

# the Deddington news

**Copy please to the relevant  
editor by next copy date:  
16 AUGUST**

**Next advertising copy date:  
12 AUGUST**

MANAGING EDITORS:  
Jill Cheeseman 338609  
Mary Robinson 338272  
editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk

PARISH AFFAIRS CORRESP:  
Charles Barker 337747

CLUBS' EDITOR:  
Alison Day 337204  
clubs@deddingtonnews.co.uk

DIARY EDITOR:  
Jean Flux 338153  
diary@deddingtonnews.co.uk

FEATURES' EDITOR:  
Molly Neild 338521  
features@deddingtonnews.co.uk

CHURCH & CHAPEL EDITOR:  
Frank Steiner 338264

LETTERS' EDITOR:  
Kristin Thompson 337052  
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk

MONTHLY ADS & INSERTS:  
Debbie Grimsley 336110  
christopher.grimsley@btinternet.com

ANNUAL ADS:  
John Sampson 338739  
annuals@deddingtonnews.co.uk

TREASURER:  
Buffy Heywood 338212

PRINTING:  
Ruth Johnson 338355  
Pat Swash

COLLATING & DISTRIBUTION:  
Pat Brittain 338685  
assisted by Alison Brice,  
Yvonne Twomey and teams  
338950

LAYOUT:  
Jill Cheeseman

2008 COVER:  
Deddington Primary School

## What's new this month?

Will you Ride or Stride?

Deddington Rocks

Parish show for the autumn

### July

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Outing to Banbury
- Wed 2 Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00 pm
- Sat 5 & Festival Open Gardens, 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, p6
- Sun 6 Teas in Church, 2.30 pm
- Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree,  
10.30 am - noon
- Mon 7 Deddington Colts: AGM, Deddington Arms, 8.00 pm, p13
- Tue 8 WI Outing to Chatsworth. Bus leaves Market Place  
8.30am. Other pick-ups on Hempton Road
- Sun 13 Deddington Players: Summer Barbecue, 14 The  
Daedings 6.00 pm, p13
- Mon 14 Youth Club: End of term barbecue with music, Windmill
- Wed 16 Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm
- Sat 19 Macmillan Nurses Coffee Morning, Parish Church,  
10.00 am - 12 noon
- Sun 20 -
- Mon 21 DOGS weekend, Hill Valley Hotel & Golf Club, Chester
- Sat 26 'Illumination' Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm

### August

- Wed 6 Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00 pm
- Wed 6 Photographic Society Workshop Q & A Forum,  
Deddington Arms, 7.30 pm
- Thu 7 Children's Activities, Parish Church 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- Mon 11 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree,  
10.30 am - noon
- Tue 12 WI: *A Kookaburra Stole My Tent Peg*, Jill Bailey,  
Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
- Thu 14 Children's Activities, Parish Church 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- Fri 15 DOGS meet at Kirtlington
- Thu 21 Children's Activities, Parish Church 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- Sat 23 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Thu 28 Children's Activities, Parish Church 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

### September

- Sat 6 Parish Show, p7
- Tue 9 WI *Japanese Kimono* Anne Addymna,  
Holly Tree 7.30pm
- Wed 10 History Society, *History of the Use of Straw*,  
Florence Cross, Windmill Centre 7.30 pm
- Sat 13 Ride and Stride Historic Churches, p3

Copies of the Deddington News are available at THE FLOWER SHOP with a box for donations. Newcomers to Deddington can get contact information from DN at the library or from the website.

**Disclaimer:** The views expressed are not necessarily those of the editors or the committee. Inclusion of an advertisement or insert does not constitute any recommendation or endorsement of the organisations concerned on the part of the Deddington News. The DN takes no responsibility and gives no guarantees, warranties or representations, implied or otherwise, for the content or accuracy of these advertisements. The DN always seeks copyright permission where appropriate. All material is proof read to check that it is not scurrilous, libellous or otherwise unacceptable to the public at large. The DN team reserves the right to refuse any material on this basis. The editor's decision is final. The DN is printed on recycled paper.

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting in Town Hall 18 June 2008

Present Cllrs Flux [Chair], Anderson [Dep Chair], Alton, Collins, Ince, Privett, Spencer, Todd, Wood and County Cllr Jelfs, the Clerk, Minute Clerk, the Steward, three members of public and the DN correspondent.

### Open Forum

Chris Oaks, who had recently opened an organic food shop in Hudson Street was anxious to clarify the use of advertising boards. He had been informed that boards on the highway or public areas were not allowed but he needs to launch his business. He was provided with the published guidance notice, although the situation is to be reviewed by OCC.

### DPC resignation and vacancy

Cllr Rollason had resigned and, rather than call a bye-election, a call was made for nominations for the vacant seat. Anyone who would be interested in contributing to the good governance of Deddington is asked to put their name to the Clerk by July 14 [parishcouncil@deddington.net]. Nominees will be invited to attend the next meeting of the PC.

### Annual Parish meeting

- Windmill: A planning submission is being prepared
- Another flowering tree had been requested for the Market Place green
- Street lighting: OCC response is anticipated

### Highways

- Earls lane parking: OCC have still not reached a decision
- Earls lane speeding: traffic flow and speed to be monitored

### Book Club

Last month we met to discuss *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie and here is our review:

A short, humorous, semi-biographical tale, set during the Cultural Revolution in China. Two boys, guilty of being the sons of doctors and of completing high school, are sent to the remote countryside to learn to live the life of peasants. Ironically this 're-education' takes an unexpected turn when they discover a stash of banned western literature, which opens up a new world to them and brings hope for the future. Quite unsentimental, with only brief details of the hardship and hopelessness of the boys' situation, perhaps to emphasise the resilience of youth. Our only criticism would be that it reads like (and is) a translation and it may have lost some emotional impact as a result. Interestingly, the book is set in the same geographical area, Sichuan Province in South West China, as the recent earthquake.

The next book is *Shakespeare: The World as a Stage* by Bill Bryson and the next meeting 31 July. Please call for venue.

**Sally Lambert**  
338094

- Stile lights: all lamp standards to be reduced to five metres
- High Street northern crossing point, 'Request Button' being considered
- Chapmans Lane to be closed for re-surfacing 30 June—1 July

### Special Projects

- Hanging baskets are being sponsored by The Crown & Tuns, Town Hall baskets in place but yet to be placed at the library
- Planters on entry to villages have all been weeded and replanted, and a watering schedule agreed
- Hempton bench has been purchased and will be installed when painted
- Wi-fi router to be installed in Windmill CC

### Planning

*PC no objections* [1] Stone Walls, Hempton, 1st floor extension; [2] Manor Farm, Main St, Clifton, conversion of roof void and 3 new windows; [3] Manor Farm, Hempton Rd, fell 5 trees and replace with hornbeams

*PC qualified objection* [4] 30 Gaveston Gdns, ground floor extension and development above garage. Concern about loss of on site parking and disproportionate development

*CDC approvals* [5] Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, removal of facing tiles; [6] 4 Walnut Close, conservatory; [7] Pear Tree Cottage, St Thomas St, garden room repairs; [8] 11 Hempton Rd, new highway access

*Application Withdrawn* [9] Holcombe Hotel; [10] 4 Hempton Rd

### Environment & Recreation

- Stiles in Earls Lane and Hempton to be mended
- Library footpath obstructed by overgrown elder

**ALLOTMENTS**  
A meeting is to be held at the allotments to discuss the formation of an association to manage all aspects of the administration of the allotments on 30 June at 8pm, all allotment holders are invited to attend.

### Finance & General Purposes

- The 2007-08 annual accounts were accepted for audit
- Application for funding by Deddington Youth Club approved with conditions
- UK Sports Warehouse granted permission to use Deddington arms for cricket shirts

### Notices

Thames Valley Police recruiting specials & volunteers contact Julie Currill 01865 846698 or Jane Cox 01865 846284

### Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment £11,510. Investments totalled £547,105 at W Brom BS, Barclays & Birmingham Midshires BS.

Next meeting 16 July 2008.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**W**ell, summer sunshine is here at last and the school grounds are in full use. We are looking forward to our sports morning at the end of June and really hope that it will stay dry for us this year. Last year we gave up after the sixth attempt and it would be dreadful if it happened again. This is a busy time of year for sports in general. We have taken part in the Warriner Partnership Kwik Cricket tournament and look forward to the Warriner Athletics Festival at the beginning of July.

The school has been celebrating many successes this term too. Our Ofsted report was fantastic, with an overall grading of good with outstanding features. The Inspector was very impressed with the children's behaviour and attitude to learning, as well as the general support and guidance given to all pupils. He was pleased to see the high level of parental support we have and gave us an outstanding grade for our links with the community.

We have also had a separate Church School inspection which went very well and yet again the Inspector praised us for our strong links with the

churches in our catchment and the high quality of RE teaching in the school. We have also celebrated our Fairtrade School status this month. My thanks go to Mrs Knox and the Fairtrade steering group for all the hard work they have put into this.

The school choir are very busy with performances at the Deddington Festival and the Banbury Festival of Voices this month. Years 4 and 5 have been busy making the Charter 400 tapestry to celebrate the 44th anniversary of Banbury receiving the Town Charter. Our theme was Norman castles of Deddington and Banbury and we are delighted with the finished work. It will be displayed in Marylebone Station and Banbury town centre over the next few months.

I would like to bid a fond farewell to our wonderful year 6 this month. They have been such an asset to the school and we wish them every future happiness and success at their new schools.

**Judith Tinsley**  
**Deddington CE Primary School**  
**338430**

## RIDE AND STRIDE 2008



### RIDE AND STRIDE 2008

In aid of

**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust**

**SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

**Support our own Parish Church and other historic churches in Oxfordshire**

**Call Jane Green on 01869 337837 for more details and sponsorship forms**

**T**his year's Ride and Stride in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 13 September. Do put the date in your diary now and phone me on 337837 for sponsorship forms, so that on your return from holiday, you can get cracking on finding sponsors, online if you wish.

Joining in the Ride and Stride, whether by riding a bike or by walking round some of our village churches, is a wonderful way of contributing to the maintenance of these beautiful historic buildings, and in particular of our own parish church where we all enjoy so many different events. Half the money you raise goes to your local church and half to the Trust, which has a fund to respond to any special needs of an Oxfordshire church.

This Riding and Striding also provides an excellent opportunity for a fun day out with family or friends. Here is the bike route I highly recommend, and it can be shortened or extended: Hempton, the Barfords, Bloxham, Milton, Adderbury and home to Deddington by the gated road, calling at 12 churches or chapels on the way. At each stop friendly faces will supply you with drinks and tempting goodies. Hempton is known throughout the county for its scrumptious spread, so you can aim to lunch there, or take a picnic, or call in at a pub. Alternatively you could spend an interesting few hours striding round Oxford or Banbury churches with plenty of stops for refreshment or retail therapy.

Last year four families and four ladies raised £750: let's at least double the numbers this year!

**Jane Green**

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### CHURCH AND CHAPEL

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

#### July

Wed 2	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 3	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 6	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 9	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 13	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Deanery Eucharist ADDERBURY
Wed 16	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 17	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 20	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Tue 22	6.30 pm	Eucharist (St Mary Magdalene)
Wed 23	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 27	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Lay led Morning Service
Wed 30	10.00 am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)

#### St John's Hempton

Sun 6	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 20	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 27	6.00 pm	Evensong

**August Services** normal Sunday service pattern  
NB No Squeals and Wheels in August

#### From the Parish Registers

Baptism 1 June Milly Evelyn Middleton  
Funeral 27 May Robert George Fowler (Bob)

Interment of ashes 12 June Bob Fowler

#### Weddings

14 June

Kevin John Bond and Claire Louise Wells  
and

Mark Anthony Richardson and Claire Louise Hope

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

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton except 27 July David Morris

#### Congregational Chapel, New Street

**Mrs J Minnear 338529**

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

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

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Rev John Burns 277396**

Masses at Holy Trinity, *Hethe*: every weekday except Wed at 9.30 am, Sun at 10.00 am. St George's Church, *Adderbury*: Mass Wed 7.00 pm and Sun 8.30 am. Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30 – 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass. Friday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM and this remains a holiday of obligation. There will therefore be a Vigil Mass on Thursday 14 at Adderbury at 7.00 pm and two masses at Hethe on Friday 15 at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm two Masses at Hethe on Friday 15 at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.



#### Children's Activities

For Primary School children aged 5-11  
Deddington Parish Church, 10-12.30pm

Crafts, cooking, chess and other games

Thursday 7, 14, 21 & 28 August  
Cost £1.50 per session

Application forms and enquiries to  
Caroline Tindale 337962  
Janet Watts 337135  
Sarah Boss 338536

C.A.Berger

painting & decorating  
interiors & exteriors  
residential & commercial

Mobile: 07875 212 315  
Office Tel: 01295 780 140



## Well Remembered

**Bob Fowler** was born in 1926 in Banbury where his father was deputy head-postmaster. Bob had connections with Deddington from the beginning, his mother having been born in the village. After Banbury School, Bob began work as a farm-contractor, but most of his working life was spent (following much hard work at night-school) as a physicist. Bob joined the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell and was among the first group of staff to take up posts at the Rutherford Laboratory, where he worked with distinction on a number of important projects.

On retirement Bob moved to The Firs in Deddington (his parents' old home) and with his wife Joan started an antique restoration service, porcelain being a speciality. Bob also liked working in the garden and developed an interest in photography. He maintained some long-standing friendships and enjoyed a close relationship with his family.

**HW**

## Congratulations to Pat!

We are delighted to offer Pat Brittain our congratulations on being awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for voluntary service to the community in Deddington, Oxfordshire. Not only is she an essential member of our team but she is involved in many other activities locally. I hope that the following is a complete list:

*Katharine House Hospice*: fund-raiser 1993 to present

*Deddington News*: co-ordinator and recruiter of 26 collators and 40 distributors of monthly magazine from 1994 to present

*Christian Aid Week*: co-ordinator and recruiter of collectors 1995 - present

*Deddington Parish Church*: member of Deanery Synod 1996 - present, and Parochial Church Council 1996 - present, sidesperson and leading member of kitchen team; Restoration Appeal Committee 1998; annual bazaar co-ordinator

*Deddington CE Primary School*: Governor 1993 - present (Chair 2000 - 2002)

*Carers Centre, Deddington*: assistant once a week

*PDSA shop, Banbury*: assistant - one session weekly

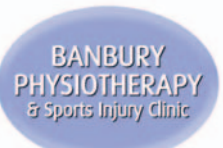
*Deddington Good Neighbour* scheme: founder member 1982 - present

*Deddington University of the Third Age*: Vice-chair 1994 - 1997

*Deddington Friendship Club*: helper 1998


*Deddington Ladies* (lunch club for over - 60s) - Committee member 1974 - 1979

*Deddington Conservatives*: committee member, leaflet distributor



**BANBURY  
PHYSIOTHERAPY  
& Sports Injury Clinic**

18 Marlborough Road  
Banbury, Oxfordshire  
OX16 5DB




**Rhian Pirotte**  
BSc.(hons), MCSP, RHPC

---

Chartered Physiotherapist

Member of  
Health Professions Council

Tel: (01295) 275660  
Mob: 07976 848867  
rhianpirotte@hotmail.com  
www.banburyphysio.co.uk



***Are you suffering with an ache, pain or sports injury?***

Come and see our Chartered Physiotherapists who can help. We can treat a wide range of problems including low back pain, tennis elbow, whiplash and arthritis. Our treatments range from Manual therapy, ultrasound, laser, acupuncture to soft tissue massage. All our Physios are registered with the Health professions Council. Established in Banbury for over 15 years we have an excellent reputation. *If it hurts we can treat it!*



The photo of Pat (kindly provided by Christopher Hall) shows her serving teas and coffees with her team in the Parish Church at the Farmers' Market.

**Christopher Hall and JC**

## DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

# 2008 festival deddington!

The Deddington Festival still has lots to offer to everyone with several events still to go.

1 July offers the chance to hear contemporary jazz from local musician Steve Kershaw and his band Stekpanna, joined once again by Russian father and son Leonid and Nikolai Vintskevitch. Steve is also holding a music workshop as part of the FUN celebration on 5 July.

The 'Celebration of England' concert at the Windmill Centre on 3 July has been organised by Wendy Burrows and will begin at 7.30 pm.

Join guided walks of the village and of Daeda's Wood on 4 and 6 July.

Come to the Poetry Please evening and afterwards enjoy the sounds of Mark Pidgeon and Dave Menda's country-rock music in the Unicorn Inn. Both events are free on 4 July.

There is still time to join Sue Cave's Art Workshop on 5 July, see the Art Exhibition on 5 and 6 July and enjoy the Open Gardens, 5 and 6 July.

### Deddington Fun and Deddington Rocks

Come and enjoy a fun-packed afternoon of live music, dance, stalls and family activities in the Market Place from 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm on 5 July and come back at 7.00 pm for a live concert featuring Fontaines, The Sirens Call and Cantaloop.

Support local cricketers at matches on 5 and 6 July at the Windmill Centre.

Visit [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk) for all of the event details.

Come and support the Community Concert on Thursday 3 July, 7.30 pm at the Windmill. It is called *Celebration of England* and the programme is a variety of English songs, music and verse. You will be amazed at the local talent - performers from five years to 86 years! Tickets £5 (under 16s free) from the Flower Shop.

**Wendy Burroughs**

### Deddington Art Group

Sat and Sun 28 and 29 June, 5 and 6 July  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

We continue to enjoy the Town Hall room and have good membership each week. Frank Palmer, Tony Strong and myself will be putting in paintings to the Festival. A new curator, Annette Murphy, always makes it interesting so please visit the exhibition at the Holly Tree. The prices include a fee to the Festival. Tracy Emin says art helps to regenerate society.

**K D Wilkinson**

Crown Quartet will kick off the 2009 Festival fundraising with a concert in the Parish Church at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13 September. Tickets £7 and £5 concessions. Refreshments will be available.

Rosalind West, Elizabeth Deacon, Sheridan Edward and Christian Bradley were brought together in 2007 by singing teacher David Crown to form the Crown Quartet. All four are Oxford-based and together sing duets and quartets as well as solo arias from various operas and oratorios. They are ably accompanied by Rachel Parris and are delighted to be performing as part of the Deddington Festival.

**Eileen Anderson**



### Friends of Deddington Festival

Around 75 guests met in the Parish Church for the FDF pre-Festival Reception on 12 June.

It was exhilarating to see so many Friends, artists and musicians gathered together, an augur, we hope, for the creative pleasures ahead. Hugh O'Donnell (Festival Chair) welcomed and thanked everyone. And the FDF Committee would like to add their own thanks to Ruth Johnson, Josie

Stephens and Pat Brittain who, as always, presided with effortless ease over the refreshments. Now, on to the Festival itself and the bumper attendance figures that the programme merits.

**Kristin Thompson FDF Committee**



**CORRIGENDUM** The Festival Open Gardens event on 5, 6 July is from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, NOT 10.00 am to 6.00 pm as printed in last month's DN.



## Deddington Parish Show Saturday 6 September

**A**fter a great many show-less years in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton, a small committee is working hard to resurrect our Parish Show. We are hoping that lots of people will take part to make it a success, so if you are a cook, a gardener, an artist, a sewer or knitter, a photographer or an artistic child (a lot of people are most of those!), do enter and join in the fun.

There are four sections:

Produce (jams, chutney, cakes etc)

Flowers

Vegetables & Fruit

Arts/Crafts/Photography

Something to satisfy a great range of talents. There are 12 classes for children under different age groups.



Programmes are ready now and one will be delivered to each household by the middle of July and you can also pick up one from the Church, the venue for the Show.

This first Show is being held in conjunction with the Church Bazaar, so there are lots more attractions for all the family on that day. See you there!

**Wendy Burrows**  
*Hon Secretary*



### FARMERS' MARKET CHAIRMAN TO RETIRE

**A**lthea Wood, our Market Management Group Chairman, has announced her intention to retire from the group at the end of September after seven years' association with Deddington Farmers' Market.

Althea first served as Group Secretary and latterly as Chairman. We will miss her and wish to thank her for her enthusiasm and special chairmanship abilities.

This provides an opportunity for newcomers to join the committee. If you would like to be considered, please contact the secretary, Pat Swash, 338920, email: [pat-swash@hotmail.com](mailto:pat-swash@hotmail.com)

*Erratum:* Old Toms email address should read:  
[marymlloyd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marymlloyd@hotmail.co.uk)  
DN apologises for this mistake



## Is Deddington your Favourite Farmers' Market?

**I**f so, this is your chance to tell Countryfile magazine about it. The magazine wants you to nominate your favourite. All you need do is take



a picture of yourself by your favourite stall and give a brief explanation of why you think Deddington Farmers' Market is the best. Each month they will choose the best and feature it in the magazine. It's a great chance to celebrate our village market and support its local producers. Just send a photo

of yourself by a stall and email it to [editor@bbccountryfile.com](mailto:editor@bbccountryfile.com) or post it to Farmers' Market of the Month, Countryfile Magazine, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower House, Fairfax Street, Bristol BS1 3BN.

**Geoff Todd**  
**338532**

## Thimble & Twine

**Curtains and soft furnishings**  
**Made to measure**  
**For any room**

**FULL DESIGN SERVICE**  
**Alterations**

**Contact Debra Ascott**

**Telephone: 01295 273396**  
**Mobile: 07804 840348**

## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM SYLVIE & GEORGE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

We wish to express our deep gratitude for the messages, calls and visits received following Sylvie's recent operation. It once again confirms what a big heart this community has.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, THE KNOWLE, DEDDINGTON

CORRECTION: The Over-60

Bus Pass cannot be used for off-peak travel TO London on the Oxford Tube, ONLY for journeys between Oxford and Lewknor Turn, or between Hillingdon and Central London.

(Apologies to Christopher for last month's error.)



FROM PETER MIDDLETON, CLIFTON

As a resident of Clifton for some 15 years, the heavy truck traffic seems to be getting worse. Drivers *should* see the 7.5 tonne weight limit signs in Deddington and Aynho but there are no repeater signs until they get to the weight restricted bridge, then it's too late for a 40 ft truck to turn round, and so it takes a chance and crosses the bridge.

When I moved to Clifton my main water shut-off valve was buried in the grass verge approximately

nine inches from the road. Now part of the valve sleeve has been smashed by passing traffic and the road width has gained fifteen inches. Police used to do speed checks but we haven't seen them in the last few years.

I now come to parking in the main street outside St Anne's and the design company in the old church. We all know parking is limited, but cars park half on the path and over-size cars in the protrude over the path. My wife took our baby in a pushchair and our three-year old to play in Welford's Piece but could not get past the cars across the pavement outside St Anne's and the old church, plus they were too close together to get to the road. She had to back up some metres before turning round to walk back home. My three-year old would like to thank the inconsiderate car owners that prevented him from playing in Welford's Piece on the swings and slides.

Please address all letters to:  
KRISTIN THOMPSON  
5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON  
[letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk](mailto:letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk)  
and include your name and address,  
even if they are not for publication.

A large comfortable  
ground floor double room  
with en-suite bathroom in  
historic Deddington.

With separate entrance  
and a full English breakfast.

*Bed &  
breakfast*

Lime Cottage, New Street,  
Deddington OX15 0SR

Tel: 01869 338896  
[sumserangela@aol.com](mailto:sumserangela@aol.com)

### Hunt Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors Ltd

Bespoke Kitchen Makers & Joiners



Hand crafted and painted wooden,  
freestanding or fully fitted Kitchens,  
Dressing Rooms or Single Pieces,

Tel/Fax: 01295 788005  
[www.huntbespokekitchens.com](http://www.huntbespokekitchens.com)  
[huntkitchens@aol.com](mailto:huntkitchens@aol.com)

Showroom in The Brackley Antique Cellar

Charlton House Farm, The Fodder Barn, Hinton  
in the Hedges, Nr Brackley, NN13 5LH



## IT'S ALL GROW

### On the Farm

Oh help, harvest is just a few short weeks away so it's all hands to the pump. For the first time I am unable to do my bit in the preparations for the most important time in the arable farming year. After a few days in the local garage to have a new suspension unit fitted, I find myself under close arrest, confined to barracks and banned from driving for six weeks. But as I am a model patient (!! ) and have a brilliant personal nursing team I should be up and running in time to drive the green goddess for the start of harvest.

The crops look very well and the harvest prospects seem promising but after last year's deluge nothing is certain until it's in the barn and even then the roof might leak.

Just before I went into dock all the remaining bee hives that had made it through the winter were split into three nuclei boxes and left to get on with it, the theory being that it would take them a few weeks to draw out the new frames of sheet wax and rebuild the brood chamber, and I would be back in time to put them into full size hives. But this theory did not take into account the tenacity of the female of the species. The new queens had 'drawn out' all the frames before I had got off my Zimmer frame. The assistant bee-keeper had to do the job for me and has had to take another lot of nuclei to stop them from swarming. So after the problems of last autumn and the doom and despair in the national press about the demise of the honey bee, old

mother nature has proved that she is not done yet. We should be back to full strength a lot sooner than we had expected and we shall get a honey crop this year.

Our masters have extended the Blue Tongue protection zone to cover Oxfordshire and we have vaccinated all the ewes and lambs. With any luck by the time this has got past the editor's red pen the ewes will be in the buff, but I expect that, as last year, the shearing will yet again be a welfare exercise as the cost of shearing the ewes will be more than the value of the wood clip.

Although the meadows have been extensively flooded again this summer, our wading bird project under the higher level environmental scheme seems to be working to plan. Red Shank have now returned to join the Curlew, Lapwing and Snipe in this neck of the woods (or should that be floods) but it is too early to judge their breeding success just yet although the signs are looking good. Unfortunately the same cannot be said about this year's moth and butterfly population as they still both seem to be suffering from the effects of last summer. It has been estimated that last year's overwintering larvae are some 70% down on the previous year.

Oh well, enough of this for now. This model patient is off to sneak a malt before the district nurse finds out.

**George Fenemore**  
338203

## GREEN PIECE

### Out of the frying pan and into the car

Nothing's straightforward in this world; environmental matters are no exception. Just as we thought the solution was to *grow* fuel, we find that in turn causes more problems. It seems that making ethanol to replace petrol takes more energy than we can usefully get back out of it. More importantly, land turned over to growing crops for diesel or petrol substitutes is needed to supply food in many parts of the world. In some cases, rain forest has been cleared, and no eco-warrior wants that.

What we *can* usefully do locally is to re-use cooking oil from the catering industry to make fuel for diesel vehicles; otherwise it would be thrown away, sometimes in most damaging ways. (Thames Water spends £7 million cleaning fat out of sewage.) You can fill up at Silver Group in Banbury (Cherwell Business Village, Southam Road or see <http://www.thesilvergroup.co.uk/>); it's up to 12p



cheaper than fossil diesel and contains around 20% locally grown rape. Cheaper still are Golden Fuels (a not-for-profit workers co-operative at 38 Cowley Road, Oxford or <http://www.goldenfuels.com/>); they reckon theirs is made just from waste oil. As this stuff loosens up junk in your tank, you'll need to have your fuel filter checked after a while. Biodiesel can thicken up at low temperatures, so in winter, stick to 50:50 bio: regular diesel to avoid starting problems. However, it is nowhere near a total solution. Even if all used cooking oil were collected and re-used in this way, it would still only account for around one third of one per cent of current UK diesel consumption.

My car is now successfully running on 100% biodiesel and no it *doesn't* smell of fish'n'chips.

**Colin Robinson**  
[colin.robinson@deddington.net](mailto:colin.robinson@deddington.net)

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

**T**he following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley from the months of July and August 1858 – *note on the 15<sup>th</sup> August the ingenious way of avoiding bank notes being stolen in the post:*

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July - Went to Oxford to attend the Assizes, 10 prisoners only, one Railway Accident case against the London & North Western, verdict for the Plaintiff - £700 – a Mr Shepherd injured in a collision.

16<sup>th</sup> July - I walked up to the Church for a minute or two – a great deal of dust was raised by the persons removing the rubbish after the hideous old south gallery had been taken down.

19<sup>th</sup> July - Edward Clarke came after our footman's place – when we agreed that he should come on trial in August provided his character was good – at £30 per annum wages, he finding his own clothes and we a great coat *when necessary*.

14<sup>th</sup> August - I sent a tramp to prison for 21 days –

he having been begging about the place for the last week. I also granted 3 or 4 summonses in drunk and disorderly cases.

15<sup>th</sup> August - I heard from my sister acknowledging the receipt of the 1<sup>st</sup> halves of two Bank of England notes. The other halves were posted today.

16<sup>th</sup> August - I visited the Church twice during the day and talked to W Hopcraft about the stopping up of the window over the North porch. The window was finally blocked up on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

23<sup>rd</sup> August - Old W Malings of Clifton came to talk over and complain of his son Joseph's conduct – he having joined himself to the Methodists, the reformed ones – and otherwise demeaned himself towards his parents very unlike a son.

Jos Williams's wife came to complain of S Wilkins's wife having beaten her little boy – I offered to grant a summons but she declined having one, as from her own account she could not say her son had not misbehaved himself.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925 – 2007

### DEDDINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: The 1960s

**T**he photograph of the year must be that of the Misses Weaver and Smith, honoured guests at the local party in celebration of the National Federation WI Golden Jubilee in June 1965. Although it is not mentioned in the minutes, 1965 must also have been the 40th anniversary of the local branch. Dear Miss Lilian Weaver and Miss Smith are both still fondly remembered today by at least two generations of Deddingtonians. They were founder members of Deddington WI way back in 1925 and over many years nurtured the love of music amongst the young and not so young. Miss Weaver became the WI's resident accompanist without scruples about what was demanded of her. Her repertoire ranged from the most solemn to operatic, country folk music and dance music. On the occasion of the Jubilee Party, she and Miss Smith were presented with photographs of themselves by the two youngest members of the Institute.

According to the minutes, the 1960s found our members in topping party mood. This is just one sample of highly complex catering.

'At the November monthly meeting the Institute [probably the Committee] was asked if £12 may be drawn from funds to cover the cost of the party. £3

must be allowed for the entertainment leaving £9 for catering. Members were divided up into catering groups as follows: STARTERS - Hempton side of Deddington. MAIN COURSE - Clifton. DESSERTS - Clifton village and COFFEE & WINE - Hempton village. Each group is to be given a limited amount of cash. 35/- for starters, £3 for main course, 35/- for desserts and £3 for wine & coffee... If there are 4 to 5 members who would prefer to do games instead of refreshments they may volunteer their services. Members on the Hempton side of Deddington should go to the Holly Tree Club to set out the tables as they are doing starters...'

These arrangements may sound complicated to the lay reader but to a member of any WI they are crystal clear, practical, thrifty and very sociable.

In June 1965 members were delighted to receive a challenge to a rounders match from Bodicote WI. There were volunteers a-plenty putting down their names for the game, but when it came to a few team practices beforehand they found it impossible to get everybody together at the same time. The game had to be cancelled.

Quite a few exciting outings took place in the 1960s but more about that in the next issue of the Deddington News.

**Ruth Johnson**



## Windmill Community Centre

**T**he AGM was held on 15 May, with Richard Broadbent retiring as trustee and being re-elected; the committee was also re-elected. The chairman, Mark Tyler, reported that bookings have again increased this year, resulting in very few spare slots being available.

The overall financial position is good. Our reserves have increased over the year to £12,333 from £10,789 in 2006–07, and are in line with the Charity Commission guidelines of 3 – 9 months' operating costs. The overall position shows a total income of £25,852 and an expenditure of £24,308. Part of this income is revenue from the use of the all weather court, which the Windmill committee manages on behalf of the Parish Council.

Over the year £4,490 has been spent on improvements. These include: a new fire door in the hall; updating the fire safety signs; resurfacing the hall floor; new blinds for the hall windows; a new oven and urn; redecorating and installing a new carpet in the lounge.

Plans for further improvements in the current year include: upgrading the lighting in the hall (just completed); painting the walls in the hall; and installing a new condensing boiler. This will be more efficient and will reduce gas usage, although rising fuel costs will mean larger bills in the winter. The committee will monitor this closely to ensure that hiring fees cover the increases. The committee is also exploring the installation of a wind turbine for cost savings and environmental reasons.



Joyce Minnear's invaluable contribution for over 20 years as bookings secretary was recognised; and Max Pankhurst, the village steward, is also a great help to the centre in doing small repairs. The cost of his time and materials is invoiced by the PC to the Windmill. We are grateful, as always, to Chris Twomey for examining and agreeing the accounts. User groups are always welcome to the management meetings and the committee would like actively to encourage their input.

With all these improvements to a Centre envied by many communities, and with the new Teen Scene equipment being well used, it is all the more saddening therefore to report yet more vandalism. The fencing at the all-weather court has been cut through yet again – not an easy job as bolt cutters would have been used. New CCTV cameras are in place at the Centre and footage will be monitored carefully!

**Mary Robinson**  
338272



**D**id you go to the parish meeting in May? What do you think about turning off our street lights in the early hours of the morning? How will the proposed wind

turbine for the Windmill affect your life? If you want to express your opinion, or see what others are saying about these issues, visit the forum <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/index.php>

Cost of fuel going up? Will it cost more to light and heat your home next winter? Finding the weekly food bill escalating out of control? By conserving fuel, and changing how you provide food for your family, it is possible for you to make a difference to your own cost of living. Get new ideas and share them with others on the forum – Green Matters is becoming more relevant to all of us every day. <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/index.php?board=3.0>

How is your Parish Council performing? You can read their progress report on line at:

<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/parishreport.pdf>

Have you something to say about it? If so, well you know what I'd do about it. Use the forum, it is read more than you might think!

**Paul Drawmer**

## Police

**H**ello, I am PC Phil Morris, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for your village. I work alongside PC Gerry Doyle and PCSOs Kevin Lewis, Nikki Dale and Lana Smith.

We are currently working with a Neighbourhood Action Group on solving problems identified by the community, namely speeding, burglary and groups of youths.

One of the other problems that we are suffering from at the moment is the theft of lead from buildings. These offences appear to be happening overnight. Lead has become a very valuable commodity recently and it is a national problem, not just in the Banbury area. If you have lead on your property, you can improve security by following these steps.

1. Mark your property using gloss paint, smart-water, Redweb, selectamark or a UV pen.
2. Restrict access by removing ladders or other climbing aids. Use anti-climb paint that will cover offenders with a sticky non-drying coating, which means the offenders' clothing can be identified by Police. Use it on window ledges, down-pipes or anywhere that can be used as a climbing point. The paint is available in tile red, black, green and grey. It can be used on wood, masonry and metal.
3. Use PIR detector lighting where practicable.
4. Encourage neighbours overlooking the property to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately.

**Phil Morris**



## The Allotment

Following on my report of last month, I can tell you that all the runner beans left in the ground following the late frost have grown just as strong and in line with some replaced and those left untouched.

As we await the arrival of the summer, our thoughts might well be directed to potato blight. Some few of us at Stonepits suffered the consequences of blight last year.

Potato blight is one of the worst disease problems facing the grower. It can wipe out the plant almost overnight during the growing period and travel from potato to potato in close storage. It is caused by a fungus and can also attack tomatoes. Blight occurs during a time known as the 'Smith Period', when the minimum temperature of 10°C or more and the relative humidity exceeds 90% for at least 11 hours during the first 24 hours and for at least 11 hours during the final 24 hours. However, any period of warm humid weather increases the blight risk. The very first signs of blight are brown freckles on the leaves or sections of leaves with brown patches and a sort of yellowish border spreading from the brown patch. In a severe attack you may find all the potato foliage a rotting mass. Tubers (the actual potato) affected

by blight can be identified by dark patches on the skin. Cutting the potato in half will reveal brownish rot spreading down from the skin. Later the entire potato will give off a pungent smell as it turns soggy.

There is a range of chemical treatments available to farmers but gardeners are limited. The traditional spray was Bordeaux mixture. Not a good idea as it contains copper and is hardly good for your diet although it is organically approved. Inorganic Dithane 945 is good as long as it is applied before blight takes hold. Looking forward to next year you might consider a resistant variety of potato that is less affected by blight.

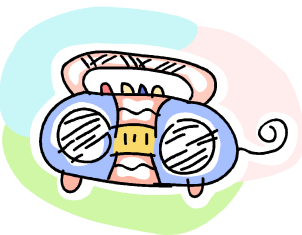
If you notice a small number of affected leaves with patches you can try removing them and burn wherever possible. Spraying with Bordeaux or Dithane may prevent spread if caught early enough. If you have a more serious infection, then you should remove all the haulm and dispose of it by burning. Removing the foliage prevents the disease getting into the tubers as long as they are well covered with earth. Leave the crop for a couple of weeks to allow the blight spores to die and the potatoes to develop a thicker skin. Do check for signs of blight in stored tubers.

**Tony Campion**

## Local Author on Radio 4

Marianne Elsley has been notified by the BBC that they will be using material from her books *A Chance in Six Million* and *Voices in the Night* for a series of programmes in August.

The programme, *Writing the Century*, is a historical survey of the 20th century and will be broadcast daily during the week of 12 August at 7.45 pm with a repeat at 10.45 am the next morning.



Her books give an account of her escape to England from Germany in 1939 with the Kindertransport at the age of 15 and tell of the terrible fate of her parents under the Nazis whom she left behind.

**Ralph Elsley**  
338251

## Calor Oxfordshire Village of the Year

Deddington is one of 16 villages to have been short-listed for the Calor Oxfordshire Village of the Year competition. The next round of judging will take place at Yarnton Village Hall on 28 June 2008.

## News from Hempton

Once again the Highways Department is going to make alterations to the road markings through the pinch point. This will, I believe, divert traffic to the right-hand side of the road heading east towards Deddington, thus enabling vehicles coming from Deddington to see traffic coming and stop at the 'halt' sign to allow them through. Let us hope this stops any near accidents. The work should be completed by the end of July.

As you read this, work should be going on at St John's Church to repaint and render the south-facing wall and porch which are in bad need of repair.

As there is no issue in August I am advertising the annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride day, which will be held on 13 September. St John's Church will be open from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm to welcome striders from other churches. More importantly, St John's needs people to ride or stride for them, to raise money for a worthy cause. Half the sponsorship comes to our church and the other half to the Historic Churches who have in the past and more recently given grants to St John's. I should have sponsorship forms by the end of July.

Looking even further ahead it is once more proposed to hold the Harvest Supper on Saturday 27 September. More details of this in the September issue.

The Ladies' Tuesday Club is having another day out, this time to the Wyevale Shopping Centre in Bicester on Tuesday 22 July.

Barbara and I have re-homed a dog from the RSPCA and she has settled in really well.

**Les Chappell 3380054**



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Windmill Tuesday/Thursday Club

**T**he club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Windmill Centre and offers a day of friendship and care for up to 15 elderly people living in Deddington and surrounding villages.

Our primary aim is to provide an enjoyable day out with lunch, tea, coffee and unlimited laughs. Door-to-door transport is part of the package – the minibus has a lift for those with mobility problems. We enjoy mental and physical activities for those who wish to join in. A game of bingo is always very popular and we have music and sometimes poetry. We often have visitors - local community support officers, advisers from Age Concern and representatives from the Museums Service with their 'memory boxes'. Our latest venture is the creation of 'memory books' where our clients make a record of their lives, enhanced with copies of family photos and other memorabilia. It is fascinating stuff and a glimpse into social and local history. We celebrate birthdays and special days with an appropriate libation and our Christmas party is always fun. We currently have a few spaces available, so if you think you would like to join us (on one day or both) or you know someone who would like to come, please contact Debbie (07737 892745), Jean (338110) or Ann (337144), or any of us on the centre mobile (07510 298592). Better still, come and see us.

**Jean Rudge**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (Dogs)

By the time this issue goes out we will have held our very popular day at Burford Golf Club. A full report can be found on Deddington OnLine. Our summer weekend away is on 20 - 21 July at the Hill Valley Hotel Golf Club and Spa. Along with two rounds of golf and an evening meal, fund-raising for the Katharine House will take place. A large number have signed up including many non-golfers. It looks to be a grand event!

**David Darst**

### Youth Club

Unfortunately for us, our leader Nikki, has taken on a new and more demanding job and feels unable to commit herself any longer to every Monday evening. She is taking a step back as youth leader, but will remain on the committee and will run some Monday sessions for us. We are therefore looking for some back-up leaders who could cover, say, twice per month. If anyone feels they can help, please contact Maureen Forsyth on 338384.

We had a successful and enjoyable trip to the bowling alley at the beginning of June. By the time this reaches your doormat we will have had another smoothie-making evening, a 'hair' evening, and we are planning an end-of-term barbecue with music for 14 July.

**Pam Axten**

### Deddington Town Football Club

With the season now complete and holidays underway, we take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in working with and supporting Deddington Town, allowing us to function smoothly into our 121st year of existence. We ask for the same dedication as we chase some glory next season!

Anybody interested in playing a part in next season's adventure should turn up for pre-season training, due to start in July at the Windmill Centre Playing Field. Watch this space.

First team manager Steven Fleming: 07817 956428

Reserve team managers Aaron Bliss and Tim

Spencer: 07969 886247.

#### 75 Club Winners

09/05/08	D Keys	£50
16/05/08	D Freeman	£50
23/05/08	T Howard	£50
30/05/08	A Franklin	£50
06/06/08	T Spencer	£50

**Aaron Bliss 338798**

### Deddington Colts

The sun shone brightly on what was probably our biggest social event of the year - the end of year presentations and awards on Sunday 8 June at the Windmill Centre. There were approximately 150 Colts ranging from the ages of four to 16 years along with their families, and Mike Wedderbourne from Sky Sports kindly presented the awards.

The football season ended on 17 May and all the Colts had a great fun season. We are particularly pleased that the U10s reached the final of the knockout cup (frustratingly losing only in the final minutes of extra time!) and that the U12s won their knockout cup. The U11s won promotion to the A league this season and they also went on to win the six-a-side tournaments at Brackley and Charlbury in recent weeks. A fantastic result for all involved!

We encourage parents and friends to join us at the AGM on Monday 7 July in the Deddington Arms boardroom at 8.00 pm. We hope to find new additional people to help with running the committee.

Our pre-season meeting, which includes our membership and subs night, is on Friday 5 September from 7.00 pm in the Windmill Centre lounge.

**Rachel Teare**

### Deddington Players

We are holding a social evening/barbecue on Sunday 13 July from 6.00 pm at 14 The Daedings. Members old and new, and anyone interested in becoming involved on or behind the stage, would be welcome to join us. We hope to see you there!

**Lucy Squires**

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### WI

On 13 May voting took place on the two resolutions put to the AGM on 4 June. Following that, our speaker Margaret Arnold, provided a display of many Burmese articles to illustrate her talk *Here and Now – There and Then*. Very topical after the devastating cyclone that recently shook Burma.

At our meeting on 10 June, Bernadette Ross, Director of Nursing at Katharine House Hospice, spoke about the day-to-day running of the hospice and the many specialist services it offers to its patients. Many are outpatients, visiting the day centre, and receive cheer and support. Government provides 30% of the required amount to run the hospice for one year and the remaining £1.3 million is raised by voluntary groups and individual donations. Bernadette's talk, given with great calm, underlined the magnificent work of the hospice movement. Daphne Harper gave a vote of thanks.

There are still some seats available on the coach for our trip to Chatsworth on 8 July. Please contact Angela Sones (338027) or Yvonne Twomey (337213) if you would like to join the trip, leaving Deddington at 8.30 am and leaving Chatsworth at 4.30 pm.

**Rene Mahony**

### 1st Deddington Brownies

The girls have been working hard on their Out and About badge, walking down to Daeda's Wood one sunny evening for a unique enrolment ceremony, and also taking part in the Deddington Walk. They have learnt about the Country Code and the appropriate clothing and equipment to take on a walk. Also out of doors the Brownies spent a fantastic evening at a cook out with the Deddington Guides in the grounds of Castle House. They made their own fires and cooked their meal over them. Indoors the girls have been preparing for their appearance at the Deddington Festival's 'Celebration of England' concert. Can we top the success of last year's *Ugly Ducking*? Be there on 3 July and find out!

**Lucy Squires**

### 1st Deddington Guides

Food seems to hit the headlines frequently! Lately our second attempt at a cookout was also washed out but we had a wonderful evening for our annual sausage sizzle with the Brownies. Great Fun! Lots of marshmallows in various stages of cremation completed the evening.

In the meantime, we have learnt about tent pitching and working together in our new patrols, with all sorts of activities being tried and planned.

Our numbers are growing – all are welcome.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**  
**Marian Trinder 01869 340806**



### Deddington and District History Society

On 11 June some 30 members of the Society visited Burton Dassett Country Park for our Summer Social. The evening started with a tour of Burton Dassett's 12th century church, well known for its wall paintings. Dr Peter Christopher, retired GP and history student, also a long-term resident of Burton Dassett, very ably guided us.

We were sorry that we did not have more time, but we hope to arrange a repeat visit in the autumn with the same guide. This will give us time to explore the archaeology of the park, which we missed on this occasion.

The tour was followed by a picnic in the park, with a typically English theme of cucumber sandwiches and strawberries and cream. We were lucky in that, although overcast, the rain didn't actually fall until later in the evening. It was very enjoyable.

The next meeting on 10 September will be the first of our new season, 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre as usual. Old and new members will be welcome.

**Moir Byast**  
**338637**

### Parish Butterfly Survey

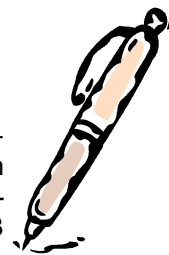
As always, the weather appears to have had a noticeable effect on butterfly activity. The warm April began the year well, the bad weather in May resulted in patchy sightings, and the torrential rainfall that month is probably responsible for the (so far) dearth of activity in June. Those of you involved in the survey, please keep recording your sightings, however sparse. The record will have value far be-



yond Deddington's boundaries. Watchers can send their lists either to me or Joan Todd at regular intervals, or keep recording until October and then send in the year's total to be co-ordinated and forwarded to Walter Meagher. New volunteers are always welcome.

**Kristin Thompson 337052**

## Deddington Writing Group Competition



### The Junior Competition Theme:

#### **The Monstrous Machine**

The following shortlists have been selected from a large entry and sent to the judge who will decide the winner and runners-up.

#### **Secondary Section – Poem (18 entries)**

Abby Weston (Sibford School), Thomas Fletcher (Bodicote), Chris Penny (Banbury), Heidi Hilson (Bloxham), Jasmine Trinder (Steeple Aston), and Victoria Miles (Twyford).

#### **Secondary Section – Short Story (12 entries)**

Holly Wallington (Sibford School), Adriana Martin (Epwell), Charlie de Haviland (North Newington), Joshua Dyson (Barford St Michael), Eleanor Jones (Adderbury), and Verity Ward (Banbury).

#### **Junior Section – Poem (34 entries)**

Ellie Macey (Bishop Loveday School), Diba Farahmand-Razavi (Bishop Loveday), Charlotte Pearce (Bishop Loveday), Ruari Allen (Bishop Loveday), Ellen Squires (Deddington), and Hannah Davies (Bodicote).

#### **Junior Section – Short Story (140 entries)**

Hayley Brown (Charlbury School), Molly Walsh (Charlbury), Imogen Holthouse (Charlbury), Megan Blackmore-Sly (Charlbury), Felix Goodman (Oxford), Toby Coppin (Deddington), Eleanor Holton (Steeple Aston), Benjamin Blower (Cumnor), Rebecca Babbage (Over Worton), Benedict M'Caw (Steeple Aston), Eddie Hatrigeorgiou (North Aston), Sophie Herbert (Bishop Carpenter), Abbie Snow (Bishop Carpenter), and Grace Douglas (Adderbury).

(NB The length of the shortlist reflects the number of entries received.)

Judge Rosemary Arnold (former Deddington Li-

brary Manager) will announce the winners, present prizes and comment on entries during the *Celebration of England* concert at the Windmill Centre 3 July 7.30 pm.

#### **The Open Competition: What if?**

#### **The Short Story shortlist is:**

Margaret Llewellyn (Banbury), M S Clary (Chipping Norton), Gwilym Scourfield (Old Marston), Steven Bliss (Woodstock), John Wheatley (Hook Norton), and Anne Luttmann-Johnson (Witney).

Novelist Ann Granger will comment, announce results and present the prize in the Parish Church on Tuesday 1 July at 6.30 pm., prior to a jazz concert by *Stekpanna* at 7.30 pm. All competitors are welcome to attend. Copies of Ann Granger's novels will be available.

#### **The Poetry shortlist is:**

Graham Daniels (Banbury), Elizabeth Boyd (Ashbury), Steven Bliss (Woodstock), Edith Bright-Butler (Wantage), Edna Sparkes (Banbury), and David Olsen (Oxford).

Maureen Dew, Deddington published poet, is the judge. Comments, prize announcement and presentation will be during *Poetry Please* at the Unicorn Hotel, Deddington at 7.00 pm on Friday 4 July. The winner will be invited to read his or her poem and all competitors are welcome to attend.

Apart from the gratifying number of junior entries, two schools have written to thank the Writers' Group for organising the competition, which they found most worthwhile.

**KT on behalf of Hugh Marshall  
Competition Co-ordinator**

## Being an account of those sentenced to be transported from Deddington to the Colonies

*In the May 2008 edition we published an introductory article on this subject written by Rob Forsyth. What follows here is one of several further extracts that we will be publishing from time to time. The full article can be seen on DoL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>. Should you not have a computer then please use the free internet terminals in the library. The Librarian will assist you if you are inexperienced.*

3rd March 1819 William Carter (28) and James Pritchett (44) were charged with stealing the carcase of a lamb belonging to George Ibell of Hempton. Thomas Cripps was also involved in this offence but he turned King's Evidence and thereby avoided conviction! Carter and Pritchett were sentenced to death – a common sentence for theft for an offence against the person - but this was commuted to Life Imprisonment. William Carter was subsequently transported to New South Wales. It is believed that James Pritchett was also transported

in due course but no details are held.

12th July 1820 Thomas Gardiner (17) was charged with stealing two £10 and two £1 bank notes, the property of Thomas Austin of Deddington. His sentence of Death was commuted to Transportation for life and sent to the hulk *Justitia*, where he died on 13 October 1820. These prison hulks had originally been used to hold French prisoners of war - Waterloo was only five years before this – and were notorious for the foul conditions in which the prisoners were held, so it is likely that he died of a disease but malnutrition could also equally have been a cause.

7th March 1821 George Godfree (34) was charged with stealing two pairs of stockings belonging to William Nickols of Hempton. His sentence of Death was commuted to Life Imprisonment and Transportation. He was sent to *Justitia* hulk and sailed from Portsmouth on the *Mary* to New South Wales in September.



## PTA

**W**e couldn't have been blessed with better weather - the sun shone and again the whole community came together to support our village school. It was a fantastic event and everyone had a great deal of fun! Once again, we had folk saying it was the best school fete they had ever visited!

The Creepy Crawlle Roadshow was a huge hit and we were all able to handle and hear fascinating facts about some weird and wonderful creatures. Another hotspot was the Scalextric racing - the owners are keen to return next year, saying that our children are a credit to the school - well done kids! The children had great fun organising and running their class stalls and the KS2 Red Hot Deddington Kickers put on a fab performance in the arena. Funky hair attracted queues of children, all keen to sport the latest wacky hairstyle.

A huge thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help, from the Deddington Market Group who lent their stalls, through to Jack and friend, our goalies for the afternoon. Everyone's help was much appreciated, as were the most generous donations and sponsorship we received.



*Map reading on the PTA Walk*

Well that is nearly it for the 2007/8 fundraising year. We have one more event lined up - a *Car Boot sale on Sunday 20 July* starting at 12 noon on the school field. Watch out for our posters nearer the time. Also, don't forget to come and visit our craft market at The Royal British Legion every Farmers' Market Day from 9.30 am.

We have had a great time, worked extremely hard and are very pleased to have been able to raise the £13,000 needed to provide a new adventure playground for our children. This will be erected in the next couple of weeks, so many thanks for your tireless support - we couldn't do it without you!

Have a wonderful summer break.

**Janet Watts**  
**PTA Chair**

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

**W**e race towards the end of the school year, after which some of our nursery children move up to the PFSU and our PFSU children move on to 'big school'. We wish them all well. This term both settings are thinking about healthy eating and summer, with lots of cooking and outdoor play. We have our own Sports Day on Friday 18 July and will also be taking part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle on Monday 30 June.

There will be an Open Day on Tuesday 1 July from 1.00 - 2.30 pm at the Village Nursery for all current and prospective parents and interested members of the community to come and look round, meet the staff and observe a session. Just turn up! If you missed it or couldn't make the date please give us a call (337383) and we can arrange an alternative time for you to visit.

Our big fund-raiser this term is the unmissable 80s School Disco which will be held on Saturday 12 July from 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre. The evening will include live band 'Indigo Child', disco, fancy dress competition (uniform or rebel) and the best school dinner you've ever had. Tickets are available at £15 per person from the PFSU and Nursery. Everyone is welcome for this fun evening, whether or not you have any connection to the Nursery or PFSU.

Finally we would like to say thank you and well done to nursery mum Sue Brown for her donation of £250 to the PFSU and Nursery after completing the London Marathon.

**Lucy Squires**

## Deddington Fire

**T**he station received 13 calls in the past month. We attended two house fires started by unattended chip pans; in both cases smoke detectors raised the alarm and the fire damage was not too serious. We spent a long night in Bampton (had to get the map out again) protecting homes from flood water when the river burst its banks.

A lorry fire on the M40, a fire in a breadcrumb drying machine, two road traffic collisions with persons trapped, and the rescue of a dog trapped in an old farm machine have also kept us busy. FF Freeman has spent this week on a supervisory management course in Didcot, well done Martin for surviving the week.

We had a successful open day promoting safety. Thank you to Chris Fenemore for organising the event. If you couldn't attend, but would like to find out more, please visit [www.365alive.co.uk](http://www.365alive.co.uk) and take the pledge!

The annual rowing challenge raised over £1,800. The money was presented to the charities, British Heart Foundation and Dogs for the Disabled, by representatives of the teams.

Interested in joining the fire service? Call 0800 5 870 870 for an information pack. Have you checked your smoke alarm this week?

**Anne Waters, Watch Manager**