

As signalled last month, publication of this edition of the **DN** was brought forward a week in order to include statements [pp.3/4] from those nominated for the Parish Council, so as to inform voters before Polling Day on 2 May.

As we report, only ten nominations were received, leaving 4 vacancies which may be filled by co-option - if there are others who are willing to serve. Deddington did better than some parishes. Of the 34 in Cherwell

District, some received not enough nominations even to make up a quorum; in only one is there an election.

Elections and a strong turnout are signs of social health. If an atmosphere of cynical criticism of politicians prevails, it may be unsurprising that good candidates are few. Do those who fail to vote also forfeit the right to criticise? Apathy deserves its consequences.

"All that is required for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing," said Sir Edmund Burke [1729-1797].



MAY DIARY

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- Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.

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Meeting in Town Hall, 17 April 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Davies, Flux, Hart, Haslam, Hill, Newey, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, John Osborough [Minutes secretary], D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 9 members of the public.

The Chair thanked members for their work over the past 4 years. No election needed on 2 May as only 5 have been re-nominated and 5 new nominations. 4 more can be co-opted: write to the Clerk if interested. A new Chair and Vice-Chair will also need to be elected at the first meeting of the new Council on 15 May.

PARISH FINANCES

Major Expenditure 1990-2001: The "Windmill Windfall" started at £777k, and peaked at £1040k. Windmill precinct works came to £533,144; grants to church buildings £66,650; grants to clubs £37,872; Town Hall & Holly Tree repairs £12,282; Hempton footpath £34,211; Parish lighting £15,328; Cemetery gate & wall £11,460; Parish play areas £46,600; Coat of Arms £6,612; Bus shelters, litter bins, allotments £8,619 = Total £772,778, excluding wages and other running costs, and nil Precept from 1992 to 1996.

Investments: Current total £565,717.57, an increase in 12 months of £10,091.78, excluding VAT refund due. Barclays £15,898.14 (£4,647.06 @ 1.5% on 14 days, £9612.49 @ 0.1% overnight, £1,638.59 @ 0.1% current a/c); Bradford & Bingley BS £19,970 @ 3.4% on 120 days (notice given); West Bromwich BS £529,849.43 @ 4.05% overnight.

Invoices passed for payment totalled £3,445.04.

Cllr Todd had done a satisfactory informal audit of the annual accounts. In future this cannot be done by a councillor.

PC agreed to underwrite parish Golden Jubilee celebrations if required to a maximum of £2000. Events covered by PC insurance policy.

Cllr Newey presented paper on PC Donations. Policy proposals to be discussed at 15 May PC meeting.

Cemetery Fees: after agreed 10% increase [rounded to nearest 50p] still well below local average. Double fees for interments of those from outside the Parish.

TOWN HALL

Redecoration of external walls and woodwork needed this summer to pre-empt more expensive repairs; explore Conservation Area grant. £1583 quote for a stair-lift had been received. Decision on venue for PC Meetings in the future

first needed.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC no objection (i) Holcombe Hotel - cocktail bar and annexe: protect stone wall with barrier. (ii) 15 Grove Court - satellite dish. (iii) Ivy Cottage, St Thomas Street - conservatory. (iv) 31 Gaveston Gardens - conservatory.

Pending (i) Fairview House, St Thomas Street - conservatory. (ii) Orchard House, Hopcroft Lane - alteration of access hours gone to appeal.

CDC approvals 22 St Johns Way; 20 Gaveston Gardens; 39 The Daedings; Byre Pound Court, Earls Lane; 18 Hempton Road.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- CLEAN-UP PARISH Day Saturday, 4 May. 10.00am start at Town Hall. Volunteers welcome.
- Weedkilling in Deddington needed before Best-Kept Village judging in May.
- Castle Grounds goal area to be fully restored.
- Play area: provide bin; prune tree; replace pyracantha.
- Wimborn Close landscaping to be inspected.
- DN may use parish crest for inclusion in its sets of bound volumes for the normal £50 charity fee.
- Alan Gibbs, formerly of Hempton, is quoting for new Parish Council notice boards.
- Waste bins: prices for six bins to replace 14 year-old ones had been obtained. Agreed to seek Conservation Area grant towards cost of about £1000.
- Windmill Centre: the Trustees had updated the Trust Deed with legal advice for the remaining 85 years of its lease. The Deed was agreed and signed. The Trustees' AGM is on 6 May.

COUNCIL STAFF

- The Parish Clerk's role had been appraised. In future she would be available to callers at the office in the Windmill Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 2.45pm
- Appraisals of the Stewards' achievements had been completed, and their comments noted for action.

IMPORTANT DATES

CDC Elections Thurs 2 May, 8am-9pm.

Polling in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

Parish Council AGM Wed 15 May, Town Hall, 7.30pm

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

The potted 'autobiographies' of the 2002/6 Parish Councillors, nominated and elected unopposed, follow on pages 3 & 4.

ANGUS ALTON

I moved to Deddington from Oxford nine years ago. I work for QCA, regulating the school curriculum and examination system. I am a parent governor at the Warriner School and help the Deddington School PTA, primarily barbecuing and Santa's float (disguised!). I am an active (team-mates might question that) cricketer with Deddington and have a son who plays football for the Colts.

I believe that the Parish Council should consider the interests of all the parishioners, maintaining the three villages' character. I think this is best achieved through a broad, co-operative and inclusive outlook rather than looking narrowly at issues.

MAUREEN COX RGN, BA, DipHe

This is my second term as a Parish Councillor. I will continue to endeavour to problem-solve objectively and make decisions independent of any personal interests and hobbies. I've no hidden agenda, just the desire to serve the best interests of the Parish. This is my responsibility as a Parish Councillor. The parishioners' responsibility is to help us by working in partnership with us. Help us by raising local issues of concern. Inform us and update us. I'm easy to speak to - evenings are best, so contact me.

MARTIN ELLIS

I moved to the Red Lion, Deddington three years ago and like it sufficiently not to want to move to any place else in the foreseeable future. I have made many friends here and feel that I can contribute to the community as a Parish Councillor, and wish to do so.

I have been involved in various businesses including film production and similar media activities, both in this country and overseas.

I look forward to assisting my fellow parishioners in whatever manner I can, from the simple task of signing passport photographs, to helping with the Jubilee celebrations, and indeed anything else that occurs.

A.F.F.(JIM) FLUX has owned a house in Deddington since 1972. He returned to settle in Deddington in 1989 on taking early retirement from overseas. A member of the PC for 8 years; he is a committee member of the Windmill Centre and the Hollytree and is involved with The Deddington Players and the Pantomime. He started the Deddington Thursday Club for frail older folk. He is treasurer of the local Alzheimer's Society, Governor of the School, rings bells, and is Chairman of North Oxfordshire FE College and of the Carers Centre in Banbury, which he helped to start in 1992.

KATHY HARVEY

I have lived in Deddington for 18 months with my husband who works in the City.

We have lived in various parts of the country and I have always been closely involved with the Community, serving variously as a special police constable, a nurse within the local area health authority dental service and

latterly as an unemployment counsellor in which position I was honoured in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette's New Year list for services to the Community.

As Parish Councillor I will strive to represent all interests whilst protecting Deddington's heritage. I prefer consensus but I am prepared to champion supportable causes.

RICK HASLAM

I have lived in the parish for over 3 years with Sally and our 2 children. I am keen to represent the parish on the council to continue to improve the following key aspects in Hempton, Clifton and Deddington: Safety in the parish; Enjoyment and recreational opportunities in the parish for all; Environmental issues.

I will be working hard to ensure all aspects of the parish are represented at meetings and we all continue to benefit from living in a great place.

DAVID ROLLASON

My family has lived in Deddington for three years. Whilst honoured to have been nominated to serve upon the Parish Council I am disappointed to have achieved this without the need for a contest. To have only 10 candidates prepared to stand and then be elected unopposed is pitiful.

A recent letter in the Deddington News stated: 'Don't hoard it! Spend it!'. I agree. My aim is to play a part in making the Parish a better place for young people. I will also seek to provide Parishioners with easier access to the official record of meetings.

HELEN SPENCER

I love living in Deddington and look forward to being involved in the day-to-day running of the Parish. My ideas include improvements to the Windmill Centre, more speed cameras and a path along Earls Lane. My views will respect that Deddington is a historical and beautiful village that should remain as unspoilt as possible. I am 31, grew up locally, and am married to Richard whose family has been in Deddington for three generations. I sold my business to start a family and since our son Fred was born a year ago I spend a lot of time in the Parish.

PAT SWASH

During the twenty years in which I have been a Deddington resident, including 16 as a Parish Councillor I have had the privilege of being involved in many community developments and projects within the Deddington Hempton Clifton area.

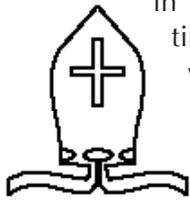
Landmark events of which I have strong personal memories include the grant of the Coat of Arms and the Best Kept Village awards of 1986 and 2001. Environmental and grant issues, planning concerns and the provision of adequate recreational and leisure facilities are the matters in which I have taken a particular interest and hope to be involved with in the future.

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I hope everyone enjoyed a happy Easter break and that you are all looking forward, like us, to a long warm summer!

We began this term by marking the passing of the Queen Mother. The whole school watched her funeral on television from 11 a.m.-noon. and the children and staff observed their own two minute silence. However, as she would have wished, we then moved on to thinking of the celebrations ahead for her daughter, Queen Elizabeth.

Plans for our School Golden Jubilee Celebrations will now be moving speedily forward and we hope to see many of you in school to watch the children enjoy a 1950s style "street party"



in the playground. (Weather permitting!) After their lunch the children will be performing some songs and dances from the era. The Bishop of Dorchester, the Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, who is joining us for the festivities, will be dedicating our new classrooms and

"Quiet Garden" areas.

The PTA will provide refreshments. If any of you remember the Queen's coronation and have any ideas or suggestions that we might use please contact me at school. We would also be pleased if any visitors on the day were able to chat informally to the children as they are eating their egg or marmite sandwiches, jellies and blancmanges and share some of your childhood memories. Festivities will begin at 12.30 p.m. on **Friday 31st May**. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Lynne Stephens 338430

And from the PTA.....

To keep you updated on the latest events scheduled

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GEOFF TODD

Resident since 1983. Former senior police officer and latterly, until retirement, a local government officer. PC Member for past 12 years, including two as Chairman, with experience of Finance and General Purposes, Planning, Recreation and Grants and Windmill Working Groups.

Away from Council duties am Vice President of Deddington Beeches Bowls Club, Chairman of Friends of Deddington Library, Treasurer for the Deddington Market Management Group and an Executive Committee Member of Oxfordshire Association for Young People. Aided by my wife, Joan, charity fund raising also features prominently in my activities. Need to ensure we keep local services and shops.

this term, here they are. Please don't forget, any new ideas and any form of help for the School Fete are very much appreciated. The more the merrier!

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY - LADIES NIGHT 7.30pm - 10.30pm at the Windmill centre. An exciting evening for young and old alike will be guaranteed. 22 stalls, demos, advice, therapies, gifts, cards etc.... and of course a glass of wine! Tickets £3.00 from The Post Office, School Office, and Merry-Go-Round. Please note that this event is being advertised to other local villages. As tickets are limited, it is recommended you get them early.

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE - SCHOOL FETE 2.00pm~ Another grand affair not to be missed. Lots of new attractions and fun to be had by all. We desperately need help to man the stalls, so please give up just 1 hour to help out, every year we limit the number of stalls due to limitations on helpers. More detail will follow in Deddington News nearer the date.

SATURDAY 6TH JULY - QUIZ NIGHT Windmill Centre - This highly entertaining evening is not to be missed. Bring a team along and put your brains to the test. More details to follow.

Louise Lay 337914 Chair, Deddington School PTA

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An exhibition of work by five artists
21-31 May 2002

Chipping Norton Theatre Gallery

10am to 6pm except Monday 27 May
Late night to 8pm Thursday 23 May

Rob Forsyth's stoneware glazes emphasise the beauty of the thrown form; **Betty Hill's** hand built shapes were inspired by pebbles on Studland beach; **Robin Hepworth's** oil and water colours are strongly influenced by her travels abroad; **Kate Dix** uses silver, gold and titanium in a range of stylish contemporary jewellery; **Colin Robinson** uses his own photographs as a basis for fine art prints.

SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel***Parish Church in May**

Wed	1	10.00 am	Eucharist	SS. Philip & James Apostles
Thu	2	2 pm	Squeals and Wheels, (Prams and Toddlers Service)	
Sat	4		Rogationtide perambulation of the Benefice with Beating of the Bounds. Meet Town Hall, Deddington 11.00 am. and bring a picnic. The walk will in the main follow the Hempton loop of the Deddington circular walk: 6-7 miles. approx. 4 hrs	
Sun	5	10.30 am	Rogation Sunday Family service at Calcutt Farms, Duns Tew Road, Hempton (by courtesy of Jim and Leah Calcutt). There will be a Eucharist and a walk round the farm during which crops and animals will be blessed. Refreshments will be served after the service. Parking at the farm. [No 9.00am service in Hempton Church]	
		6.30 pm	Said Evensong BCP	
Wed	8	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thu	9		Ascension Day (see Hempton)	
Sun	12	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Childrens' Church	
Tue	14	6.30 pm	Eucharist for St Matthias	
Wed	15	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	19	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	
		10.30 am	Mattins BCP	
Wed	22	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sat	25	2.00 pm	Memorial Service for Elizabeth Tothill	
Sun	26	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Childrens' Church	
Thu	30	6.30 pm	Eucharist for Corpus Christi	
Fri	31	6.30 pm	Eucharist for the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	
Sun 2 June		3.00pm	Jubilee Songs of Praise - followed by tea	

**May Services, St John Hempton**

Thu	9	8.00 pm	Eucharist for Ascension Day - followed by refreshments
Sun	19	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00 pm	Evensong BCP

From the Parish Registers

Baptism : 14 April Tegan Davis

Funerals : 2 April John Spencer; 18 April Louise Allsworth

If you wish to enquire about baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital and home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr. Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869) or the new Churchwardens, [w.e.f. 15 May] Liz Dickinson (337050) and Iain Gillespie (338367).

Bible Study Home Groups

Mons, 13 and 27 2.30 pm at 12 The Daedings (Derrick Wincer, 338004)

Weds. 1, 15 and 29 7.30 for 8.00 pm at 2 The Leyes, (Liz and Bill Dickinson, 337050)

7.30 for 8.00 pm at Boulderdyke, Clifton, (Jean Welford, 338539)

The Church Club meets every Monday in term time at the Primary School from 3.15 to 4.00 pmDeanery Synod members 2002/5: Pat Britain, John Sampson, Angela Waller.PCC Members 2002/3: Bernard Barton, Tony Elvidge, Jean Flux, Fiona Gillespie, Sir Andrew Green, Dirk Pretorius, Josephine Stevens, Kristin Thompson, Jennie Ward, Jean Welford.**CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL** New Street*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am with Wesleyan Church

Sunday evening services at 6.00 pm May 5 Pastor Isobel Walton

May 12 Mr Richard Wilson

May 19 Mr John Hine

May 26 Mr John Neal

June 2 Pastor Isobel Walton

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH Chapel Square*Pastor Issy Walton 337157*

Sunday mornings 10.30 am : May 5, 12 & 19 Pastor Isobel Walton

May 26

Margaret Goulder

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396***Heihe** : 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.

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Our weekly Wednesday Club Nights commence on 1 May at 6.00 pm (weather permitting) and new bowlers are always assured of a warm welcome. On Saturday 11 May we are holding a Cake and Plant Sale under the Town Hall between 9.00 am and 11 am.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY

Many Deddingtonians will remember Barry Gregory and the late Trevor Goodall, who together with Roy Hart, Arthur Kennedy, Peter Farley, Nigel Oddy and Monty Spencer formed the 'DOGS' in Autumn 1994 with the aim first and foremost of creating a fun loving and enjoyable Society but, of course, always professionally behaved on the Golf Course.

With now over 80 members including 6 Ladies, 'DOGS' has at least 45 playing members, the numbers being swelled by loyal social members and new members are always welcome. Members enjoy the opportunity to play courses that they may not normally play and of course, the chance to meet friends and have a very enjoyable day's golf, followed by a Dinner in the evening (and lunch midday).

Twenty-two members attended the last AGM held in January and Tony Lowe replaced Jim Bell as our Social Secretary. Many thanks to Jim for several years of devoted service!

Courses to be played this year are Studley Wood, Burford, Stratford and Chipping Norton. We have also established a relationship with another 'DOGS' Society based at The White Hart Hotel in Dorchester with whom a match was played last year at Kirtlington - the result being a draw with a magnificent trophy (a model of a British Bulldog) being presented by Nigel Oddy. This year's match is on 30 May.

Last year's winners were: Andy Storer - overall best player and Alan Campbell - winner of the Eric Spencer Memorial Trophy for the second time.

The Society holds an Annual Dinner and Dance each Autumn - DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER FOR A FABULOUS EVENING AT RYE HILL GOLF CLUB! *Pauline Farley* 338741

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

We are looking forward to our open day on Sunday 28 April 2.00~5.00pm.

We have some good news! Firstly tennis coaching is now available on Fridays from 3 May with Steve Ashby who is a professional development coach. This is open to non-members as well as members. Under 8's from 4-5 p.m., Under 13's from 5-6pm and then adult improvers from 6-7pm. For more info. and to book a place, phone me.

The other good news is that for the first time, Deddington have a team playing in the first division of the Banbury

League, so good luck to them.

Looking ahead, we have a nice day planned for June 4th, with a round-robin tournament and barbecue. Club nights are Wednesday and Friday; match practice is on Sunday morning.

Katie McGovern 338771

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team Results:- Kings Sutton(a) Won 2-0 A.Dickson, A.Wallock. Middleton Cheney(h) Drew 1-1 D.Churchill. Reserve Team Results Chasewell Park Res(h) Lost 0-1 Bodicote Res (h) (Supplementary Cup) Lost 2-5 P.Waller, S.Colley. With the end of the season fast approaching the 1st team still have everything to play for. Two league games are left & if they both result in victories the team will be promoted to the Premier league, possibly as champions. The title decider is against arch rivals Barford & takes place at the Windmill on 23rd April. The Reserves have found the going tough in recent weeks, playing the teams near the top of their division. Despite this they have enjoyed a good season and have just one game left to play. Phil Kirsopp is currently the side's leading goal scorer. 75 Club Winners 29/3/02 P.Trinder £50, 5/4/02 Mrs C.Smith £50, 12/4/02 Mrs H.Bradley £50. *Steve Plumble* 01295 278258

DEDDINGTON BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP

A busy programme for the Spring and Summer was discussed further at our committee meeting on 16 April. There will be a Spring Sale at our session on 26 April, with children's books and clothes, cards and Tupperware. On 31 May there will be a teddy bear's picnic, in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Another meal out is planned, for Saturday 18 May. For more details of all events, watch the noticeboard at our Friday meetings. If you have a baby or toddler, why not join us? - every Friday from 9.30 - 11.30am at the Windmill.

Lucy Squires 338442

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 at the Windmill. There will be a review of activities and all user clubs and organisations are invited to send a representative.

pp *Roy Hart* Chairman

MONDAY MORNING CLUB

Every first Monday of the month seems to be a Bank Holiday. Our May coffee morning will be on May 13th because of the May bank holiday, and our June meeting will take place on Monday, June 10th because of the Jubilee weekend. I still have four tickets for *Much Ado* on May 29th. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Jean Flux 338153

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

Our annual meeting will take place on Thursday 16 May at 7.30 pm in the Holly Tree. Please join us if you are interested in theatre, as this is the meeting when we lay plans for the rest of the year. New blood is needed to make sure that the popular village pantomime continues.

Jean Flux 338153



DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Instead of a lecture meeting at the Windmill Centre, society members visited the Brewery and new Visitors' Centre and Museum Hook Norton. We thoroughly enjoyed the guided tour (and the free samples!), and the museum set us wondering if something similar might be possible for us. The visit was such a success that we shall attempt to incorporate more trips to places of interest into our regular programme.



On Wednesday 8 May we shall be back at the Windmill Centre, for a talk by Peter Edwards on Wroxton Abbey. That will prepare us for a tour of the house (rarely open to the public) on the evening of Wednesday 12 June, followed by our summer social in the Abbey grounds. If anyone cannot attend the May meeting but would like to visit the house on 12 June, please contact me. This should be a very special occasion. *Chris Day* 337204

1ST DEDDINGTON ANCHOR BOYS

April was a quiet month due to Easter holidays, however we did welcome James as a new member. Over the next few weeks the boys will be visiting the Church tower for a bell ringing session, helping with the village clean up on May 4th and making preparations with other groups for the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

Nick Westbury 337059

DEDDINGTON COLTS FC

The recent General Knowledge Quiz was a great success and raised £553 for the Club. Over 60 supporters gave generously during the course of the evening. Question Master was Ron Colley. The 'Wet Snud' team from Duns Tew won the main quiz. The quiz would not have been possible without the help of many people including Ged & Sharon Rhind, Dawn Kaye, Martin Archer, Peter Schneider, Gill Durham, David Hunsley and Ron.



The Warriner School squad that was narrowly beaten in extra time in the English Schools' FA Cup semi-final included nine former Colts. Last month's column only mentioned one of the team. (Thanks go to Ged Rhind and an anonymous caller for putting me straight on this matter).

DIARY DATES: Annual General Meeting is Tuesday 11 June. Annual Awards Evening is Saturday 15 June. As at the 14 April the Witney & District Boys League positions of the Colts' seven teams were as follows:

Position	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
9th out of 10	Friendly North	18	2	5	11	12	47	11
6th out of 8	Under 9 B	14	3	2	9	10	36	11
11th out of 12	Under 10 B	21	4	1	16	20	60	13
8th out of 12	Under 10 C	21	6	5	10	34	51	23
5th out of 10	Under 11 A	18	8	2	8	41	53	26
12th out of 14	Under 12 B	24	6	2	16	43	68	20
7th out of 10	Under 13 B	17	6	0	11	48	59	18

David Rollason 337351

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE

We now have an accompanist and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month: 13 & 27 May, then break for the summer. Please ring for further information. *Annette Murphy* 337318

DEDDINGTON LIFE & PORTRAIT ART GROUP

We meet in the Town Hall each Thursday for untutored sessions. Cost is £5 per 2.5 hour session. We are very relaxed and friendly. Ring for details or just turn up. *Annette Murphy* 337318

DEDDINGTON W.I.

Our speaker at our meeting on 9 April was Dr Dorothy Evans who talked about Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha. Dr Evans is involved in education on these islands and both regularly visits them, and in return receives teachers here. Her talk and slides were informative, with some charming pictures of children in class. Altogether, a talk with a slightly different slant to it.

On 14 May we will be discussing and voting upon the Resolutions which will be put to the AGM being held in Brighton in June, and on 11 July we will learn "How to deal with a Heart Attack" with the Red Cross Society. *Rene Mahony* 338438



1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Our term got off to a very good start with a busy first meeting - learning fire-lighting skills ready for a first cook-outaaah! The smell of the wood smoke and sausages sizzling in the pan that's the life!!! We've also had a very successful meeting with the older guides - planning for the rest of the term and leadership training. We continue to try and raise money in the Guide and Scout Group for rent and new tents so are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 11 May at 2 pm at the Windmill Centre. Please lend us your support!.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Glynnis Eastwood 337021

CASTLE HOUSE GARDEN in the Bull Ring will be open from 10 am on Saturday 25 May [Market Day] with a Plant Sale, Tombola and day-long refreshments - raising funds to rebuild Oxfordshire Guides' holiday house near Beckley. Any spare plants (cuttings, seedlings &c.) gardeners may have will be most welcome.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie



CONGRATULATIONS

Dee Hailey of Hook Norton Harriers can often be seen on her training runs around Deddington. She ran the London Marathon in 3 hours, 41 minutes, 59 seconds. Any sponsorship money she receives goes to Frank Wise School. Her number is 338942

ON THE FARM

The last of this year's lambs were born mid-April. The move from February/March to a March/April lambing season has worked well this year with the warm dry weather being just what we needed to get the ewes and lambs out on to the grass. But the cold dry weather of late has slowed down the grass and crop growth, so to make things perfect what we need now is for the temperature to rise and a good night's rain once a week until mid-June. This is unlikely to happen until the wind moves from the north-east. The lambing went well with an above-average birth weight and turn-out percentage. We had a few problems but nothing we could not cope with, so for once we did not need an expensive visit from the vet. With a high number of triplets and 7 sets of quads we have a number of lambs in the orphan pen being hand-reared.

I have been involved with sheep all my life and this was my 40th consecutive lambing season. It could well rank as one of the easiest, with good weather, a heavy fall of lambs and few problems with the ewes. However with the uncertainties and restrictions of the post foot-and-mouth legislation, the loss of so many of the local livestock markets and the stranglehold that the supermarkets now have on the farm-gate prices, it could well turn out to be one of the worst. The field work is well up to date but the crops need some rain.

The early warm weather brought the oil seed rape into flower early and got the bees off to a good start but the cold north-east wind has slowed their activities down for now.

Most of the local birds are now nesting and some have young. I am pleased to report that for the first time I can add the Marsh Tit to the list of birds nesting on the farm. Some of our summer visitors have returned with the Curlew back on the meadows and 2 pairs of Swallows back in the buildings but it is early yet so we should have some more to come. It has been nice to see a number of Wheatears stopping off to rest on their



way north to breed on the moorlands and hills.

We have had little to celebrate on the farm for some time now but that all changed with the arrival of Benjamin George ['F1'] born on 9 April, so there is light at the end of the tunnel after all. It is amazing how someone so small can mean so much - even if he did make a mess of the lambing averages!

George Fenemore 338203

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Hempton will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee by holding a family party at Northend Barn, College Court, on Monday 3 June from 1.00pm - 5.00pm by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Come and join the celebrations.

The Ladies Hobby Club meets alternate Tuesday afternoons in the Church Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. They share hobbies and interests and have the occasional trip out. Members have taken part in drawing, quilling, flower arranging, lace-making, icing sugar flowers, pergamo, tea-bag folding, crochet, broom-stick knitting, and Australian embroidery. Newcomers are most welcome.



The Ascension Day Service will be in the Church on Thursday 9 May at 8.00pm. All welcome - and to the refreshments afterwards.

The Table Tennis team go into the last week of the season competing with 3 Blessed George Napier teams for the championship.

I end on a sad note with news of the death of Don Cole aged 74. Don lived with his wife Mary on the Duns Tew Road and had lived in the village since the early 1960's. I got to know him when out walking my dog. I always admired his front garden full of fuchsias and many other plants. Our condolences to Mary and his family.

Les Chappell 338054

FIRE SERVICE

We have received 19 call-outs since the last report, bringing our total for the year to date to 49. These were 1 house; 1 car; 1 bedroom; 1 fuel tank; 3 rubbish fires - 1 haystack, 3 barn fires and 2 to investigate smell of burning; 1 R.T.A M40; 1 false alarm and 4 calls to stand by at other stations.

I am sad to report that we have experienced theft of our equipment whilst attending call-outs in the Deddington area. In particular 3 hazard warning lights were stolen from Chapel Square whilst we were dealing with a bedroom fire. The lights are used to warn motorists of danger and to protect the crew working in the road. It is costly and inconvenient to replace them but more importantly it can put lives at risk if safety measures are interfered with. Any information leading to the return of the equipment will be gratefully received. If you think this type of behaviour is fun, please think again - you are endangering the lives of people working to protect you.

Anne Waters 338279

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E-MAIL FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

It was 1962 when I last rode a bicycle in anger, London to North Wales and back. Now, in my 62nd year, having survived my first heart attack, I am going to cycle nearly 60 miles from London to Brighton on June 16, in aid of the British Heart Foundation. My two sons, former Deddingtonians Matthew and Jamie, will accompany me. Pete Farley has lent me a bike to train on and Tracy Lee has lent me a helmet! If anyone would like to sponsor me, please get in touch at: Quinque House, New Street, telephone 338272 or by e-mail: colin.robinson@deddington.net

FROM RON WOODS, HOLLY TREE COTTAGES, DEDDINGTON

I feel I must reply to the letter from Thelma Dover in the April issue. I, like many others, feed and in fact encourage wild birds in my garden. I get immense pleasure from seeing their variety and their antics. I have fed them for as long as I can remember and can honestly say I have never seen a rat in the garden or heard from anyone who has. The food is seldom there for long and in winter birds rely heavily on people putting out that food. Wild birds are part of the beauty of life so, please, let's encourage rather than discourage them. I say, keep on feeding and enjoy them.

FROM GEOFF TODD, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

As readers will know, at most of the monthly Deddington Markets I have played my Trueman street organ for charity. Since the Market began last September, those attending have generously given £461.96 This has been shared among Macmillan Nurses, Cheshire Home (Alderbury), Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease Society and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Many thanks for your support and to the Deddington Market Management Group for the invitation to play.

FROM THE BURTON FAMILY, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

Diana, Judith, Adrian and Jeremy would like to thank everyone who attended Leslie's funeral, and for the cards and messages of condolence.

E-MAIL FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

May I add a personal note of appreciation for Roy Bertridge's services to the DN? He was undoubtedly the best asset I inherited when I took over the editorship of the DN from Norman and Angela Stone in 1994 (apart from the DN itself, of course). Happily Roy agreed to stay on as o/c Occasional Ads, involving, among other things, all the tricky juggling with last minute copy. During my time he was a vital presence finalising and checking the jigsaw of permanent ads on the 'yellow pages', as well as being reassuringly there on most press days. Up to the year 2000 he was also a stalwart member of Ruth

Johnson's duplicating team. Many thanks again, Roy.

(As a current team member I'm not allowed to write to the DN. But I crave this space to say how wholeheartedly I agree with Sylvie. Roy was a rock. K.T. Ex-Ed.)

E-MAIL FROM FRANK TOTHILL GOZO

Elizabeth's funeral was a lovely occasion, beautiful weather, lovely flowers, the church at Hethe was full and there was a good "Deddington party" afterwards. I shall be very grateful if you can put a note in the DN from me to thank everyone who came, and also thank those who have sent condolences. I have been much heartened by these and intend to send individual thanks as soon as I can.

Elizabeth's Memorial Service (in the Parish Church) is now set for Saturday, May 25 at 2 pm. Ken Reeves will conduct the service and afterwards Elizabeth's ashes will be interred in the graveyard on the Hempton Road. This will be conducted by Fr. John Burns.

E-MAIL FROM JUNE BIRCH, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

Re: your article in the April issue: Memories of Elizabeth Tothill. I read with sadness of Elizabeth's death and I know how hard it must be for her family. I met and liked her when she visited her mother who owned one of the Grove Court flats. I am sure she was all you say, and more, a very bubbly person.

However, I take exception to one point in your article – not about Elizabeth but about Grove Court. You refer to Elizabeth's supplying the elderly residents of the Court with soup and hot drinks during a power cut. I have lived here over 11 years and was not aware of a crisis during the cut, certainly not of soup and hot drinks being supplied. The fact that ownership of the flats is restricted to 55 and over does not mean that Grove Court is a home for the aged and infirm. I, for one, object to being viewed in this way. The fact is that many of us are still working and others are only recently retired professional people. The impression given here and elsewhere, I am sorry to say, fails to reflect this reality. There are many lovely people in Deddington and this letter is not aimed at them but at the few who are ignorant. I am sorry that the sad circumstances of Elizabeth's death have prompted this response, but this is simply the latest of a number of references, inaccurate and patronising in tone, made about Grove Court.

Jean Flux who compiled the Grove Court memoir replies: My apologies to June Birch for any unintended offence in my use of the word 'elderly'. I did not use it as a description of all Grove Court residents, but only of those who were at home all day during the power cut and who much appreciated Elizabeth's thoughtfulness. In some parts of the village the power cut did last 4 days, which is a long time to be without heat and cooking facilities, especially if you are at home for most of the day!

[... see next page for Second Post]

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CLEAN UP PARISH DAY !!!

The day draws nearer as we work together to tidy up the parish. The organized day is **Saturday 4 May** and members of the parish, family and friends can meet at the Town Hall from 10 am - remember refreshments are provided to all helpers at noon at the Unicorn !!

However, following a great response from the note in the last DN, I would like to confirm the 'CLEAN UP' is not restricted to just 4 May. Indeed, if like Colin Robinson, you cannot make the 4th but want to help in the clean up, please do your bit whenever you can.

C.U.P. volunteers last year helped win the Best Kept Village Award for Deddington. The first round of this year's judging is between 4 & 19 May. Finalists will be judged between 1 & 16 June.

As 4 May may be too early for hanging flower-baskets, perhaps some extra plants in the front gardens would help the appearance of the parish. Also look out for escaped rubbish bins, old signs etc that will detract from the parish's appeal !!

Thanks for your support and helping us **CLEAN-UP THE PARISH !!**

Rick Haslam 338216

E-MAIL FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

Though mildly alarmed at what might be construed as a drift towards paganism in your last editorial, I was delighted to see your recommendation of a medieval Eastertide practice.

In line with that recommendation I should like to invite your readers to join us on Saturday 4 May 4 in reviving the ancient Rogationtide custom of "Beating the Bounds" in a (partial) perambulation of the Benefice. We shall leave the Town Hall at 11 am. and mostly follow the Hempton loop of the Deddington Circular Walk. Particularly welcome will be young people prepared to have their heads, in accordance with tradition, bumped on the ground at the parish boundaries. The event should last about four hours; those attending are invited to bring a picnic.

[... after cleansing first the inside of the C.U.P! Ed]

E-MAIL FROM SIMON PAPWORTH, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

I agree with Thelma Dover (April issue) regarding the threat of attracting rats into our gardens and possibly homes. Throwing food on the ground or leaving household waste around will increase the likelihood of disease and unwanted rodents in Deddington. However, during autumn, winter and nesting periods, our indigenous small birds suffer from lack of food in the wild. The use of pesticides, removal of natural grasslands and meadows have caused a shortage that we are obliged to help replace.

Most supermarkets and markets now sell a wide variety of birdseed and protected feeders, including fat balls. These, together with the use of correct bird tables, will hopefully encourage endangered birds back into our gardens, and not the rats.

"WIN THE GRAND NATIONAL ?"

SATURDAY 11TH MAY at the WINDMILL CENTRE promises to be a great fund-raising evening for the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Entry (£5) will include a cold buffet and the beer, wine and soft drinks on sale will be below pub prices. The minimum bet for each race will be 50p, and there will be eight races. It will be a fun evening for adults and children, so bring the family, neighbours, etc.



We are hoping that people will donate a plate/bowl of something savoury. If you are willing, would you please ring Kath Harvey (337428) by Friday 3rd May and let her know what you can bring ?

Look out for the raffle tickets on sale soon to help raise money for the celebrations.

Both fundraising events will support the Golden Jubilee events and local good causes.

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CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN

On Sunday 2 June at 3.00 pm there will be a special Jubilee Songs of Praise in Deddington Church in celebration of the reign of HM Elizabeth II*. Readers of the **DN** are invited to let the Vicar know their favourite hymn (by 26 May please) - leave a note in Church or phone 349869 - and come to join in singing the most popular.

[and England's first World Cup victory ??? Ed]*

NB : The Jubilee Concert is confirmed as taking place at 7.30pm on Sunday 2 June in the Parish Church [not on the Saturday as in the last DN].

The Golden Jubilee magazine, to be delivered soon, will have the complete programme of the weekend of celebrations - events and activities for the entire parish to enjoy.

Thanks for your support and as ever help is always welcome...please call Rick Haslam on 338216.

OVERHEARD

"I usually do it with the milkman. Ken doesn't know!"

E-MAIL FROM RICHARD TEARE, DEDDINGTON

As I was jogging around the Windmill field last night, I spoke to a dog owner who was actually cleaning up the mess left on the field by other dog owners. On behalf of the many users of the Windmill recreation field, I should like to thank all responsible dog owners for their efforts to keep the field clean, and the Parish Council for providing two conveniently-sited bins for this purpose.

We are almost into summer. The daffs are finished and the perennials like Bleeding Hearts and Peonies are nearly in flower. We have now filled up the containers in readiness for the annuals and replaced the broken Camellia pot. We didn't quite know how to deal with that plant, a lovely white flowering one. The whole root ball was a solid mass of rootlets, no soil left at all. So we chipped chunks out and planted what was left in ericacious compost. Fingers crossed that it will survive.

I acquired a *Convolvulus*, lovely grey-silvery leaves and white flowers, also for a pot. I have had them before and they are easy enough to keep going. Don't ask what happened to them. Plants have a way of appearing and disappearing without giving notice.

For some time now there has been a subtle change of plants in our garden: it is becoming a wild flower patch. Do other DN reader's have this experience too? Primroses, Feverfew, Dog Violets, Lords and Ladies, Toadflax and the like are taking over. On the whole it is an improvement, I think and these plants are tougher and longer lasting than the choice garden flowers. What's more, they entirely look after themselves. But I wonder why this is happening? Fewer weed killers or a change of climate?

Alas, the Cardoon, of which I had high hopes, has turned up its toes. Better luck next time.

We have been asked to make an extra effort with hanging baskets and other displays, so good gardening to you all for this competition season.

Marianne Elsley

When the Editor asked if I would take on from Thelma Dover the writing of these notes, he believed that I had an allotment and so could report on the vegetable garden. He was wrong! But he asked me to write none-the-less, suggesting it could be 'from the outside looking in'. So here goes ...

To a newcomer like me, one of Deddington's better kept secrets is at the end of Satin Lane. Here, on a sunny April day, I found a large South-facing field divided into a dozen or so gardens. Some were well-kept and neatly sown with potato beds ridged up and wire around the seed-beds to protect the tender shoots that will soon appear. Others were looking more like my garden at home - in need of attention. A few are clearly waiting for a new tenant to clear the weeds and make the land productive.

I hope soon to meet some of the gardeners and maybe they might be willing to share a little of their knowledge which I can pass on to DN readers and even put into practice myself. But perhaps growing vegetables in Deddington is as competitive as it is in Dibley and secrets are to be kept, not shared. We shall soon find out. Watch this space ...

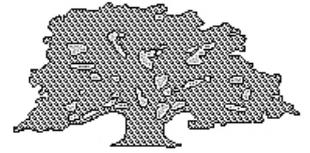
Hugh Marshall

PARISH PUMP

The Conservation Foundation distributed sapling yew trees to thousands of parishes in the Millennium Year.

"Deddington's is not yet large enough to be planted out," says Walter Meagher.

Walter is the Foundation's local contact whom it calls 'Parish Pumps'. He has



also inherited the mantle

of John Scott, who during his time in Philcote Street was the local tree-champion. Walter is concerned that the cherry trees, which John planted on the approach to the Windmill Centre, are being threatened by their unkempt hawthorn hedge neighbours.

Walter is a highly knowledgeable botanist. Born in the States, he was a partner in a New York publishing firm, producing attractive scientific tomes for first-year university students. That was until his Quaker sympathies and his ignored protests against the Vietnam war drove him in 1972 to migrate to England - a farm in Devon and an office in Cadogan Square.

Six years ago he moved from Somerton to Hopcraft Lane. With Wendy, his book-designer wife, he now publishes illustrated guide books in Oxford. He also researches the flora of Mexico, as well as Mexican equities. In his 'spare' time he is co-ordinating the compilation of an environmental survey of Deddington - funded partly by the Parish Council and Cherwell District, but to a much larger extent by friends in New York. He plans to publish it next year.

Researches in the churchyard have revealed the existence there of 118 different species of lichen, putting it among the top 30 churchyards in Britain. BBOWT [BERKS BUCKS OXON WILDLIFE TRUST] is very interested. BBOWT's Helen d'Ayala is meeting Walter and the vicar on site on 15 May to explore Deddington's involvement in the Living Churchyard Project.

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Friends of Daeda's Wood

Our display is now in the Library and includes a flier to remind you of our Jubilee Family (bring-your-own) Picnic on Sunday, June 23. We can reveal that we have a Personality to judge the Treasure Hunt and present the prizes - but not, of course, who it is.

The potentially troublesome sycamore has been polarded, and there has been other tidying up along the Swere. It's a particularly rewarding time of the year, with the various species at different stages in their development: blackthorn, hawthorn and the several willow species in the vanguard; the ash full of promising bud; and the oaks still clinging to the remnants of last autumn. Soon there'll be a whole list of flowers to add to the existing primroses and cowslips (and odd rogue daf-fodils). Pity about the accumulating dog faeces. Please

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Sylvie Spenceley 338955

PARKING IN THE PARISH

For the past year the Parish Council has been investigating parking problems in the parish, and now invites residents and businesses to give their views on the following *suggestions* for change. This feedback will assist the new incoming Parish Council to formulate plans for future traffic schemes in the Parish.

Please send your comments in writing to Jane Plummer, Parish Clerk, The Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington OX15 0QH, or email parishcouncil@deddington.net

- (a) Market Place and Bullring: Yellow lines are suggested outside the Antiques Centre for a distance of two car widths for use by registered disabled drivers. Also it will be necessary to identify all fire hydrants (not only in the Market place and Bullring, but the whole Parish) and mark these with Keep Clear markings.
- (b) Horsefair: Remove the existing double yellow lines from the north side of the Horsefair including the lay-by (old bus stop) and replace with a single yellow line (allowing parking between 9am and 5pm). Keep Clear markings to be added at the entrance to the Holly Tree residents parking area.
- (c) Chapel Square: Double yellow lines are suggested on the East and North side from the Market Place to Church Street and continuing into Church Street for 15 metres. Double yellow lines on the West Side from



the Market Place to Philcote Street. The parking area immediately outside Featherton House to be marked Keep Clear.

- (d) Hudson Street: To be made a one-way street with the direction of travel from the High Street into the Market Place. No Entry signs to be placed at the junction with the Market Place. Double yellow lines to be put along the south side of Hudson Street. This requires a change to the bus route. Instead of picking up in the Market Place it would need to stop in the High Street, maybe in the lay-by outside the British Legion. There would be no change for northbound buses.
- (e) Castle Street: It is suggested that double yellow lines be placed in Castle Street on the South side from Chapel Square to Hopcraft Lane and extended into Hopcraft Lane for about 15 metres. They should continue on the south side from Hopcraft Lane through to the speed limit signs. The island at the junction of Castle Street and Hopcraft Lane should have double yellow lines surrounding it.
- (f) St Thomas Street: The junction with St Thomas Street and New Street is an accident black spot for traffic travelling north from the Oxford direction and turning right. It is suggested that there should be no right turn into St Thomas Street for vehicles travelling north on the main road. Vehicles could still turn left into St Thomas Street when travelling south. The effect of this would be that vehicles would have to turn right into Hudson Street, which would be a one way street, or at the traffic lights.
- (g) New Street: It is suggested that double yellow lines are placed on the East Side from the junction of Hudson Street south towards the Chinese restaurant for 15 metres.
- (h) High Street: Double yellow lines are suggested on the west side 15 metres either side of The Maunds and The Grove.
- (i) Hempton Road: It is suggested that double yellow lines be placed on the south side opposite the Daedings between the two entrances to the Paddocks and fifteen metres either side of Mill Close. Also, on the north side 15 metres either side of The Daedings entrance extending 15 metres into The Daedings.
- (j) Tays Gateway: This could be restricted to vehicles that need access to Tays Gateway (residents' and emergency vehicles etc) and only used as a through-road for pedestrians and bicycles. Possibly two bollards half way up.
- (k) Church Lane: It is suggested that single yellow lines be placed on both sides preventing parking from 8.30am to 4.30pm - when people are taking their children to school or visiting the surgery.
- (l) Clifton - Tythe Lane: Yellow lines are suggested on the north side of the road 15 metres either side of Tythe lane.

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[from Deddington Parish Council]

"Did the Queen Mother visit Deddington?"

I've been asked this question, presumably because I have access to old Deddington Parish Magazines. No visit of Royalty is recorded between the dates of the Queen Mother's wedding in 1923 and 1930 when my supply of information ends.

Be that as it may. I nevertheless thought it would be exciting if I could find something in the "Parish News" which happened during the month of her birth in August 1900. And by a most unexpected coincidence I found that 'something' in the following notice which appears in September 1900.

"DAY SCHOOL. This School will re-open on Monday, September 10th, by which time or soon after we hope the old wooden fence, which has been an eyesore for so long, will have been replaced by new unclimbable iron railings, with gates to match. The expense will amount to £35, and as no assistance can be obtained from the Aid Grant, it is hoped that subscribers and others will be disposed, when they see the improvement, to give something extra towards it".

Some of these cast iron railings have - like the Queen Mother ! - withstood the ravishes of time for 101 years. They have fulfilled their duty to each new generation, have watched over their safety and enjoyed their merry games. They have seen the world change out of all recognition but have gladly kept up with the various trends. The Queen Mother's long life has now ended. The railings, a bit bent with age and the little gate between ornate posts, remain. Will they see the end of this decade?

Ruth Johnson

'Our Place'

Exhibition at the Oxfordshire Record Office

From 7 May to 12 June, the Oxfordshire Record Office in St Luke's Church, Oxford Road, Cowley, will be hosting an exhibition of various maps, banners, tapestries, books, videos, church kneelers and CD-roms made by people living in rural communities in Oxfordshire. The life and landscape of our unique county is celebrated in this special exhibition and entry is free of charge to all - Tuesday~Saturday : 9.00am~5.00pm.

On Saturday June 1st all visitors will have the chance to tour the Record Office and take part in workshops run by local artists. Again, entry is free of charge. Further details on either 01865 883488 or the Record Office on 01865 398200.

Cherwell Environmental Consultation Forum

is an opportunity to consider priority areas and actions as part of the Community Plan - on Thursday 30 May 6.30-9.00pm at Banbury Cricket Club, White Post Road, Bodicote.

RSVP by 3 May to Philip Middlewood on 01295 221636 so as to receive advance copies of the draft priorities and actions.

Recycled paper uses less energy and causes less pollution, while adding to national income.

DN readers may or may not notice the difference.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal for May 1852 - disagreements on the Parish Council and vandalism are nothing new!

1st May - A requisition having been presented to the Parish Officers requesting them to call a meeting of the Ratepayers to take into consideration the most efficient means to be adopted in case of fire, a committee was appointed with Mr. C. Faulkener in the Chair to see that the engine was kept in proper repair. Upon a motion being made that a committee be appointed to enquire into the best means and probable cost of making the pool in the Market Place into a reservoir, so as to be more available in case of fire in that locality, a strong discussion arose, and it ended in the Chairman vacating the Chair; eventually, however, his son took the Chair, and the motion was negated by a considerable majority.

Several petty robberies have taken place in this Parish; last week the gardens of Mr. Field and Mr. Carter received a visit from some unknown depredators, who made free with many heads of broccoli.

22nd May - On Tuesday last about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood witnessed a very vivid flash of lightning which was immediately followed by a most terrible clap of thunder. At the same time a fire ball fell on the end of the roof of the Independent Chapel at Hempton, which so injured the wall that it will have to be rebuilt.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The European Union Commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).



In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, sivil servants will reseive this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replased with "k". Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replased by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e"s in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v". During ze fifz year ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontainin "ou" and similar changes vuld of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After zis fifz year, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trobls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

Anon

[Ze Editor vuld be glad to lokat a uro-spel-czecher.]
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[Thanks to Frank Steiner for e-mailing this. If you have other ideas in a similar lighter vein, the Editor will be glad to consider them for publication.]

DOLL
Deddington OnLine

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

It's annual update time for all businesses and community organisations registered with DOL, your community website, so you will shortly be hearing from us with an opportunity to amend your entry if necessary.

Did you know that if your business is registered or operates from within the parish - and that includes you if you are self-employed and working from home - you are entitled to a free entry on DOL with contact details and a link to your own website if you have one?

If you have not already registered your free entry with us and wish to do so, please contact Sylvie Spenceley on 338995 or sylvie.nickels@deddington.net

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- Sat 1 Celebrations: Jubilee Flower display in the Parish Church, 9 am~5 pm.
 Sat 1 Local Clubs Jubilee Market, Market Place, 10 am~noon.
 Sat 1 Jubilee Art Exhibition, Town Hall, 9 am~5 pm.
 Sun 2 Celebrations: Jubilee Flower Display in the Parish Church, 9 am~5 pm
 Sun 2 Songs of Praise, Parish Church, 3.00 pm.
 Sun 2 Jubilee Concert in the Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
 Mon 3 Children's Jubilee Street Party, Market Place, 2-5 pm.
 Mon 3 Jubilee Disco and Pig Roast, Market Place, 7~10 pm.
 Mon 10 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10 am~noon.
 Tue 11 WI: *How to Deal with a Heart Attack*, British Red Cross, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
 Tue 11 Deddington Colts FC: AGM, Windmill Centre
 Wed 12 History Society Social at Wroxton Abbey.
 Wed 12 Friendship Club: Mrs Sprittlehouse, Stitchcraft, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
 Sat 15 Deddington Colts FC: Awards Evening, Windmill Centre
 Wed 19 Parish Council: Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
 Fri 21 Monday Morning Club: Bus for *Madame Butterfly* leaves the Market Place at 5.45 pm.
 Wed 26 Friendship Club: Social afternoon, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
 Wed 26 Monday Morning Club: Bus for *Antony and Cleopatra* leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm.,
 Sun 23 Daeda's Wood, Jubilee Family picnic.
 Tue 25 Copy date for July Deddington News
- Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10~12.
 Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
 Fridays: Bridge Club, The Holly Tree, 6.30-9.30 pm.
 Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.



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Paul Langley will be speaking about the work of Christian Aid's partners, which he saw for himself on his recent visit to the Philippines, at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury on Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm. His theme will be "*International trade: where's the catch?*" in preparation for Christian Aid Week, 12-19 May, and the Trade Justice Movement Rally in London

The pre-1861 Market Square pool, mentioned by Buffy Heywood on page 13, features in an old photo lent to the **DN** by Tony Price. Dexters was then John Dean's Tea Warehouse. If readers have any other photos from the 19th Century, please let us know.

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