ p. 8  
 Mon 12 Deddington Day Care: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6.00 pm.  
 Tue 13 WI: Visit to Broughton Castle, 7pm for 7.15 pm. ➡ p. 11  
 Wed 14 History Society: Summer social at Sulgrave Manor, 7 pm, refreshments and tour of the house. ➡ p. 12  
 Sat 17 Deddington School: Fête, School Field, 2 pm. ➡ p. 3  
 Mon 19 DOGS: golf and social event, the Cotswold course in Burford. ➡ p. 10  
 Tue 20 deddington FESTIVAL: The Oxford Waits, (17th. cent. Costume band), Parish Church, 7.30 pm.  
 Wed 21 deddington FESTIVAL: Steve Kershaw Band, Parish Church, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 21 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p. 2  
 Thu 22 deddington FESTIVAL: Gilbert & Sullivan sing-along, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.  
 Fri 23 - Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL Art Show, Holly Tree, 10am-4pm.  
 Fri 23 - Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL Craft Show, Parish Church, 10am-4pm.  
 Fri 23 deddington FESTIVAL: School Choir Concert, Parish Church, 1.00 pm. ➡ p. 3  
 Fri 23 Opening of School Foundation Stage Unit by the Bishop of Dorchester, 2.00 pm. ➡ p. 3  
 Fri 23 deddington FESTIVAL: Poetry Please & Writing Competition results, Unicorn Inn, 7.30 pm.  
 Sat 24 Deddington Farmers' Market: with photograph exhibition in Town Hall, 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm. ➡ p. 14  
 Sat 24 deddington FESTIVAL: Choros in concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.  
 Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL: Songs of Praise, Parish Church, 10.30 am.  
 Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL: Cricket Match, Windmill Centre, from 12.30 pm.  
 Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL: *King Leo*, eco-musical, Parish Church, 6 pm  
 Sun 25 deddington FESTIVAL: Midsummer Jazz with the Tim Dawes Band, Parish Church., 8.30 pm.  
 Thu 29 Book Group: call Sally Lambert on 338094 for venue. ➡ p. 10



## July

- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 -noon.  
 Wed 5 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.  
 Tue 11 WI: Business meeting followed by visit to Eagles the Butchers, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 11  
 Wed 19 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall [maybe], 7.45 pm. ➡ p. 2  
 Sat 22 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm.

**REMINDER : Register your event with Jean Flux 338153 as soon as you start planning - to get advance publicity on the **DN** website and to avoid diary clashes.**

## Weekly Meetings

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| Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.             | Wed: Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark.                 |
| Mon: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm               | Wed: Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7 pm            |
| Mon: Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9 pm.   | Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10~4 pm.        |
| Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30 pm.           | Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30 pm.             |
| Tues: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm.      | Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9 pm.           |
| Wed: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am.    | Fri: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30~11 am.        |
| Every other Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30 pm.   | Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10~12. |
| Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5 pm. | Fri: Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm              |
| Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45 pm.  |  |

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**Meeting in the Town Hall, 17 May 2006**

**Present:** Cllrs Squires (chair), Collins, Flux, Rollason, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, and 10 members of the public.

**Officers 2006~2010:** Martin Squires was elected Chair; Jim Flux was elected Vice-Chair.

**Membership:** Angus Alton, Don Anderson, Maureen Cox, Martin Ince, Audrey Jones, James Privett, Jean Rudge, Pat Swash, David Westbury, & Steve Westley had offered to fill the 6 vacancies. The 8 councillors, declared duly elected on 4 May, decided to use their power to co-opt for 35 working days from 4 May. It was agreed to ask the 10 candidates to submit 100-word mini-festos by 12 June to inform the process of co-option at the next meeting on 21 June. The alternative could have been for CDC to use its power to call an election - on 27 July or 3 August. Until membership is complete, working groups will continue unchanged.

**Minutes Secretary:** apply to the Parish Clerk - 337447 - to fill this vacancy recording PC meetings.

**Open Forum:** Jo Valentine complained that the pretexts put forward to support the PC's objection to the Cromwell House planning application had been published in the *DN*. The alleged reasons had been obviated, and the application withdrawn. [*Apologies for the distress that caused. Ed*]

**Village Clean-up:** On Saturday 10 June 8 teams, to be led by councillors and prospective councillors, will set out from the Town Hall at 10 am to tidy the villages. Contact to be made with youth and community groups to recruit volunteers [to be rewarded by free food at Castle Dene from noon, plus use of the swimming pool]. The task will be completed before England kick-off against Paraguay in the World Cup.

**Youth Projects:** Roger Davis, Community Development Officer for Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association had made a presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April. The 12+ generation tend to hang around with "nowhere to go, nothing to do". Their "not interested" attitude is a mirror-image of the attitude of most adults to them. ASBOs, costing £5000 each, tarnish lives. When the Environment & Recreation Working Group reflected on his presentation, several ideas were put forward. It was agreed first to consult Youth Club members, and take account of views expressed in the Parish Plan youth questionnaires. Sources of funding and renewed grant aid by the PC to the Youth Club needed to be urgently explored.

**PLANNING**

**PC no objection:** (1) Rear of The Chestnuts, Clifton: new dwelling replacing barns; check sightlines at entrance. (2) Monks Court: further works to listed building. (3) Castle Barns, Castle Street, Deddington: fell sycamore. (4) 43 St Johns Way,

Hempton: convert garage with extension above. (5) 1 Victoria Terrace, Clifton: single storey side & rear extension. (6) Tithe End, Tithe Lane, Clifton: amended plans.

**PC objection:** Stoneleigh, Victoria Terrace, Deddington: 2-storey rear extension, renovate existing flats; too close to Health Centre, possibly 'over-development' of site.

**CDC approvals:** The Nook, Chapel Square, Deddington; Bowindow, Market Place, Deddington; Ivings House, Philcote Street, Deddington; Manor Farm, Clifton; 16 The Daedings, Deddington; Highways Depot, Banbury Road. St Anne's Clifton decision overdue.

**Appeal:** Bengal Spice has appealed against CDC's rejection of planning application.

**Town Hall:** Parish Council's 'full repairing lease' of Town Hall from Deddington Charity Estates ends on 30 June. The cost of repairs due after 40 years is disputed (possibly £20k+). Agreed to engage surveyor and solicitor if compromise cannot be reached.

**IN BRIEF**

- FREE energy-saving lightbulbs - 2 per household [4 if on means-tested benefit] available at CDC office, Bridge Street, Banbury and Bodicote House, 10~14 July - 1st come, 1st served.
- Householders are urged to retrieve wheelie bins from footpaths after emptying to remove obstructions to vulnerable pedestrians.
- Extra litter bins needed in Market Place, at Windmill Centre and in Clifton Road 'lay-by': sponsorship to be sought.
- Double yellow lines no longer need signs to be legally enforceable.
- Funding for community safety developments on highways has been stopped by OCC as part of budget cuts.
- A schedule of priorities over the next 4 years to be devised using Parish Plan conclusions.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £7,187.82 - including £3,340.30 annual insurance premiums, £1522.80 grass-cutting.

Investments totalled £568,948.60, of which £16,320.97 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £298,709.76 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight; £253,917.87 Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days - urgent action needed to switch to Birmingham Midshires Bond.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Town Hall - Wednesday 21 June 2006 - 7.45 pm**

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: [www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)

Well the statutory tests are over for another year and I must congratulate Mrs Cross and Year 6 for all their hard work - I was delighted with their determined attitude to do the best they could. In fact the whole school took on a very quiet air for a week with nearly every class undertaking assessments of some sort.

The school grounds are looking lovely at the moment. I hope many of you will be able to join us for our Celebration on 23 June with Bishop Colin - at the Concert in the church at 1.00pm, and then at 2.00pm at a tea party in the school playground (in the school hall if wet).

Year 4 are getting ready for their annual residential visit with Mr Fane and Mrs Moore. This year we are using the Scout Camp at Youlbury in Boars Hill for a change. I do hope the sun shines for them. At the end of May we have an activities week with a science day, art day, music day, maths day and art day, so the children are kept very busy.

June is always the month for sport activities and we have many events planned. These include Kwik Cricket, athletics of all varieties and dance as well. The other major event is of course the School Fête on Saturday 17 June. We will all be keeping our fingers crossed for the fine weather just as we had last year.

*Judith Tinsley 338430*

## PTA

Our second annual Deddington Walk "10,000 steps through history" was a huge success! John Craven very kindly supported our event and officially started the 2006 Deddington Walk!

We had over 300 entrants, most of whom completed the Hempton loop, with some continuing to complete the Clifton loop as well. The smallest children enjoyed the 'little' walk of 2 miles to Daeda's Wood and found lots of interesting things on the way.

Many walkers were surprised to meet some historical characters en-route! Charles I, and Daeda himself called in as did Bishop Odo and Thomas Pope! The traditional Tudor food served at Leadenporch House was very popular - a real eye opener for some ... or was it the buxom wenches! We were also visited by some of Dr Who's Daleks and a Cyberman! A great surprise for the children - hopefully one of our better kept secrets!

Unfortunately the weather was appalling, but we hope everyone still had an enjoyable and worthwhile experience! This event has been extremely well supported from all areas of the community. We are immensely grateful to all those who gave up so much of their time and put so much effort into making this event one to remember.

As you see from the advertisement, the School Summer Fête is to be held on Saturday 17 June this year. We have lots of new ideas for attractions, side shows and games this year as well as keeping some of our old favourites. Look out for the Quad Bikes - back by popular demand! Come along and enjoy a traditional Summer Fête, a Pimms or a pint, cream tea or an ice cream maybe and help us raise much needed funds for your Village school in the process - you will all be most welcome!

*Stella O'Neill PTA Chair*

## Deddington PFSU

So is summer finally here? The children have been enjoying playing out in the garden with the new 'play-house' and 'sandpit'. We have been sowing seeds in our vegetable garden, the children are looking forward to watering them and watching them grow over the coming months.


Our topic this term is 'Healthy Eating'. We encourage the children to have fruit twice a day at 'snack time', many of them are happy to participate in this with the promise of a biscuit afterwards!

The fourth annual fund raising dance and auction will be held on Saturday 8 July at the Windmill Centre. This year we are inviting you to be 'Shaken not Stirred' at our James Bond themed night. Tickets priced £20 will be on sale from the end of May from the PFSU and Nursery and from committee members.


Included in the price are a glass of bubbly on arrival, two course buffet, licensed bar, cocktail bar, auction and dancing 'til late to the Rivas. Last year we sold out before the evening so please get your tickets early and make this another night to remember.

*Sarah Payne*


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### Parish Church in June

Thur	1	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	4	10.30 am	WHITSUNDAY All age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	7	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	11	10.30 am	TRINITY SUNDAY Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Children's Church: Preacher: Jim Cotter
Mon	12	6.30 pm	St BARNABAS Eucharist
Wed	14	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	15	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	18	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed	21	10.00 am	Eucharist
Fri	23	1.00 pm	School Service (with Bishop Colin)
Sun	25	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Festival Songs of Praise & Children's Church
Wed	28	10.00 am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Thur	29	6.30 pm	SS PETER & PAUL Eucharist

### St John, Hempton

Suns 4 & 18 9.00 am Eucharist

Thur 15 6.30 pm CORPUS CHRISTI Eucharist

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### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Weds 7 & 21 June, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Weds 14 & 28 June, 7.30pm

**Charity of the Month** - June : **THE KARIBUNI TRUST** - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink **GiftAid** envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

### WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: June 4, 11, & 18 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 25: - Faith Sharpe

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

*Joyce Minnear 338 529*

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

Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m.** June 4, 18 & 25 - Pastor Derek Walker; 11 - Mr Ross Adkins.

### R.C.PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

*The Revd A J Burns 277396*

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

**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

15 June is the FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI and a Holiday of Obligation; the Vigil Mass of the Feast will be said at Adderbury at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 14 June, and Mass will be said at Hethe on Thursday at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm. The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.

### VISIT OF JIM COTTER

Jim Cotter is an author, publisher and founder of the Small Pilgrim Places Network with which Barford St. John Church is associated. Jim will be in Deddington and Barford 9~11 June, leading events in connection with his book, *Out of the Silence...into the Silence: Prayer's Daily Round*. On Friday at 7.30 pm he will be in Deddington Church talking about the Psalms – "unfoldings" as he puts it. On Saturday from 10am-4pm, in Barford St. John, he will lead a *Psalmathon: A Quiet Day with the Psalms*. At 7.30 pm in Deddington he will reflect on the work of the poet R.S.Thomas. He will preach in Deddington Church on Trinity Sunday morning. These occasions will be of interest to many people who do not normally attend church services.

*K.L.*

### TICOS

We shall be serving TEAS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm in July and August, starting on 2 July.

Why not come along and enjoy meeting friends and visitors to Deddington over a cup of Fairtrade tea and a slice of homemade cake ?

*Dorothy White*



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



**THE QUESTIONS YOU ASK...**

Several times in the last few weeks, we've been asked 'What's the Festival doing for the kids?' – or children; or young people, or whatever. Well, there's loads to see, to listen to, and enjoy, like Concerts and Exhibitions and Cricket. If you are under 16, you will not pay admission charges to any of the Festival events. Yes, that's right, it's all free to young people. So, go on, try something you don't think you'll like, and maybe, just maybe, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Of course, the Festival is also about taking part and doing something – singing, acting, writing, drawing, painting. Hugh Marshall's report on the Writing Competition shortlist indicates plenty of young talent there. What about the School Choir's lunchtime concert? Then there's the chance to join professional singers/actors in *"King Leo – the eco-musical"* on the Sunday evening. Earlier that same day, the Windmill Centre will be buzzing with 7-11 year olds at the Creative Arts Workshop.

It's all go. See the Diary on page 1 for all the details. If that isn't enough, tell us what you'd like to see/hear/do at future Festivals. We'll listen, I promise.

NEWS EXTRA We've just learned that our application for an Awards for All grant was successful, and we now have £4,950 that we didn't have last week. There are conditions about when and how we spend it. More about that on another occasion. *Norman Stone 338019*

**The Italian Violin Legacy**

As a prelude to June's Deddington Festival, a small audience took delight in an unusual concert of music played to the highest possible standard. Alberto Sanna, Alessandro Puggioni and Davide Pili, members of a larger ensemble titled "Fidibus Canere" (singing with an instrument), showed how skilled professional musicians can pluck music from an esoteric corner of the repertoire, and create an evening both attractive and arresting.

It was by no means a conventional Trio. The violin led, naturally, but it was not accompanied by a 'cello and an harpsichord, but by a violone and a guitar. As Alberto explained, the violone is a six-stringed bass viol, and the instrument that was used in this concert had been adapted from a small double-bass: it produced a mellifluous sound. The guitar had apparently been an acceptable alternative to the harpsichord, and much more portable! To play in tune on period instruments with gut strings, which are sensitive to small changes in temperature and humidity, requires meticulous tuning before each piece, and the necessity for this was, again, explained to us.

The Italian music by two Veracinis (uncle and nephew) and Corelli was full of brilliant invention, hair-raisingly fast passages for the violin, mournful chord progressions, fantastic double-stopping and wonderfully percussive guitar sounds, all played with panache and deep sensitivity by Alberto and his colleagues. The concert closed with a brilliant and highly decorated rendition of Handel's D major Violin Sonata, a work that many a

**Deddington Writers Group**

We received 60 entries for the Deddington Writing Competition. There are sections for primary and secondary school children as well as for adults and each section invited both a short story and a poem. Shortlists of entries have been submitted to Rachel Woodforde, the competition judge, and winners will be announced at 'Poetry Please' on Friday 23 June, for adult entries; and at 'King Leo' on Sunday 25 June for the younger authors. Authors of shortlisted entries are:

Adult - story: Dave Sullivan, Deddington; Gaynor Dickson, Bloxham; Jo Barton, Duns Tew; Sadie Densham, Duns Tew; C E Alcock, Henley-on-Thames; Margaret Bullement, Bicester.

Adult - poem: Jo Barton, Duns Tew; Michael Spring, Sibford Ferris; Julie Pearson, Banbury; Joanne Badger, Swalcliffe; Mervyn Powell, Cumnor; Maureen Dew, Deddington.

Age 16 and under - story: Ella Blazewicz, Boarshill; Gregory Murray, Bodicote; Selina Ryan-Vig; Bicester; Tom St John, Bicester.

Age 16 and under - poem: John Ord, Hook Norton; From The Warriner School - Aimee Degan; Hannah Hopkins; Ryan O'Keefe; Louis Hunt; Fred Howe; Sam Buzzard; Sam Allen; Charlotte Ross; Ashbigh Souler; Helen Christmas.

Age 11 and under - story: Edward Liebricht, Deddington; Jamie Lidgard, Horley; Kitty Hutchison, Dry Sandford; Rebecca Smith, Somerton; Victoria Smith, Banbury.

Age 11 and under - poem: Ellie Whitehead, Hornton; Laura Hutchison, Dry Sandford. *Hugh Marshall*

**FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL**

Membership is still growing and now includes a Friend from Northampton, Richard Hancox, whose family lived in Deddington from 1886-1957.

May's two fund-raising events were a great success. A full house enjoyed tussling with Rosemary Arnold's Quiz at the Unicorn, and Alberto Sanna ravished his listeners' ears in the Italian Violin Legacy concert.

The Friends' Reception in the Parish Church on 7 June is a curtain-raiser for 20 June, when eleven months of planning and hard work will bear fruit.

If you would like to help in any capacity during the Festival and haven't yet filled in the form, please do so as soon as possible. *Kristin Thompson for FDF*

**Photographic Exhibition - Deddington Residents**

On Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 June, 10 am to 4 pm at The Holly Tree, an exhibition of about 150 informal portraits of mainly Deddington residents taken in Deddington over the last five or six years - among them will be a few images of people who, although not resident, live nearby or are known for their work here. Entrance free. Photographs not for sale.

*Brian Carter*

student will have learnt to play on a modern instrument with piano accompaniment. What a revelation to hear it in this its original baroque form. This was indeed a memorable evening, and one enjoyed by all, not least the musicians themselves. *Donald Lane*



### An Old Man among High Hills

I had never expected to be the holder of a world record. It was but a modest one, gained not by any strength, skill or nerve, but merely by longevity. At the age of 84 I apparently became the oldest man ever to climb into the Annapurna Sanctuary at over 14,000 feet, in the Nepal Himalayas. The first and longest of my five visits to Nepal was 49 years earlier but that was a serious mountaineering expedition for which



permits and the presence of a liaison officer were required. Since then much has changed. While the big peaks continue to challenge the mountaineer, many more walkers are content with trekking, travelling either as an organised group or independently, perhaps with a

porter to carry the burden. My porter was called Tika Bhattarei who looked after me with devotion, seemingly proud to be the carer of one so venerable. It was he who announced my age to fellow trekkers at the basic but adequate lodges at which we stayed. The needs of the trekkers have created a booming industry. It is only the threat of Maoist intervention that has caused considerable decline both in trekking and general tourism, but little need be feared. As anticipated we met them, heavily armed but friendly, demanding only a modest payment for safe passage through their territory for which a receipt was presented. After three weeks of trekking, each day with its long descents and ascents, we reached the road. Psychologically I had packed up. I had done what I had set out to do, all I now required was rest and relaxation among the fleshpots of Pokhara. Then came the shock: a strike had closed the road - no buses, no taxis, only the occasional ambulance. I really had walked myself into the ground, but bless my beloved Tika. Pleading both my great age and my decrepitude, he persuaded an ambulance driver to take me the remaining miles into Pokhara.

### Running the London Marathon 2006

After four years of entering for the London Marathon and being rejected, my acceptance letter came through in December. It was such a great feeling to know that after all the years of wanting to, I would finally be running in April! Week by week I found myself pounding the concrete and increasing my mileage by just a couple of miles per week. By the end of March I was up to 16 miles. On 1 April I went out and did my final 18 mile run before going into my "taper" which allows your body to recover before the race. After training for what seemed like a lifetime, 23 April finally arrived. I was unbelievably nervous. However, when I reached the start line, that all disappeared and I was completely overwhelmed by the atmosphere. Although it rained throughout the whole race and the pain was like no other, the support from friends and family and the crowds was incredible and made it all worthwhile.

I ran for Diabetes UK and met a lot of runners from the same charity along the route. Many of them were running with Type-1 Diabetes which meant they had to make sure they were carrying the right amount of insulin in case their sugars dropped. My total sponsorship to date is £875 and still coming in. [www.justgiving.com/wizlon](http://www.justgiving.com/wizlon) I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been kind enough to sponsor me and give their encouragement.

*Sally Wilson*

### WELL REMEMBERED

RON CANNING was born in Llanelli in 1924. Most of his childhood was spent in Deddington, his father's village. He went to Deddington School where he showed himself something of a scholar, buying reference books with his pocket money. He sang in the Church Choir and became a bellringer. On leaving school Ron worked the horses on his uncle Sid's farm. When war came, Ron obtained release from farm work and enlisted in the RAF as a wireless operator. He met Daphne at the RAF base at Chicksands in Bedfordshire. They married in 1947 and, besides their own four children, David, Paul (who died tragically early), Nigel and Gail, looked after a number of vulnerable young persons as foster parents. After the war Ron worked as a nurseryman in Ascot, before returning to Deddington to help establish the agricultural side of the Windmill School. The RAF connection led to Ron's taking a commission in the Air Training Corps. Various jobs followed as the family moved to Banbury and then to Heythrop Park. Ill-health meant Ron retired at 60. Ron and Daphne came back to Rose Cottage in The Stile. He became a Parish Councillor. While Ron declined physically, sustained by Daphne and his family and friends, he remained courteous and generous, courageous and uncomplaining under his afflictions. Those who visited him enjoyed his immense knowledge of Deddington past and his sly, gentle, well-turned wit. He liked to bemoan the performance of the England Cricket team and the inability of people to mow lawns properly; however, he was a radiant not a grumpy old man.

*HW*



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FROM CLIFF SMITH, PRESIDENT, DTFC, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

On the evening of Thursday 11 May, a full-scale adult football match took place on the DTFC pitch at the Windmill. Neither the Club, nor the Windmill Committee nor the Cricket Club were consulted or gave permission for the pitch to be used. The Colts' portable goalposts were commandeered and the game went ahead over goalmouths that had been scarified and re-seeded (and covered with a protective plastic mesh) only a few days earlier. We would welcome any information to enable the perpetrators to be identified.

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even if they are not for publication.

FROM PHILIP RIGBY, 25 SYDENHAM CLOSE, ADDERBURY, 01295 812481: [P.Rigby@rigby.co.uk](mailto:P.Rigby@rigby.co.uk)

I hope there is a demand for a new kind of photographic society in this area. I have some experience of conventional camera clubs and, whilst they undoubtedly fill a need, they are not to my taste. I want to join a group of like-minded photographers whose main focus will be on getting out into the field on a regular basis. We would aim to provide photographic opportunities that are not readily available to individuals. Some people with whom I have been in contact have historical interests and would like to assist local history societies to make a photographic record of our area. Others are interested in architecture, flora and fauna and street photography.

The club will cater for technical aspects, if that is what members want, but primarily it will be for those whose main aim is to be out and about taking photographs. If you are interested in joining such a group please contact me.

E-MAIL FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

A Deddington resident has recently returned home, fit and well, from a three week 'walk' up to the base-camp of Annapurna in Nepal. With one porter, he achieved the climb of over 4,000 metres. He encountered Maoist rebels who, although taking no interest in trekkers, charge a 'tax' for safe passage. No doubt he has other incidents to relate. "But many people do that sort of thing these days," I hear you cry. At eighty-four years old? He is probably the oldest Westerner known to have done this. Please salute George Spenceley. [see p.6]

FROM MARGARET BOON, LIBRARY MANAGER, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank all users of Deddington library for making myself and Joelle Robinson the new library assistant so welcome in our first few weeks at Deddington library. The library has a lively, friendly atmosphere and we have both been made to feel very much at home in our new working environment. The best way to support your local library is to use it, so please call in and pick yourself a good read or the latest CD. Joelle and I are here to help you in any way we can, so please come along and say hello.

E-MAIL FROM EILEEN ANDERSON, SECRETARY, DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

On behalf of the Chairman, Hugh O'Donnell, and the Deddington Festival Committee, I would like to thank the Midcounties Co-operative's Community Team for their generous donation towards the running costs of the 2006 Deddington Festival. Dr Kathrin Luddecke, Co-operative Policy Officer, in Oxford, says, "As a member-owned co-operative enterprise, the Midcounties Co-operative is proud to support this local event. We have a long tradition of working in partnership with the communities that we serve: this ranges from giving direct funding to playing an active part."

I would also like to thank the DN readers who are finding ways of supporting the Festival. It is much appreciated by us all.

E-MAIL FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, AUSTRALIA

I'm currently enjoying an Australian autumn in South Perth, Western Australia. A regular walk is to a small park, comprising mainly playing fields ringed by trees. It's also a popular dog walking area, but there is neither sight nor whiff of faeces. Why is it so difficult for us to emulate this?

E-MAIL FROM ANTONI F. PARTYKA, CLIFTON

I see that the Royal Mail has turned the Deddington post box around so that it now faces away from the road. I understand that this is because the collecting postman could not open the box when a car was parked in front of it! Can any DN readers tell me how wheelchair users manage to post their letters now that they do not have access to the posting slot? Indeed, how does anyone who has difficulty walking unaided manage to use this box? For anyone who is not sure-footed the act of posting a letter has turned into a dangerous obstacle course. I am wondering how the Royal Mail expects them to cope.

E-MAIL FROM NORMAN DRAKE, CORNER HOUSE, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank the Deddington News for publicising the performance of 'Flanders and Swann' at the Windmill Centre on 13 May, and Jim Flux, Joyce Minnear and John Coleman for helping to organise it. The event appeared to be successful and raised the sum of £200.00 for the Banbury Guardian Appeal for the Leonard Cheshire Homes. I would also like to thank the people from Deddington who came to support it. Gordon Peters called me after the performance to say that the audience response was one of the best he could remember.

FROM DR HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

DN readers may like to know that our lay curate, John Dane, is soon to become a *bona fide* clergyman. John will be ordained Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Sunday 25 June. Anyone wishing to attend the ordination service should ask me for a ticket. The service begins at 10.30 am. John and his family will be moving into the new Vicarage shortly.

**ON THE FARM**

Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink. Given the weather during the first two weeks of May you could be forgiven for saying 'drought, what drought?' We have already had two heavy thunderstorms which turned the road outside the farm into a raging torrent and resulted in St. Anne's being mopped out by the local Fire Brigade. But sadly, although we had a lot of rain in a short time, it did nothing to help the domestic water shortages as it was very quickly in the river and on its way out to sea. What a pity the lessons of '76 were not taken note of and provision made to store more of our rainfall. Unlike '76 the most recent shuffle of the Whitehall pack did not throw up a Minister of Drought.

Despite the dry winter the crops are looking very well and the grass situation has improved to such an extent that the haymaking plans are back to normal at the moment. But if the weather man's predictions are right and we do get a hot dry summer, the lush grass growth

on the meadows in May could rapidly disappear in June and July as it did in '76.

At least for the moment the bees are happily working the oilseed rape and with the hedgerows just coming into flower



we may well get to extract some honey before we start this year's queen breeding program, splitting some of the colonies to make up for the ones we lost last winter. I have made a number of new hive stands which should lift the hives out of harm's way and prevent the predation problems we experienced in the late winter and early spring. An added bonus with the extra height is that I will not have to bend to 'work' and lift the boxes, which is something that is becoming a problem. I am pleased to say that all our summer visitors have safely returned and taken up their usual nesting haunts.

The RSPB has again undertaken a survey of breeding Waders in the valley and things are looking good for the Curlew at the moment with an increase of an extra pair on last year. But it was the resident Yellow Wagtails that have caused quite a flutter, as they are considered by the experts to be an endangered species. This is a little bird we see quite often on the farm here. We have just started a 5-year study to monitor the effects that the new environmental schemes are having on the Moth and Butterfly populations on the farm. Already the boffins at the University Entomology Department are in a bit of a flap as two very rare species have turned up in the light traps. Perhaps things environmental are not as bad as the experts think, and the only species that is in any real danger of becoming extinct in the countryside is the British Farmer.

*George Fenemore 338203*



Daeda is currently having a busy time. A *Diary of Daeda's Wood*, launched at the May Farmers' Market, is beginning to be noticed by the local press. And the Family Picnic for Daeda's Tenth Birthday celebrations is on 11 June, with preparations proceeding apace. You will find full details of the picnic on the insert with this month's **DN**. The Woodland Trust report problems in finding a suitable Woodland Officer for our area, but assure us the contract for cutting the grass and other maintenance is in hand.

*Sylvie Spenceley 338995*

**'A Diary of Daeda's Wood'**

This 44-page booklet celebrates the ten years of Daeda's wood since its inception. This lucid history of the project is based on a year-by-year diary, commencing in 1996, and interspersed with details of the design, the trees, and the flora and fauna that can be found. A page of comments by visitors and a short article on Daeda's future is an added attraction. Profusely illustrated with colour photographs, maps and diagrams this excellent production underlines the benefits and beauty of our 'own' woodland on our doorstep. I can only quote in recommendation from the preface. "We think it is a model story of what can happen when a major charity co-operates with a local community." - price £4.50 and available at the Farmers' Market, or contact Sylvie Spenceley 338995.

*John Sampson*

**Weeds and Worse**

Someone recently remarked that it has been a good year for making dandelion wine. Certainly there have been masses of the yellow flowers which so quickly turn into the 'blow-clocks' of childhood, consisting of airborne seeds ready to fly away. Apart from wine makers, the main winners are probably the finches and other birds who feed on them. But even these are seldom thorough enough to prevent entire new crops of the weeds sprouting all over the garden. Groundsel is another equally obnoxious weed that has flourished in the warm, wet weather of recent weeks. Unless they can be contained now, the problem simply multiplies and the burden of keeping a garden increases.

One of the weekend magazines recently carried an article suggesting that some new enthusiasts for allotment gardening run the risk of taking on too much, too soon and exhaust themselves. The author optimistically suggests that half-an-hour a day in the allotment (e.g. on the way to or from work!) is better than spending a whole Saturday and risking missing friends and family, which could be a recipe for failure. Alternatively, aim to cultivate a third or a quarter of a new plot in the first year, expand to half the following year and so on, whilst simply strimming or mowing the rest to keep it tidy and, hopefully, controlling the weeds. Lia Leendertz' book *The Half-Hour Allotment*, published by Frances Lincoln/R.H.S. at £14.99 might be a useful library resource for allotment gardeners.

*Hugh Marshall*



**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

*As there are no diaries for the next few months in 1856, I am quoting entries regarding Deddington from copies of Jacksons Oxford Journal: -*

14<sup>th</sup> June - On the 13<sup>th</sup> June there were grand rejoicings to commemorate the peace, including 2 bands of music, the church bells pealing, a procession and donkey racing. There was dinner in the Deddington pavilion, erected in the Market Place, climbing the greasy pole for a hat, leg of mutton, etc., hurdle racing, tea in tents, foot racing, a display of fireworks and dancing in the pavilion.

12<sup>th</sup> July - Additional delivery of letters: Last week the Post Office Authorities issued orders for a second free delivery of letters in our town which now takes place at 8p.m. immediately after the arrival of the mail cart from Banbury. All letters, therefore, that are posted in London early in the morning and come by day mail to Banbury, as well as all letters from Banbury and the North, are delivered the same night. Formerly a

charge was made for the delivery of letters at night to all persons who required them. There was also quoted a letter from the Secretary to the Bishop of Oxford to *The Times*, noting that there were two writs of sequestration on the Vicarage of Deddington in the sums of £235.18.5d. and £1,442.1.4d., and that the annual proceeds of the Vicarage amount to little more than £150. Out of this it would be the first duty of the sequestrator to pay a curate for performing the spiritual duties if the Vicar did not himself perform them. Mr. Brogden had been paid a stipend of £100 a year up to January last, when, after due notice, and solemn but affectionate appeals by the Bishop of Oxford to Mr. Brogden as to the state of his parish (numbering 1,500 souls), the stipend was withheld. It having been found that the clergyman had lost the respect of his parishioners and his nominal ministrations among them had become fatal to their highest interests, and that the income should be put towards his general creditors. *(This letter was apparently written following Mr Brogden complaining of the Bishop of Oxford.)*

*Buffy Heywood*

**NOSTALGIA RULES**

*In far away Sarasota, Florida, Derrick Robbins remembers WWII years in Deddington:*

"Uncle George Ell worked at Johnson's Lumber Yard much to the dismay of the local man from the Ministry of Labour, who thought that he should be doing more productive war work. He tried many times, without success, to have him moved. With so many locals in the Services there was no one to take his place. One night my aunt roused me from bed to take me to the square where Johnson's lumber was in flames. The little hand pumped fire trailer made little impression on the fire and the whole place burned down. Some folk said it was sabotage and some, God rest their souls, said it was the only way the man from the Ministry of Labour could move Uncle George, to send him to the Aluminium Factory in Banbury!

Although I was under age I joined the Air Force Cadets. We met once a week either in the village school or in a large barn-like building behind the big house in the Bull Ring. In charge of us was a fiery Scot by the name of Jock McCutcheon. Uncle George was in the Royal Observer Corps who had a lookout post in the middle of the allotments off the Hempton road. Sometimes I accompanied him and I became quite proficient in aircraft recognition.

While at Banbury County School some friends and I used to walk to the railway station where, at the same time every day, a train full of wounded troops passed through, slowly winding its way northwards. One day, while wandering through Banbury during our lunch break, we were startled by the roar of a very low-flying aircraft, a Dornier, which dropped a bomb near the Red Cross train in Banbury Station. And another time our teachers marched us into Banbury Road where, opposite the hospital, soldiers were standing smartly to attention being inspected by King George VI."

*(In a recent e-mail, Derrick remembers many Deddington village nick names. I tried them out on José*

*Stevens and the sisters Tibbetts, who almost without hesitation remembered not only the person, but also everyone's proper name. I wonder how many readers reach an equally high score? Who were DOOKER, DIBBY, LAMBY Coles, FISHY Drinkwater. TICKY Wells, THE BROWN BOMBER, DOUGHY Dodwell. TITCHY Woods" Just one clue. Derrick Robbins was ROBEY!*

*Ruth Johnson*



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**DOGS**

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS) is about to embark on another season of friendly golf and social evenings. After a successful 2005 we've put together another exciting programme of events for the summer. We are at the beautiful Cotswold course at Burford on 19 June and there are events in July, August and September. If you enjoy your golf and would like to meet old friends and even make new ones, the DOGS programme of golf and social events is for you. All standards are welcome as the events are as much about the social side as they are about golf, some people join just for the social events.

If you would like to join DOGS or find out more, please contact Mike Roberts on 337424 or Barbara Budd on 338011.

**1st Deddington Scout Group - Cubs**

We have several new members this term - James, George, Luca, Sean and Nathan - which take the pack to 20 members, just over our limit of 18. We are expecting a few Cubs to leave us for Scouts after the summer, so if your child would like to join, please put their name on our waiting list; we try not to disappoint anyone.

Since February we have celebrated Baden-Powell's birthday (Founder's Day) with a 'grand howl' 1916-style and a look at early scouting. The Cubs split into groups to work for their badges in artist, cyclist and communicator. We spent an evening with Alan Rampley, who taught the Cubs emergency aid and this knowledge was tested a week later when the Scouts staged a 'horrific' incident for the cubs to deal with. After the Easter break we made preparations for St George's Day Parade and made England woggles. With district camp just round the corner, the Cubs have been busy making decorations for our pitch - fingers crossed for dry weather.

**Scouts**

The troop total is now 19. This term we have welcomed Corey, George and Joseph, who moved up from Cubs.

We started work for the survival badge, looking at shelter building, rescue, water purification and fire lighting, for which we used Horley campsite on a very windy Sunday afternoon. Fires were successfully lit and bacon and bread cooked. To complete the badge the Scouts need to spend 24 hours at survival camp where they will sleep in shelters they build.

The Scouts spent a very instructive evening learning emergency aid and recreated some gory injuries with impressive fake blood and salt dough skin. Another evening was devoted to photography, with a visit from a local enthusiast. The Scouts will hone their tent erecting skills by helping to pitch camp for the Cubs. Coming soon - a night hike from Horley and camp at Horley (will the Axe Man come again?)

Thank you to the Cubs and Scouts who came to St George's Day Parade; this is an important event in our calendar. Special mention to Oliver and Sam the flag bearers and Marcus and Martin who performed in the church.

*Jo & Pete Churchyard 338071*  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

**Book Group**

During May we read 'Bad Blood' by Lorna Sage and we are about to begin 'Labyrinth' by Kate Mosse. Here are some of our thoughts on 'Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys, which we discussed at our last meeting: "Generally recommended by the Group. Taking Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre' as its inspiration, the book nonetheless stands very well on its own. Each section is beautifully and sensitively written from a different character's point of view. Contains vibrant and evocative descriptions of the Caribbean, based on the author's experiences there as a child. A woman writer, we thought, of the calibre of Virginia Woolf and Katherine Mansfield."

Next meeting 29 June. Call for venue

*Sally Lambert 338094*

**Deddington Players**

At our recent AGM we discussed plans for the year ahead. We hope to produce a one-act play in the autumn (13 & 14 October). Ideally we would like to share the programme with a band or other music group, so if you are reading this and think you could help, please give me a ring. We are aiming to produce a pantomime in January (18, 19, 20 if you have next year's diary yet!) and will be looking for new people to be involved both in front of and behind the curtain. We have yet to choose a script so watch this space for further news.

*Lucy Squires 338442*

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**Cricket Club**

Deddington Cricket Club has launched a website to coincide with the start of the 2006 season. Results, fixtures, statistics and reports will all be included. To see more, log on to <http://deddington.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

*Andy Stiff*

**WI**

At our May meeting we discussed and voted upon two resolutions to be put to the AGM in June. The resolutions are a) to urge all levels of government to put in place legislation and policy requiring the use of renewable energy technologies in all buildings, re-building and renovations and b) to recognise that sport is an essential factor in the creation of a healthy population and to ensure the re-establishment of mainstream sport in the curricula of all schools. The meeting voted that our delegate to the AGM should vote for both resolutions.

Gill Cozens gave a brief introduction to the background organisation of running Broughton Castle as both an historical private home and a tourist attraction. This gave members, who are due to visit Broughton on 13 June, a valuable personal insight, which will add interest to the visit.

We have an outing to Longleat on 8 August; why not join us on the trip? Cost is £23 including travel and entrance fee. Phone 338027 or 337213.

*Rene Mahony*

**Deddington Town Football Club**1st Team Results:

Chasewell Park (a) Lost 1-3 T. Alexander.

In the final league game of the season a goal from Tom Alexander was the only consolation in the defeat against League Champions Chasewell Park. The team finished in a mid-table position in the Premier Division.

Reserve Team Results:

Souldern (h) Lost 0-1

Finmere Res (h) Won 4-3 A. Gray (2), D. Sullivan, S. Murphy.

Banbury Irish (a) Drew 1-1 G. Smith.

Banbury Irish (h) Drew 1-1 G. Smith.

Adderbury Park (a) – Deddington were awarded the league points.

The Reserve side had a number of league matches to play, due to their cup exploits this season. A useful victory over Finmere Res was followed up by two draws against Banbury Irish, when Assistant Manager Gary Smith was on target. These results have pushed the team up to a mid table position in Division 2.

The end of season presentation evening was held in the British Legion Club – our thanks to them for hosting the evening - and awards were presented to the following players:

1st Team: Manager's Player of the year – Lee Hayward; Players' Player of the year – Ben Durrant; Leading Goal Scorer – Ben Durrant

Reserve Team: Manager's Player of the year – Mark Morse; Players' Player of the year – Mark Morse; Leading Goal Scorer – Danny Keys & Adam Kite shared the award; Supporters'

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Player of the year – Mark Rouse.

At the AGM we made arrangements for next season. There will again be 2 teams. Jason Timms will continue as 1st team manager in his 14th season of management. Aaron Bliss and Tim Spencer manage the Reserve team. The players are now enjoying a well-deserved rest. Training for the new season starts in July.

75 Club Winners: 21/4/05 R.Cowley £100; 28/4/06 Mrs M.Cox £50; 5/5/06 M.Smith £50; 12/5/06 Di Keats £50.

*Steve Plumbe 01295 278258*

### **Deddington & District History Society**

Martin Sirot-Smith's talk on the Washington family and Sulgrave Manor was instructive and highly entertaining, and was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. It was the perfect preparation for our visit there on Wednesday 14 June, when we shall enjoy a private tour of the house. Before the tour begins we shall have our summer social, so please make sure that you arrive at Sulgrave by 7.00 pm to enjoy your share of strawberries and wine. The total cost for the evening is £10 per person. If you would like to come, please contact Moira Byast on 338637. Moira will try to arrange car sharing if you wish. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The June visit and summer social will mark the end of our formal programme for 2005-6. We shall be back in full swing from Wednesday 13 September with another programme of talks and visits designed to delight, fascinate, and educate us all.

*Chris Day 337204*

### **Deddington RBL Branch & Club**

Josie Bliss, well known to many in the village, has retired after 3 years as our Club Stewardess. Josie joined us at a time of change and became a very key member of the team serving us admirably during her tenure. We thank Josie most sincerely and wish her well in the future. Di Keats has taken over the role. With her husband Dave, she fulfilled this job in the late 80's and early 90's. In the 8 weeks since Di took over at the Club, friends old and new have rallied to her support and business has prospered.

Our opening hours were extended by the new Licensing Regulations, but the committee has decided to publicise minimum opening hours which are guaranteed. If there is demand these can be extended. With immediate effect we will be open Fridays 6.00 pm to midnight; Saturdays 11.00 am to midnight; Sundays 11.00 am to 9.00 pm and Bank Holidays, Christmas, New Year etc as posted.

Selected World Cup football will be screened on our new giant plasma high definition screen. We can hold a number of non-member functions each year and England matches are open to all. Come along with your friends and enjoy the football. There is no admission fee and drinks are at the usual club prices.

We are a private members club. Membership is £15.50 pa - open to all over 18 whether ex-service or not. Members' spouses or partners and children under 18 can use the club facilities in the company of the member. Our room is available for all types of functions and meetings. Contact Di Keats on 0775 711 2822.

*Ray Morris*

### **Tennis Club**

The open day in May was busy and all 3 courts were full all afternoon. Welcome to all new members. We have just allocated 10 pairs of Wimbledon tickets and I hope everyone enjoys themselves as much as one Deddington couple last year. They were captured by BBC cameras during a rain break - "kissing for England" I think is the phrase ...

All three teams are doing well so far in the summer league, including a 9-0 win at Charlbury. Thank you to Deddington OnLine for help with our web site.

*Katie McGovern 338771*

### **Deddington Village Nursery**

Staff and children are all having a good time at the nursery and enjoying our lovely garden when the sun shines! We do still have some availability for September, when many children will 'move-up' to the Foundation Unit at school. Our website has just been updated - please visit for all the most up-to-date information - [www.deddingtonvillagenursery.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonvillagenursery.co.uk). *Emma Durand*

### **Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group**

Please come and join us at the Windmill Centre every Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 until 11.30. We have lots of activities planned for the summer, including a trip to Farmer Gows on Wednesday 21 June. If you would like to find out more about the group, please come and see us at the Farmers' Market in June. *Emma Durand*



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### Withdrawal of PO Card Account from 2010

There is a need for postal, banking and retail services to be available and accessible at the heart of our rural communities, particularly for the elderly, the isolated and the disadvantaged.

**After 2010** The recent announcement that the Department of Work and Pensions has decided not to extend the contract for the Post Office Card Account after 2010 is viewed as a blow to both rural post offices and to the many people who have chosen to use the Card Account as the most convenient way to receive their pensions and benefits.

**For the rural post office** the switch to direct payment of benefits in 2002/3 has made it increasingly difficult for sub postmasters to maintain their level of income, despite the introduction of new services. The number of people using the post office network to collect their pensions and benefits has dropped from 13 million to just over 4 million. With fewer customers withdrawing money at the village post office, there has also been a subsequent reduction in customers at many local stores. The proposed withdrawal of the Post Office Card Account will threaten the tradition of customers regularly withdrawing cash from the post office and spending some of it locally in the village store, a tradition which has helped sustain many rural shops and post offices countrywide.

**The Card Account facility** has been the choice of many people who still wish to receive cash from their local post office. For individuals living in rural areas who do not have private transport, who have mobility problems, who do not have bank accounts that have a transaction arrangement with the Post Office or do not have a bank account at all, accessing their money at the local village post office is vital and the Card Account has enabled them to do this. Withdrawal of this service will leave many people without easy access to their benefits and pension payments and in some cases without access at all.

**The future?** Both the government and the Post Office acknowledge the social importance of the rural post office network, yet the future is looking far from rosy. The government subsidy to the rural network agreed until 2008 is currently being reviewed and with the changing trends in banking and communications, the post office is finding it difficult to hold its ground.

### What can you do to make a difference?

- Sign the NFSP Petition. Download a copy from [http://www.nfsp.org.uk/uploads/pdfs/NFSP\\_petition.pdf](http://www.nfsp.org.uk/uploads/pdfs/NFSP_petition.pdf) and collect signatures from friends and colleagues.
- Use your village post office for as many transactions as possible – posting items (e-bay is a boon!), banking services, paying bills, foreign currency purchase, TV licence, travel, house and car insurance etc
- Positively discriminate in favour of your village shop and post office – decide to spend a set amount there each week, and do so!

*Jane Barker, Village Shops Development Worker  
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council  
[jane.barker@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:jane.barker@oxonrcc.org.uk)*

### NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Well done to everyone who turned out to vote in the recent Cherwell District Council elections. There was just over 50% turn out in our village, which proves that it is viable to have the Church Hall used for this purpose, instead of everyone having to go to Deddington.

Many thanks to all who supported the cake stall on 6 May in Deddington and to Janet Bond and René Mahoney who ran the stall, raising £85 for the Friends of the Church.

On 9 May the Hempton Ladies Tuesday Club enjoyed a six-hour canal trip, starting from Heyford and travelling North towards Somerton and back. They will be holding a coffee morning in the Church Hall on Tuesday 6 June from 10.00am, to include a Bring-and-Buy stall. Everyone welcome.

The Table Tennis team finished the season with the unenviable record of P20-W2-DI-L17 which left them bottom but one of Division 1 of the Banbury and District League. They will now have to wait until September to find out whether they will be relegated or not.

People who have lived in the village for a long time will remember "The Barnstead", the former home of the late Mr & Mrs Washington. This house stood empty for about ten years but has now been restored by the new owners. A brand new 5-bedroomed house has been built on what were the gardens of the old property. To complement this there is now a new footpath all down the lane, which makes it better for walkers.

Finally, well done to the allotment holders, their land looks great.

*Les Chappell 338054*

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Sgt Dave Hibbert has recently been appointed Rural Sergeant for the area of Oxfordshire around Banbury, after 16 years service with the Devon and Cornwall force. He is assisted in the southern area of his patch by PC Phil Morris, who was working for three years previously in Blackbird Leys. They will have help from two new Police Community Support Officers, and access to 8 special constables. They may call on help from a total of 126 colleagues in the Banbury area, or may be called on from there. A neighbourhood policing policy for the area is due to be published next year. Deddington is indebted to the volunteers who keep the police office open. More people are needed to maintain and to increase this facility. Sgt Hibbert was speaking to the May meeting of the Parish Council. *CJH*



### From the Fire Station

Since the last report the crew has attended a total of 19 calls. A road traffic collision, a chimney fire, a toaster fire, a car fire, a flood at the Horton hospital in Banbury, and another flood at St Anne's residential home in Clifton. In addition to these we have attended an industrial oven fire at Alcoa in Banbury, 3 false alarms and 9 standbys at other stations, this brings the total for the year so far to 59.

We are recruiting - 4 empty kit pegs still remain in the muster bay, are you interested? Would you like to see your name above a set of fire kit? Do you work or live in the Deddington area, could you respond to the fire station within 5 minutes? Are you over 18 years of age and reasonably fit? If you can answer YES to the above please come to the station on a Tuesday night between 19:00 and 21:00, meet the crew and have a chat. It is a tremendously challenging but rewarding job, serving the community and learning many new skills. Come along and find out more.

Push the button on your smoke alarm, change the battery if necessary. Keep safe!

*James Brutchford Firefighter*



## Deddington OnLine

<http://www.deddington.org.uk>

Have you looked at the 1808 map of Deddington, at [www.deddington.org.uk/history/townplan1808.html](http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/townplan1808.html), to see what was where you now live? Let me know if we should open discussions with The Bodleian Library, about also publishing the 1808 maps for Clifton and Hempton. There would be the matter of paying for the copyright to be considered.

Oxfordshire will celebrate its Millennium in 2007. DOL welcomes suggestions as to how the website can permanently mark the occasion.

Our enterprising Parishioners have recently registered two new ventures on our business index. Any changes to our business or clubs indexes should be sent to [celia.clark@deddington.net](mailto:celia.clark@deddington.net) or [colin.clark@deddington.net](mailto:colin.clark@deddington.net) or 338064

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

Market regulars will be aware that photographers have been very much in evidence at recent Farmers' Markets. Hopefully their endeavours have been successful and they will be entering their pictures in the market's photographic competition. The deadline for entries is Monday 12 June and they can be delivered or sent to The Property Hive in Chapel Square, Deddington, where entry forms are still available. Entries from local people, both adults and those aged 16 years and under, can be submitted - special competitions for Deddington Parish residents or in the Advanced Class. Prizes will be awarded in each class and section. The competition is being run in conjunction with the Banbury Guardian and some entries will be reproduced in editions of the newspaper. You can see all the pictures in the Town Hall at the next Farmers' Market on Saturday 24 June - after you have finished your shopping!

*Geoff Todd (D.M.M.G.) 338532*

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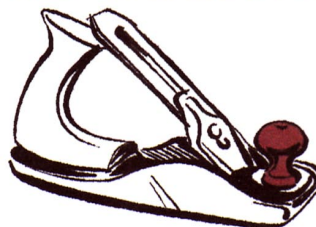
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