

**H**appy New Year ! 2006 will see the filling of long-felt wants in Earls Lane: the opening of the Early Years Unit and the re-occupation of the Vicarage site. The **DN** is pleased to be able to make a sizeable donation towards the work of the School, as part of our shared role in strengthening our community through communication. That donation is made possible because of the many hours that volunteers invest in the **DN**, and because our many advertisers buy up

space in our pages - not merely of their charity. Demand for space is booked out well ahead because, as a medium, it is both cheap and effective. This issue begins my fifth year as Editor. 2006 will be happier for me if some one else would take over the role - a person with desktop publishing experience. No need to be shy or modest. If you value the **DN**, please get in touch ? **CH**



### February

Wed	1	Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, <i>Vera Drake</i> , Holly Tree, 6.00 pm.
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am - noon.
Wed	8	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Wed	8	History Society: Tim Marshall on <i>Fardon Clocks</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.13
Tue	14	WI: Beryl Suckling, <i>A Hundred Years of Oxfordshire Biographies</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm ➡ p.11
Wed	15	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm ➡ p.2
Thu	23	Book Club: Call Sally Lambert (338094) for venue. ➡ p.11
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am~12.30 pm

### March

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm
Sat	4	Gilbert & Sullivan Concert: Parish Church, 7.30 pm ➡ insert
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon.
Tue	7	A reception to mark our Librarian's retirement, Windmill Centre, 6 pm ➡ p.8
Wed	8	History Society: <i>Twenty-Four Square Miles</i> , & follow-up film, Parish Church, 7.30 pm ➡ p.11
Sat	11	PTA: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre ➡ p.3
Tue	14	WI: AGM, Holly Tree, 7.30pm. ➡ p.11
Wed	15	Parish Council: Meeting, <u>Hempton Church Hall</u> , 7.45pm. ➡ pp.2 & 14
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am-12.30 pm

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### Weekly Meetings

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

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**Meeting in Town Hall, 21 December 2005**

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Cox, Haslam, Putland, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public. Cllr Ellis's membership had lapsed, creating a vacancy for co-option. Lorraine Watling welcomed as new Parish Clerk.

**PLANNING**

PC no objection: (1) End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington: treatment of 4 trees. (2) Laurel House [Antiques Centre], Bull Ring, Deddington: re-introduction of front door, erection of railings, 3 new basement windows - if 'Keep Clear' sign erased. (3) 6 Hempton Road, Deddington: 2-storey side extension, 2-storey rear extension, & provision of new access. (4) Land to rear of Holcombe Hotel, Deddington: erection of 1 dwelling with leisure building & garaging. (5) 10 The Paddocks, Deddington: room in roof space with rear-facing dormer window.

CDC approvals: School Early Years Classroom; Laurel House; Featherton House; Sedge Hill, Clifton; F Eagles; Parkside Lane, Clifton; 4 Mill Close; Heritage House, Walnut Close, Deddington.

Bengal Spice, Deddington: refused by CDC Planning Committee - going to appeal.

**HIGHWAYS**

November Fair: generally approved; repeat in 2006 if certain lessons are learnt.

Phased light crossing at Horsefair, delayed by SEB, work due to start by end February.

Pelican crossing Hempton Road: start due early March.

Clifton footpath - from bus shelter to Home Farm: PC to contribute £4000. Average speed of cars through Clifton is 39 mph.

Hempton: density of traffic does not justify weight restriction.

**IN BRIEF**

- Town Hall: £8,300 needed to restore the hall to tenable state.
- Holly Tree Club: grant of £237.54 agreed towards cost of disabled toilet, added to grant of £4500 from SITA Trust.
- Community Support Officer: not needed in addition to police and steward to monitor anti-social behaviour.
- Connection buses to be withdrawn in 2006.
- Charter Housing: tenants to vote on PC's requests for funding for Satin Lane allotments, Castle Grounds nature reserve feasibility study & modernisation of play area.

**WERE YOU BORN ON 21 APRIL 1926 ?** The Queen wants to know the names of her twins.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £5851.06, including £922.38 extending Windmill stage, £857.75 new play area springer, £493.50 bus shelter glass, £366.83 Christmas tree lights and £975.62 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages.

Investments totalled £563,602.26, of which £10,463 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £255,917.87 Alliance & Leicester @ 4.2% on 30 days; £297,221.39 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight.

**Meeting in Town Hall, 18 January 2006**

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Collins, Cox, Putland, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public. Alan Collins from Clifton was co-opted to replace Martin Ellis.

**PLANNING**

PC no objection: (1) Highways Depot, Banbury Road, Deddington: replace old facilities with new refuelling station, salt loading area and associated drainage. (2) Berwick House, New Street, Deddington: convert carport to garage. (3) Glen Cree, Philcote Street, Deddington: replace flat-roofed porch with pitch-roofed porch. (Application withdrawn: 6 Hempton Road, Deddington.)

CDC approvals: End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington; Monks Court, Deddington; Unicorn Hotel.

Upper Heyford Planning Forum: exhibition in Village Hall, 9 February, 2 ~ 8pm.

**HIGHWAYS**

Phased light crossing at Horsefair, and Pelican crossing Hempton Road imminent.

Clifton footpath - OCC finding its share of funding.

Earls Lane - resurfacing has made edges vulnerable and dangerous to pedestrians.

Old-style signposts - need repainting for a 'best kept village'.

**IN BRIEF**

- Parish Plan: 300 responses being processed.
- Fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly-posting & dog offences possible from April.
- Misuse of wastebins by firms evading charges for commercial refuse to be watched.
- Satin Lane Allotments: payment towards rotavating only if agreed in advance.
- Precept: increase of 2p per week for Band D house proposed for 2006/7.
- Loan to Windmill Centre being repaid from increased use of all-weather court.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £2496.36, including £770.21 for Windmill lighting and £775.19 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages.

Investments totalled £545,369.95, of which £4230.69 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £255,917.87 Alliance & Leicester @ 4.2% on 30 days; £285,221.39 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

**Wed 15 February Town Hall, 7.45pm.**

**Wed 15 March, Hempton, 7.45pm. Annual meeting Wed 26 April, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm Parish Council Elections - Thursday 4 May**

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)

We had an exceptionally busy end to 2005 with a lot of hellos and goodbyes. It was sad to say farewell to Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Graham and Mrs O'Neill as they had done so much for the school. However, it was lovely to welcome Mrs Haselgrove, Miss Burn and Mr Fane. We hope they will be very happy here at Deddington. Work has not stopped throughout the month of December on the new Early Years Unit. I am pleased to say that we are still very much on target for a 20 February opening. The builders have done a great job; it is looking very smart. A huge thank you to Deddington Charities Estates for their kind financial contribution to the development of the outdoor area; it will be excellent to have a purpose-built environment for the youngest pupils in the school.



The performances at the end of term were fantastic; a big thank you to all the staff and parents who made them so good. The children's singing and acting were a credit to everyone involved. The school choir visited Featherton House for some carol singing for the first time; it was lovely that the residents and children gained so much from it. We plan to develop this further this coming year with regular visits from across the school.

Another highlight at the end of term was the school gaining the Healthy Oxfordshire Schools Award. Mrs Graham, Mrs Hunsley and her wonderful team of parents worked incredibly hard to gather the evidence for this assessment; we passed with flying colours. Our healthy food stall started on 9 January so the children can purchase a whole range of healthy snacks and drinks. Mrs Haslam and Mrs Hunsley are being ably supported by Miss Bellinger and Year 6 to get this off the ground. A parent, Mr Stoddard, has supported this venture through some funding from Peach Pubs Co, which has been a great help. We are also planning to display some of our pupils' lovely artwork around the parish so keep your eyes open at the Health Centre and Library for our budding artists' work.

*Judith Tinsley 338430*

#### PTA

The PTA was busy before Christmas! The children had a great time at the Bop, Shop & Drop. Santa's float was fun as always; thanks to John & Stan our fantastic Santas and to Jason and Andrew our "reindeer"! Santa's grotto was much enjoyed and the School's Christmas cards were delightful. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and support these events.

I am sure you are aware of the barn fire in the village before Christmas. This fire has deprived Andrew Fox of his winter living from the hay/straw stored in the barn. Andrew has been a great friend to the PTA and we are very saddened by his loss. While the Early Years Unit and playground were being built at school, the PTA tables, props, games etc were temporally stored in the barn. These items, which were so important for our summer fête were all destroyed.

#### Vacancies.

- We currently have 2 vacancies at School for part-time staff. The first one is a Teaching Assistant working with a very special young man with autism, for 3 afternoons a week. The second is for a Handyperson, which would involve maintenance, minor DIY and some high-level cleaning. This is for 15 hours per week.
- Both of these posts are available immediately, so please contact the school Administrator, Mrs Vicky Stevens 338430 for more details.

Our new storage facility at school will be ready soon; however, we now have nothing to put in it! I would like to appeal to the community on behalf of the PTA, for help in replacing the items lost. This can be done in a number of ways, such as a cash donation (Gift Aid forms & collecting box in the Library and at school). Corporate sponsorship would be greatly appreciated to replace "bash-a-rat" or "crazy golf" etc. We also need help to make some of the items lost in the fire like the "hit an ace" game. If you can help with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On a brighter note, we are very excited about the second Deddington Walk on 21 May, our Quiz Night in March and the summer fête too! More details next month. We very much appreciate your continued support.

*Stella O'Neill PTA Chair 338769*

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### Parish Church in February

Wed	1	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs	2	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
		6.30 pm	CANDLEMAS Eucharist
Sun	5	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	8	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	12	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
Wed	15	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	16	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	19	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed	22	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00 am	Morning Service & Children's Church

### March

Wed	1	10.00 am	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Eucharist
		7.30 pm	Eucharist with Ashes

### St John Hempton

Suns	5 & 19	9.00 am	Eucharist
	26	6.00 pm	Evensong

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals Nov 29 Margaret Bagot; Dec 6 Gay Hood  
Baptism Jan 8 Samuel Hallett

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 8 & 22 February, 7.30pm  
2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 8 & 22 February, 7.30pm

**Charity of the Month** - February : **MERCY SHIPS** - 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: February 5, 12 & 19 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 26 - John Hine  
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 together with their congregation. Sunday evening services are now held at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m.**  
February 5 - Michael Tong; 12 - Pastor Derek Walker (Oxford Bible Church);  
19 - John Hine; 26 - Pastor Derek Walker

### 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.

March 1 is **ASH WEDNESDAY**: Mass will be said at Hethe at 10.00 am and at Adderbury at 7.00 pm. The Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

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.

### DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2006

Musical play, **'King Leo'** by Cecilia McDowall  
Sunday 25 June, 6.00pm

The story concerns the ageing King Leo the Lion, Lord of the Jungle. Who will be his successor? Will it be Lord Tiger, or Lord Panther? Will the forest be razed to the ground or will it be saved?

We shall be seeking singers, actors, dancers aged 12 upwards (no limit) to take a variety of roles in this exciting staged work. Informal voice tests



will be arranged during April for those who can make **all** the following dates:

- Workshop Weekend 3 & 4 June, 10-5pm both days.
- Tuesday 6 or Thursday 8 June 7-10pm (tbc)
- Saturday 17 June, 10am-5pm
- Thursday 22 June 7-10pm
- Sunday 25 June 2-4.30pm [Dress rehearsal]

Telephone Janet Lincé on 01869 232618

FURTHER DETAILS NEXT MONTH.



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).

**S**ome say this place called Deddington  
Is really rather drab  
But tonight I'm going to show you  
That it's absolutely fab

**Chorus, When the saints go marching in...etc**

If you want a bit of fun  
Get down to the Crown & Tuns  
Have one of Anton's special pies  
Don't be daunted by its size.  
And other restaurants beckon you -  
There's Chinese Food at May Fu 2  
And the Bengal Spice is rather nice,

As the saints go marching in  
**Chorus, When the saints etc**  
And at the smart Holcombe Hotel

They do you rather well  
With pizza nice and tasty  
In really super pastry.  
And the girls in the Deddington Arms  
All have undoubted charms  
Pardonnez moi, s'il vous plait  
Une Chardonnay

As the saints go marching in  
**Chorus, When the saints etc**  
Then there's the famous monthly market  
Come by car- nowhere to park it,  
But there's fruit and veg and bread and meat  
So buy as much as you can eat.  
There's an exotic ice cream stand  
And sometimes a jazz band.

What tune do they play? Not hard to say  
'Cos it's the Saints go marching in

**Chorus, When the saints etc**  
Across the road's the Village Store -  
Who could ask for anything more ?

It's a really super one-stop shop  
And all the staff are most co-op  
You can get a bottle of booze  
And exchange the village news  
But upset Beryl at your peril -

As the saints go marching in  
**Chorus When the saints etc**  
There's the Unicorn and Lion

Good pubs you can rely on  
For a glass of wine or beer  
And plenty of good cheer  
There's St Peter and St Paul  
Keeping watch over us all  
Who in Deddington dwell  
I wish you well

As the saints go marching in  
**Chorus [molto allargando]**  
**When \* the \* Saints \* Go \* Mar \* Ching \* In!**  
*written, and inimitably performed  
at a Harvest Supper, by John Cheney*

### CHRISTMAS TREE CAROLS BENEFIT HOSPICE

Over 450 people gathered around the village Christmas tree in Deddington Market Place at 6 pm on Christmas Eve to sing carols. As has become the custom they were conducted by Jim Flux and accompanied by Geoff and Joan Todd playing their street organ. Children enthusiastically played bells while the adults enjoyed mulled wine provided by many of the licensed premises from the village ably served by Chris and Yvonne Twomey, Stan and Carole Horlock and Pat Brittain. The evening raised £580.53 with the proceeds being donated to Katharine House Hospice at Adderbury. As one newcomer to the village remarked as they left the Market Place. "I've only just moved to Deddington but this has really started Christmas for me and all those here this evening. It was very special". The event was supported by Bengal Spice, British Legion Club, the village Co-op, Crown and Tuns, Deddington Arms, May Fu 2, Otters Restaurant and The Unicorn Hotel. *Geoff Todd*

### Parish Plan Free Prize Draw Winners

Bengal Spice Meal for 2 (+ bottle house wine):  
Mrs Burden.  
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Mr Baugh.  
Unicorn Meal for 2 (+ bottle house wine):  
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## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On the Sunday nearest to 11 November each year, Services of Remembrance take place at the Cenotaph in London and in most Churches throughout the Country, but on the Saturday the Royal British Legion holds a very special Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. There are in effect two Festivals, one in the afternoon at 2.00 pm open to the public and one at 7.00 pm for invited members of the Royal British Legion and other guests in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, other members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister and other party leaders and senior politicians. This evening Festival is televised.

There are 2,854 Royal British Legion Branches in the Country, of which only 100 are invited to parade their Standards at the Festival. We were honoured to be one of these Branches last year so, as the newly appointed Standard Bearer for Deddington, it fell to me to "do my bit". I had to be at the Royal Albert Hall for just after 7.00 am on Saturday 12 November with everything polished and ironed to perfection. Garrison Sergeant Major London District had only until 2.00 pm to weld us into a 100 man cohesive unit. We were drilled for 4 hours in the morning until lunch at noon and then a final briefing prior to the afternoon Festival.

The Festival opens with a Fanfare by the State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry. There is then a Musical Selection and Community Singing led by the Massed Bands of the Guards Division culminating in the singing of the National Anthem. By now, even the most experienced of our group were pretty nervous not to say somewhat emotional - but our time had come. The Union Flag and the Royal British Legion National Standards were first to enter the arena.

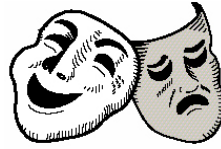


We entered by marching down a flight of 12 steps whilst carrying the Standard in front of us and eyes looking forward so we couldn't see the steps! We all made this without incident and paraded to our allocated seats. There we were able to appreciate the rest of the afternoon and especially the very moving Service which is the culmination of the Festival. We then had a much needed break for tea until we started to prepare for the evening. We were especially nervous of making any mistakes in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, but happily all went well and our Parade was dismissed at the end of the Festival at 9.15 pm. I couldn't believe how many new friends I had made in the day - we all helped each other out - it was like turning the clock back 45 years but advancing years had taken their toll.

It had been a very long day since I got out of bed in Deddington at 4.30 am, when Hugh Morris our Club Secretary drove me to London, until 10.00 pm. 19 hours is a long time to be "on the go" under such demanding circumstances especially as I was on duty at Deddington Church at 10.30 the following morning but I wouldn't have missed it for anything. It was an

## ROBIN HOOD OF DAEDA'S FOREST

Although the script of the pantomime seemed to be obsessed with torture and punishment, it was lightened by the imaginative directing of Eleonore de la Bruyere and the colourful clothes cleverly designed and made by Barbara Upton. There was an attractive and cool Robin with a sweet singing voice and an appealing Maid Marion. A splendidly wicked Sheriff was obviously enjoying all the boos he received from the audience. Little woodland fairies (trained by Joanna Cox) danced with grace, charm and intelligence. The motley crew of villagers, sinister characters and 'merry men' added to the fun. Heather Nason's playing of the original and tuneful songs gave much pleasure, and Dave Sullivan's sound and lighting was as efficient as always. This was good entertainment and everyone involved in the production deserves praise for their dedicated work.



*Molly Neild*



## WELL REMEMBERED

**MARGARET BAGOT** (née McDermott) was born in 1931 in Clydebank, one of a family of 11 children. She attended a Convent School, where she excelled both in the classroom and on the games field. Her career with the Inland Revenue brought her to London where she met her husband, Denis. A son, Christopher, was born in 1965, but not long afterwards Margaret's health problems began. These Margaret took with grace and a determination not to allow sickness to prevent her pursuing her interests. A clever and cultivated woman, Margaret enjoyed travel, theatre and music and was highly proficient with crosswords and quizzes. She also had great sensitivity and practical wisdom, which she directed into the loving nurture of her family.

**GAY HOOD** was born in 1937 at Hollywood, County Down and after the War went to school in Dublin and then to a finishing school near Leatherhead. She worked as a Secretary in Belfast and London in the late 50's and early 60's, meeting her husband David when he was stationed with the Army at Hollywood. During her fifteen years as an army wife her two daughters, Georgina and Katie were born. Gay worked with Relate for several years and in Deddington for the Meals on Wheels service. She loved animals, particularly cats, and with her Irish charisma she made many (human) friends, but the care of her family was her prime concern.

*HW*

honour and a privilege to display our Standard on such an occasion and it will always be for me an epic day amongst great company.

I would like to express my most sincere thanks to my colleagues at Deddington Royal British Legion who made it all possible.

*David Keats*

*[Apologies for omitting this in December. Ed]*



FROM JULIET OWENS, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

I work at Hook Norton Vets and on 17 February 2006 I shall be swapping wellies and my stethoscope for walking boots and a rucksack to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, 5,895 metres, and raise money for VETAID. This charity cares for the health and welfare of livestock in rural African communities, aiming to improve the livelihood of families who depend on their animals. For example, £10 provides a small flock of chickens, producing eggs for one family and a surplus that can be sold at the local market. £50 will buy four goats and £250 will equip a Community Animal Health Worker with the essential stethoscope, thermometer, basic drugs and a bicycle.

I have been training for the trek as best I can, considering the lack of mountains in the area, and have been running and walking with my training partner, Bryher, my dog. However the factor that will govern how far up Kilimanjaro I get is altitude sickness and not everyone in the group of 20 vets and vet nurses will reach the summit. But we shall have raised a substantial sum for VETAID to continue its essential work. I am aiming to raise over £3,500. If you would like to sponsor me, either log on to: [www.charitysponsor.com](http://www.charitysponsor.com) and type in Juliet Owens (ticking the Gift Aid box) or contact me at Hook Norton Vets on 01608 730085. More information on VETAID can be found at: [www.vetaid.org](http://www.vetaid.org). Thank you for your support.

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## TOYBOX

Alistair Welford has been a Trustee of Toybox for almost 2 years. He reports on a recent visit to Guatemala to see the work of its partner, El Castillo.

Toybox's vision is of 'a world where there are no street children, where families are restored and those who are disadvantaged have choices and hope'. I saw first the place where the street children were living; it was absolutely horrendous. There were two children asleep. When they awoke they appeared to be high on drugs - in an area where possibly 15-20 lived among very old mattresses, boxes, pieces of old clothes and rubbish. There were rats running around and the children's sanitary arrangements made the whole area squalid.

El Castillo Street Team get to know the children and serve them in whatever way they will accept - washing feet or playing games etc. I then saw children, who were once like the ones I had seen on the streets, in homes where there lives are and continue to be totally transformed. Children on drugs come off, children are counselled, children are educated, children are safe.

- a boy who has lost most of his family in the recent hurricane rap danced to a band called 'Funky';
- Anita had a new set of teeth because her old ones were so rotten from malnutrition;
- a 17-year-old boy after living in the homes for 8 years has an ambition to become an Architect, so that he can afford to get his mother and surviving brother away from a drugged life on the street, and then help others. This same boy, who had seen his father shot on the streets, give me a braid wristband which was a very special gift for me that I will not forget.
- children involved with prostitution, crime, drugs, abuse - all dancing, playing, learning, growing, safe - becoming adults who can potentially bring about real change in a desperate situation.

I am sure that from time to time problems emerge, but the family environment and seeing little ones being looked after by big ones was very special.

*Alistair Welford*



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**NEW PARISH CLERK**

Lorraine Watling took over the role of Parish Clerk from Graham Pitts in November. She is Oxfordshire born and bred, and has lived for the last 12 years in Steeple Aston, where she takes a leading role in the panto and pub quizzes. She comes with 20 years experience with AEA plc, marketing renewable energy and energy efficiency in Europe; she is currently an evaluator of EU proposals in those fields. Since taking redundancy from Harwell in 2002, she has been polishing her skills in painting and decorating and as an interior designer. *CH*

**Dr RICHARD RUSH**

Deddington Health Centre is losing the services of Dr Richard Rush at the end of February. This news, so soon after the retirement of Dr Hugh O'Donnell, has been learnt with dismay by the many patients he inherited from Hugh. The compassionate care he has given over the last ten years is witnessed to by the willingness of his patients to expect several days' delay before seeing him (unless in an emergency such as shingles!), and to accept that he may well be running late. Richard leaves with reluctance, conscious that the external pressure he is feeling is damaging the quality of care it is his vocation to provide. He hopes to resume the use of his skills as a physician after a period of reflection. Then once again, if he asks a patient "How are you?", and the patient replies "Fine, thanks", he may again respond: "Those who say that when they visit their doctor are either psychotic or on drugs!" *CH*

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**End of an Era as Rosemary leaves Library**

Early March will mark Rosemary Arnold's retirement as manager of the village library after over two decades of service to Deddington and surrounding villages. All users of the library - the static or mobile version - young and old, past and present, will be losing a friend and knowledgeable advisor who exudes the love of her job. Our library has offered more than just books under her stewardship and her interest in local matters has always been to the fore. We have all been fortunate

to be the beneficiaries of her enthusiasm and knowledge.

Since news of Rosemary's retirement became known members of the Friends



of Deddington Library (FoDL) have been asked if the occasion was going to be marked in some way - a collection perhaps? This seems to be the widely held view so the Friends are organising a collection for Rosemary. If you wish to subscribe, please forward your donation to The Knowle, Deddington OX15 0TB, [cheques payable to 'Canon A.C.Hall']. Alternatively your contributions can be handed to any FoDL member or myself. We are organising an event on Tuesday 7 March at the Windmill Community Centre to mark her retirement which will give us all an opportunity to say a well deserved "Thank you". *Geoff Todd*

**OUR NEW BEAT BOBBY**

On 7 January I took over from PC Weaver as the Deddington Area Beat Officer. I will also be looking after the villages surrounding Deddington - South Newington to Steeple Aston. I drove 120 miles in a day exploring the patch. I am looking forward to working with the community. If anyone needs to contact me for any reason, they can do so on 08458 505505, or at the Police Office in the village centre. I have been in the Police for 5 years, and previously have been a community beat officer in Oxford. I look forward to being a regular contributor to this magazine.

*PC 1698 Phil Morris*



**BANBURY GUARDIAN : The copy date for the BG has been changed to 11.00am on Mondays, so Molly Neild asks anyone who wants information or notices included in the Village News to get their copy to her at 1 Philcote Street by Sunday afternoons at the latest, please.**



**NOSTALGIA RULES !**

In the last issue of the DN I introduced readers to memories by Derrick Robbins, a sometimes very home-sick ex-pat who has made his home in Sarasota Florida. He is now retired from his job, spends much time doing exciting voluntary work as a member of the CITIZENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, which provides local cover in the unlikely event of a terrorist attack or a major accident or hurricane. His "free" time, apart from cooking, gardening and general housekeeping, is spent dreaming of Deddington! Reading the Deddington News on line keeps him in contact with his favourite village in the UK, and by sharing some memories with us he hopes to hear from contemporaries, who on reading of them, will say: "Oh yes, I remember it well!"

Derrick writes: "I was born in East Dulwich in 1928. My parents were Frederick Robbins and Edith whose mother was the second wife of Job Bull who lived in Horsefair Lane Deddington. From the age of about two my mother would bring me to Deddington to stay with my uncle Chris Ell, a boot and shoe repairer, and his wife Millicent, my mother's sister.

At the outbreak of war in September 1939 I came to live in Deddington with my aunt Mill and uncle Chris as a private evacuee. My aunt took me to the headmaster of the local school, I believe his name was Mr Harmsworth. Just before the outbreak of war I had taken my school exams but the papers were lost so I had to sit the exam again, and, after some further mix up, was told that I had passed and could attend Banbury County School. So began my daily trip on the Oxford bus to school and back. Boys upstairs and girls downstairs!

In Deddington I joined the Church Choir run by the Vicar the Rev Dr Frost, who paid us half a penny for each attendance. I still remember well that a lady from Abingdon used to attend Church and that two Choir boys were allowed to sit in the back of the Vicar's little black Austin when he drove her back again. We had to hold our breaths when he put his foot down hard

on the accelerator! However, the Vicar was kind to us boys even though he could bring us up sharply when we misbehaved!

My uncle and aunt lived in "Tower View" Bull Ring where Job Bull and uncle Chris' father, Mr Ell senior, had come to join them after the deaths of their wives. Both elderly gentlemen had an allotment off the Hempton road where they spent their days and in the evenings they would sit together at home puffing their pipes smoking tobacco called "thick twist" which came in rolls like liquorice and had to be cut and chopped with a sharp knife"

*Ruth Johnson*

(Derrick's memories are to be continued next month.

He would dearly love to correspond by e-mail with an old Deddingtonian. If anyone has the time and inclination, please contact Ruth on 338355. Ed)

**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of January and February 1856:- (Note the lighting of the first gas street lamps in the village.)

7<sup>th</sup> January - I granted a search warrant against certain parties suspected of having stolen 21 fowls from Calcutt's home roost on Saturday night last.

14<sup>th</sup> January - I wrote to the Chairman of the Woodstock Union again to beg my proposition relative to an increase in pay, either 6d. or 4d., to be given during the severe weather to the aged and infirm and the widows throughout the Union, might be fairly considered.

15<sup>th</sup> January - I heard from Collins & Co. at Oxford offering £6.10.0. for our old phaeton - which I wrote to accept, and also from Lawrie & Marnier acknowledging receipt of £180 for their bill for our new Brougham, etc. Called at the Factory and purchased a 56lbs. cast iron weight. Boys returned from Ball at Astrop at 3 o'clock.

26<sup>th</sup> January - Our gas lamps were lighted for the first time in the Streets - tho' promised to be so in October last - at present the ones placed in our Street (New Street) seem well placed and satisfactory.

30<sup>th</sup> January - Mr. Kilby the lawyer of Banbury had appointed all Mr. Brogden's creditors to meet him at the Kings Arms at 3 o'clock p.m. today.

7<sup>th</sup> February - I called in at the schools and saw and conversed with the new master and mistress for the first time - about 60 boys were present and between 70 and 80 girls. The girls more cleanly and decent than the boys.

18<sup>th</sup> February - Holford and I drove to Banbury to attend a Turnpike Meeting at the Red Lion at the request of Major Goddard who had complained of the way in which the Surveyor repaired certain parts of the road.

25<sup>th</sup> February - Mr. Lechmere came and we went minutely over the Lockup here in order to report truly thereupon to the next Sessions - as to the work done there by the Contractor and its present state - which is most unsatisfactory.

*Buffy Heywood*

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**Signs of Spring!**

Or so it has seemed recently. But don't be fooled, winter has not finished yet. In spite of the snowdrops being late and other bulbs only just beginning to show – probably held back by the cold spell we had in November – buds are swelling, birds are singing and there are other signs of new life. One of the most promising is down Satin Lane (off St Thomas Street for those who don't know) where work has been going ahead to clear land for some new allotment gardeners who, I guess, will be joining the 'regulars' in preparing the ground for planting in a few weeks' time.



There were once three allotment fields in the village and many people would have been self-sufficient in growing vegetables. But life has changed and now few of us grow anything that we can eat. Of course there are many disappointments in store for the would-be gardeners in Satin Lane for they are not the only ones who lick their lips and watch as the crops grow. Pigeons, deer and rabbits may be the most obvious; slugs and aphids may not have lips to lick but they can be just as damaging. Yet there is little to beat really fresh, possibly organic produce, straight from garden to kitchen. If others are thinking of trying an allotment why not contact Lorraine Watling, the Parish Clerk, on 337447 and ask about a 'starter' allotment in Deddington or Hempton?

*Hugh Marshall*

**ON THE FARM**

I know it's late, but a happy new year to you all. February is traditionally a dark, cold, wet month and of the many old weather lore sayings "February fill dyke" is one of the best known. This year the weather in February will be closely watched by the water supply companies, as reservoirs are very low after the prolonged spell of reduced rainfall, and it has been suggested that Oxfordshire has only received 20% of its normal autumn and winter rainfall. With the spring and new plant growth just around the corner any rainfall after about the middle of March will do very little to replenish the aquifers, as the growing crops and plants will transpire most of what falls from the sky.

February will see the start of the much delayed environmental schemes for the farm. These schemes should have started last November but, because of problems in setting up the government's administrative computer system, the start date was put back to the 1 February. Even now the system is still not up and running and the agreements have been hand-written. The ewes are well settled into their winter quarters and we should see the first lambs arriving during the first week of February.

At least that will be something to look forward to amid all the depression, despondency and feelings of betrayal which now surround all aspects of agriculture and primary food production in this country. With so much uncertainty as to just what the future holds, it is difficult to plan ahead.

Grain and finished livestock prices are very low, the grain values have not moved much above the off-the-combine price of last harvest (last year our milling wheat sold for £90 a ton; this year it is worth £72 and still in the barn (has your bread price come down?). Fat lambs have come back to £1/kg (what are you paying in the shops?) Add to this the savage hike in fuel and fertiliser prices and the fact that we still have no idea when we shall see any of the CAP payments, or by how much they will be reduced, and the situation is far from easy.

The banks are doing all they can to ease the situation, but this can only at best be a short term stop gap. To rub salt into the wounds, last week we received a cheque from the Wool Marketing Board for the wool from 320 ewes. The amount was £383.73. Deduct the cost of shearing and we were left with £95. My Christmas shopping list included 6 woollen pullovers bought from the Wool Marketing Board shop at a cost of £173.50. Now what was that about fair trade \*?

*George Fenemore 338203*

[\* for ALL primary producers. Ed]



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**Deddington Writers Group**

The Group is again promoting a writing competition as part of Deddington Festival 2006. There will be categories for adults (poetry and stories) as well as for younger writers. Details and entry form are on the Deddington website ([www.deddington.org.uk/writing](http://www.deddington.org.uk/writing)), in Deddington Library, or contact Hugh Marshall on 337761. The group is always glad to hear from local people who seriously enjoy writing and who might be interested in a monthly meeting to comment on each other's work and to share information. Please have a word with Sylvie Nickels (338995), Molly Neild (338521), Kristin Thompson (337052), Norman Stone (338019), Donald Lane (337199) or Hugh Marshall (337761)

**1st Deddington Scout Group**

Many thanks to everyone who used the Christmas post this year. It was our busiest ever and we delivered over 1200 cards! There were, however, a few that we could not deliver either because the addresses were incomplete or they were out of the area (we don't deliver to Duns Tew or Nether Worton). The children and their parents try their best to locate all addresses but sometimes they can't find them, so apologies for any non-deliveries.

The Cubs' end of term party went very well, all of them dressing as explorers and adventurers – false beards and all. There were several activities based on the theme of Tutankhamen including a hieroglyph code, a treasure dig and a tomb memory game, these and other frantic games combined to make a very enjoyable evening. Cubs are full for the next few months. If your child is interested in joining, please contact us to be put on the waiting list.

The Scouts' entertainment was a triumph. In only seven weeks they wrote a short play, formed a band, re-wrote *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and made all the props, as well as working out how to light the production with only desk lamps!

The performance was flawless despite the loss of one of the principal actors; his stand-in did a great job. Many thanks to Karen Corradi for all her help, she stuck with us to the end and earned a well-deserved entertainers badge, as did all the Scouts.

*Jo & Pete Churchyard 338071*

**Deddington Art Group**

We all enjoyed the past year and fourteen of us had a Christmas lunch at the Red Lion and, on another occasion, a tea party. Our club encourages artists of every level. We started up on 5 January and, despite the cold, have had a full house. We are led by Frank Palmer and meet at Deddington Town Hall on Thursdays, 10 am to 4 pm.

*Ken Wilkinson 337256*

**WI**

On 13 December members and guests celebrated our 80th anniversary at the Unicorn Inn where we were supplied with an excellent buffet. A celebration cake donated by Mrs Edgington was enjoyed with a glass of champagne donated by Daphne Harper.

During the evening members were able to look at the scrapbook compiled decade by decade. This was a very happy evening and we now look forward to our 90th anniversary.

We had a truly international evening on 10 January when four members gave short talks on their travels. Stephanie Highams told of her experiences of being brought up abroad, living and working in several countries and owning, with her husband, a successful English tea shop in Italy, before returning to the UK to live. Barbara Upton spoke and displayed photos of her trip to Peru, which included a cruise down the Amazon and a visit to Machu Pichu mountain. Ann Neil showed slides of New Zealand's spectacular scenery and Beryl Suckling told us of the travails of travel in trains, boats and planes. A very interesting evening.

Due to the unavoidable withdrawal of 'Ro and Maddy', the March speaker and subject have been brought forward. On 14 February Beryl Suckling will speak on 100 years of Oxfordshire autobiographies.

*Rene Mahony 338438*

**Book Club**

Over Christmas we read 'Another Kind of Loving' by Sylvie Nickels and were delighted to welcome Sylvie to our January meeting. Our next book, which we shall be reading during February, is 'Perfume: The Story of a Murderer' by Patrick Suskind.

Here is a summary of our discussions on 'Waiting for the Barbarians' by J M Coetzee: 'The story of an



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ageing magistrate in a backwater of Empire who wishes to serve out his time quietly, but circumstances force him to stand up to the brutality of that Empire and its repression of the 'barbarians', whom he knows to be essentially peaceful. This novel could have been set in any time or place, but probably represents the author's native South Africa. Some of us felt that the Magistrate might be an allegory for a Christ figure with references to ritual washing and his near crucifixion. We were enthralled by the language, but appalled by the subject matter, particularly relating to torture. A book that could and should be re-read to get the most out of it.'

We are now a thriving group with 21 names on the mailing list. Whilst we are predominantly female, we are very proud of our two male contributors and would welcome any new members of either gender! Next meeting 23 February - call for venue.

*Sally Lambert 338094*

### **Deddington Town Football Club**

#### **1st Team Results**

Steeple Aston (h) : Lost 0-2

Heyford Utd (a)(Benevolent Cup): Won 6-1 G.Gilkes (2), J.Flemming (2), B.Durrant, K.Laird.

Kineton (a): Lost 2-3 G.Gilkes, L.Rawlings.

Chasewell Park (h) : Lost 0-4

The 1st team has had a poor run of league results and therefore have slipped down to a mid-table position in the Premier League. Grant Gilkes and Lloyd Rawlings were the scorers in the narrow defeat to Kineton. The team are through to the next round of the Benevolent Cup, thanks to a crushing 6-1 victory over Division 2 leaders Heyford Utd. Once again Gilkes was amongst the goals and there was also a goal for striker Ben Durrant.

#### **Reserve Team Results**

Bloxham (a) : Lost 2-3 J.Pearce, D.Keys.

Cropredy 'A' (h) : Won 4-1 J.Pearce, M.Ayckbourne (2), D.Sullivan.

Bloxham (h) : Lost 2-5 L.Rawlings, J.Pearce.

Bodicote Res (a) : Lost 1-2 J.Pearce.



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The Reserve side has had a mixed bag of results. However they achieved an excellent victory against Cropredy 'A' when Mike Ayckbourne scored 2 goals. Julian Pearce is in excellent form, and has scored in every game since re-signing for the club. The team are currently in a mid table position and also have 2 cup semi-finals to look forward to.

75 Club Winners – All £50 Prizes: 9/12/05 M.Simons; 16/12/05 K.Anderson; 23/12/05 W.Brain; 30/12/05 H.Howard; 6/1/06 M.Smith; 13/1/06 C.Franklin

The annual Boxing Day Charity match was very well attended by both current and ex-players. The game was played in excellent spirit, with the current team running out 3-0 winners and winning the 'Stan Brain Memorial Cup'. Over £100 was raised from the match, which will be donated to a local group. Many thanks to Andy Shepherd for organising the event.

*Steve Plumble 01295 278258*

### **Holly Tree Club**

As you read this the work on upgrading the toilets and kitchen should be completed, giving the village a much better facility for use by small groups. This has been made possible by a grant from SITA Trust whose funding comes from the landfill tax. Our next get-together is on 1 February at 6.30pm for the film *Vera Drake*, and our regular meeting is on 6 February at 10.30am.

*Jean Flux*

### **1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company**

Since November 2005 we have welcomed Alfie, Josh R, Toby, Josh H, James B, Oliver S and Barney as new members of the Anchors and Harry R as a new member of the Juniors. In December we promoted Jake M to leading boy in the Juniors.

During November our Company Section took part in the Oxfordshire Battalion Masterteam competition in Kidlington and on the 13 November our Company brass band lead the Remembrance parade to the War Memorial.

On 18 November Max, William, Jake M and Oliver won the Oxfordshire Battalion Junior Top Team event in Witney. A second Deddington team came second! This is the fourth year in a row that our Juniors have won the event!

On 4 December we held our enrolment service in the Church and on 7 December it was our annual Christmas Party at The Windmill.

On 14 January we entered 3 teams in the Oxfordshire Battalion 5-a-side competition held at the Spiceball and our Company Section and Anchor teams won their respective competitions. A special mention for Jake A and Josh H for their outstanding performances in the Anchors competition.

*Brian Bushell 338715*

### **Deddington Badminton Club**

Our first club night of 2006 was on 3 January. Our Men's A team recorded their first win this season by a hard fought victory over Marlborough A 5-4. Our Junior Men's C team had an excellent win over Marlborough B by 6-3, with straight victories being won by Alistair Worrell and Jordon Kay, Liam Authers and Ted Webb.

Congratulations must go to Mathew Teare and Alex Radinni who played only their second match. This victory keeps this team top of Division 3. Our KO team is playing The Feathers in the quarterfinal of the Knockout Cup in February. For more information visit [www.btbl.org.uk](http://www.btbl.org.uk)

*Mark Tyler 338056*

### **Royal British Legion Branch & Club**

December was busy: work on the toilet block was completed before Christmas and the whole beer storage and dispensing equipment was replaced. Our traditional Christmas Eve draw was extremely well supported, as was the club generally over Christmas and New Year, especially on New Year's Eve. We used the new licensing hours for the first time, which was appreciated by the members. At the AGMs of both the Branch and Club on 3 December the officers and committees were re-elected with 3 additions to the Club committee. *Ray Morris*

### **Deddington and District History Society**

John Wilson gave a very lively talk on 11 January, comfortably winning the prize for the most intriguing title of the season: 'Preserving our past. Or, did your grandmother ever give you one of these?' He filled two six-foot trestle tables with artefacts and implements. His unorthodox invitation to handle any we wished was a great hit with his audience.

On Wednesday 8 February our talk is likely to be of great interest to anyone from this area: Tim Marshall on *Fardon Clocks*, which were made in the 18th & 19th

century and by the Deddington family of that name.

On 8 March we offer a very special event: 2006 is the 60th anniversary of the famous film *Twenty-Four Square Miles* (commentary by the young John Arlott), a pioneering survey of this area. After a cine version of the film, will be the follow-up film made by Central Television ten years ago. There will be a commentary by Graham Nottingham, who has made a study of the locations and people featured. Because we expect this to be a very popular event, we shall meet for this evening only in the Parish Church, at 7.30. All are welcome.

*Chris Day 337204*

### **Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group**

We will continue to meet through the half-term holiday. Join us if you have a baby or toddler and are looking for good company (for them and you) and fun activities. We meet every Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 - 11.30am, at the Windmill. Just come along!

*Lucy Squires 338442*

### **Youth Club**

The Youth Club Christmas party on 12 December was enjoyable with karaoke, a quiz and food. Members of differing ages all took part to make a successful evening. Our Monday club evenings started again on 23 January under a new leader, Nikki Kirk, ably assisted by Saskia Knights, Clare Newcome and a rota of helpers for the boys' sport. We look forward to a successful term in which members are offered a good range of activities. Our age range is 10 to 15 years.

*Wendy Burrows*

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### **FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL**

Most Friends have rejoined for 2006 - plus 15 new members. Join them! The expanded 2006 Festival programme caters for a wide range of interests. As last year, we welcome your ideas and offers of help with any of the Festival events. We shall be circulating another Friends' Newsletter, containing Festival information and developments and it's not too soon to make suggestions now. *Sue Goddard 338122*

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

May I introduce myself as the new Clifton Correspondent ? I'm Alexandra Jardine, a Year 9 pupil at Sibford School. I would like to thank Carol Drawmer and Eleonore de la Bruyere for their hard work as correspondents over the last few years.

In December a group of carol singers organised by Joy White went carolling in the village to raise money for Katharine House Hospice. We collected the fantastic amount of about £70.00. Thank you to everyone who took part and made a donation to a very worthy cause. Over the past few weeks a number of houses have been burgled in Clifton, so just to remind everyone to keep safe, do make sure all windows and doors are securely locked. A date for your diary: the Children's Easter Eggstravagansa egg hunt will take place again this year in Welford's Piece on 15 April, Easter Eve. This event will be organised by the Clifton Crew to raise money for charity. If anyone has any news they would like me to mention, please contact me.

*Alexandra Jardine 337235*

*We are told two Clifton residents on 20 January spotted a "puma" in a field east of the Circular Walk between Hazel Hedge and Hazel Hedge Barn. Ed*



## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

For the first time in many years the Christmas Bazaar was held in the morning. Attendance figures were down but those that did come stayed longer and several people said what a nice family atmosphere the event had. Around £700 was raised towards the ongoing maintenance of the Church. On 16 December several people in the village organised a Golf Day, which everyone enjoyed. That evening was the Carol Service, with about 70 people in the congregation including a lot of children. The Deddington Church choir gave their vocal backing and the evening finished with refreshments. On 17 December a "hat party" was held in the Church Hall. Dress was optional but a hat of any description had to be worn. All profits were given to the Friends of the Church. The Christmas Day Eucharist was well attended, with 34 people in the congregation.

At last the sign has been put back in place at the east end of the village to say who we are. Plans are in hand to put one at the other end. The Parish Council, which normally meets in Deddington, will hold their next meeting in Hempton Church Hall, 15 March at 7.45pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Table Tennis team, which just avoided relegation last season, is again struggling but they have just won their first match so let's hope they have turned the corner.

Dog fouling is again happening on the right-of-way across the farm. Please clean up, as many people use this path.

*Les Chappell 338054*

## From the Fire Station

In total we received 181 call outs in 2005, 30 of these were in December. These included 4 calls to road traffic accidents (1 involving an HGV with driver trapped), 2 barn fires, 1 chimney fire, 3 false alarms, 1 fire in a microwave. Then the fire service was kept very busy all over the county with a number of car fires. Our crew had to deal with 15 of these. At one incident there were 6 cars well alight which then spread to an industrial unit. Thankfully we got this fire under control very fast and stopped it destroying the unit.



On New Year's Eve the crew responded to reports of another car fire at Morrells Car Sales, Nell Bridge. On arrival we were confronted with 4 cars well alight. These fires are being treated very seriously and are being investigated by Thames Valley and Northants Police. If you see anybody acting suspiciously, please report it to the police.

On Christmas Day there was a thatch roof deliberately set on fire with the occupants still in the house. The fire was brought under control quickly and did not spread too far. However this incident was very costly in terms of fire service resources, as 9 appliances responded to it; it could have put the occupiers in serious danger.

Our latest call was to a house fire in Banbury, where sadly the occupier died. A lady, in her sixties, had apparently gone into the smoke-filled kitchen to make the call to the fire service. If you discover a fire please remember to **"get out, stay out and get the brigade out"**. A neighbour can make the call for you; don't take any risks. Also remember to check your smoke alarms, think about replacing the batteries at this time of the year, and check the alarms once a week. Keep safe for a Happy New Year.

*James Britchford Firefighter*

## DON'T MISS THE BUS ...

... if you do, your wait will now be shorter. Since December, the 59 again runs every 60 minutes to and from Banbury and Oxford: leaving the Market Place mostly a few minutes after the hour in each direction, and returning from Magdalen Street in Oxford at a quarter past the hour, and a quarter to the hour from Banbury bus station. The journey to Oxford takes 50 minutes, and only 26 minutes to the Banbury terminus now that it no longer wanders around Bodicote. Pocket a timetable. Check the *Explorer* unlimited travel day ticket - it may be cheaper than a return. From April the Over-60s with a bus pass will travel free.

*CJH*