

We all know that we cannot please all the people all of the time - editors are no exception. The DN does what it can, but surely there are more events in the next two months than are listed below.

If your event is poorly attended, did you tell the Diary

Editor [338153] it was happening? "That which is not effectively communicated, does not effectually exist."
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APRIL DIARY

- Tue 1 Lent lunch for charity, Parish Church, 12.30 pm
 Wed 2 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
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 Tue 8 Windmill Users meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
 Tue 8 WI: Delphine Sampson, *Making a New Garden*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
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MAY DIARY

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 Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts: 7.30-9 pm, Windmill Centre.
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 Fridays: Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 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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MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 19 MARCH 2003

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Westley, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary, and 3 members of the public.

GRASS CUTTING

PC accepted tenders from DesignGro for the Windmill site, and T Fox for the Castle Grounds, all verges in Hempton, Clifton and Deddington and other areas specified in previous contracts. Clerk to collect information on pros and cons of PC purchasing/leasing own equipment, including training and insurance.

NATURE DAY

Walter Meagher has responded to the PC's suggestion of a major presentation of his work, and asked for support for a wider-ranging Nature Day. Chairman and Clerk will meet Mr Meagher to discuss possibilities. The School might be interested, and also Deddington Boys/Girls Brigade who are looking for a community project. PC confirmed that this is the kind of initiative which could involve and benefit the whole parish.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PC will not enter Thames and Chilterns County in Bloom 2003.

Overhanging trees at St Thomas Street junction have been cut back.

New parish noticeboards (funded by DN) are ready to be installed by Village Stewards.

In response to OCC query, PC confirmed its support for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Hempton Road.

Replacement for Parish Office computer, budgeted for 2003/4, will be paid out of 2002/3 underspend.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

PC no objection, provided neighbours agree where appropriate: (i) Castle End, Deddington - new opening, oak gate and stone steps to boundary wall not visible from road. (ii) The Granary, Duns Tew Road, Hempton - 2-storey side and rear extension. (iii) Craxton, Castle Street, Deddington - tree surgery including crown reduction of horse chestnut. (iv) Cromwell House, Market Place, Deddington - fell silver birch. PC recommends planting of replacement tree.

PC objection (v) The Hair Workshop, Market Place, Deddington - retrospective permission for signs over doorway and on west elevation. Inappropriate in conservation area. PC have no objection to appropriate signs.

CDC approvals (vi) Paper Mill Cottage, Oxford Road, Adderbury - amended plans for single storey extension to front, and other changes. (vii) Greenstone Cottage, 4 New Street, Deddington - new internal ground floor toilet and first floor ensuite bathroom. (viii) The Cottage, Philcote Street, Deddington - demolish outbuildings and erect 2-storey extension (Cllr Haslam declared interest). (ix) Mullions, Castle Street, Deddington - fell conifer.

TALKING TO EACH OTHER

The Chairman's letter about the precept, carried in last month's *Deddington News*, proved a very effective way of communicating with parishioners.

The method will be used again on selected occasions.

IT'S PAYBACK TIME AGAIN

Deddington Map Group has transferred a further £1,000 to PC. Total value to date of Group's returns to parish is £6,000, against grants of £650, £3,000 and £3,600. PC congratulated the Map Group on its achievements.

BROADBAND

BT will provide Deddington with Broadband internet facility if at least 400 potential users register their names on the internet. PC fully supports this initiative. Contact the Clerk on 01869 337447, for details of how to register.

ACCIDENTS AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The recent crash at Hempton Road/Banbury Road traffic lights brings the average of accidents at this site to one a week over the last month or so. Clerk to pursue with OCC.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

CDC has written to PC about proposed transfer of housing stock. Planning and Property Working Group to study these proposals to identify exactly what is intended, and to report back to PC for a policy decision.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £8,947.35, including £1,113.34 imprest account (wages), £5,615.75 on new parish noticeboards, £1,046.93 on new computer for parish office.

Investments totalled £522,245.57 of which £9,426.27 Barclays (£4,694.71 @ 1% on 14 days + £1,636.61 @ 0.3% overnight + £2,544.95 @ 0.1% imprest + £550 @ 0.1% current); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £511,819.43 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight. PC to reduce number of accounts with Barclays to 3 - current, imprest and holding.

NEXT MEETING Wed 16 Apr, 7.30pm, Town Hall.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Annual Parish Meeting: Wed, 7 May, 7.30pm, Windmill Centre. At the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) the Parish Council reports on the year's activities, successes and setbacks. All parishioners are entitled and encouraged to attend the APM, ask questions, discuss problems, raise issues and make suggestions. No decisions will be taken at the APM - it is not a Parish Council Meeting - but minutes are published. Everything that is said is noted by the Parish Council and, where appropriate, considered at a subsequent PC meeting.

Annual General Meeting of PC: Wed, 21 May, 7.30pm, Town Hall

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

If you are trying to give up the smoking habit, please make a visit to the Deddington Health Centre where you will be reminded of the health risks by a number of posters designed and made by Deddington School children. As part of the national "No Smoking Day" campaign, pupils were invited to take part in a poster competition, the results of which are on display. Congratulations to Kayleigh and Matthew for winning their sections of the competition.

World Book Day was celebrated in school this year with everyone dressing up as book characters. A special assembly was held with staff and children sharing their own favourite anecdotes. Mrs Phethean also organized a "book swap" within school which raised money for International Book Aid. During the evening one of our parents organized a book sale and pupils were able to spend their World Book Day vouchers. These could also be spent at our annual book fair, organized by Mrs Moore, on 25-27 March. Books are the healthy alternative to chocolates! They last longer too!

The Easter School Assembly is on Thursday 11 April at 10.00 am in the Parish Church.

Finally, I should like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the pupil of whom I wrote in the last issue is now out of hospital and back with his family here in Deddington. Convalescence may be lengthy but we are glad that he is home and look forward to hearing of his full recovery.

Lynne Stephens 338430

Hi! YOU BUDDING ARTISTS



How are you getting on making a colourful picture out of this year's DN cover? Remember the closing date is the last day of this term - **Friday 11 April**.

There will be a £10 WHSmith token as the prize in each of three classes: Pre-school, Infant and Junior. Any child in these age groups can enter.

If you don't want to use the family's copy of the DN, spare copies of the cover are available from Deddington School office or the Deddington Library.

Completed entries - in an envelope signed by a parent, guardian or teacher confirming the name and class of the child, and that it is his or her unaided work - may be left at the School, or delivered to The Knowle, Philcote Street.

There will be a further prize for the first opened entry from a person correctly identifying all the species depicted on the cover.

An exhibition of entries will be held later.

Deddington School PTA

The children enjoyed games, fun and dancing during the discos held in January and February. Quiz Night at the Windmill Centre was a great evening, raising funds of £900! Special thanks go to Windmill Fish & Chips, Deddington Arms, Unicorn, Red Lion, Co-op, Fine Lady Bakeries, S H Jones and all those who kindly supported this event.

A new Sponsored 'Home Helper' event is to take place during April, where children will be given a number of everyday challenges (e.g. preparing a meal, washing the car, cleaning shoes etc.) for which they will be able to collect sponsors. This is an opportunity for children and parents to benefit, as well as raising funds for the school!*

Date for your diary is the Summer Fete to be held on Saturday 5 July. Don't miss our sizzling summer extravaganza!

For the latest up to date information, log on to the PTA's web site www.pta.deddington.net.

Kevin Mayo 337284

[* Are jobs worth more than a bob these days? Ed]

Easter Activities
For Primary School Aged Children
Deddington Parish Church

Thursday 17th April, 9.45am for 10am start, ends 12.30pm
 Come and prepare for Easter!
 Cooking, craft workshops, chess and other games
 Cost £1.50 per child

Optional Farm Visit and Picnic leaving the Church at 12.30pm

Application forms & general enquiries to: Kate Petty 338425
 Sarah Liebrecht 337628
 Selvy Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are available from Deddington Primary School Office and the Church


We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help. Please contact Jane Groves on 337837

PRAYERS for PEACE will take place in the Market Place at noon every Sunday until further notice.

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You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel

Parish Church in April

Sun	6	10.30 am	Morning Praise	
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	
Wed	9	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thu	10	10.00 am	Primary School Easter Assembly	
		2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels	
PALM SUNDAY		10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (service starts in Market Place)	
Mon - Wed		8.00 pm	Compline	
Wed	16	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Maundy Thursday		9.45 am	Easter Activities for Children	
		7.30 pm	Eucharist and Agape - Vigil	
GOOD FRIDAY		10.00 am	Hot Cross Bun service	
		1.00 pm	Ecumenical Walk of Witness	
		2.00 pm	Devotions at the Cross: Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square	
		8.30 pm	Music and Readings	
EASTER SUNDAY		10.30 am	Family Eucharist	
Wed	23	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	27	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
Wed	30	10.00 am	Eucharist	

St John, Hempton

Sun	6	9.00 am	Eucharist
GOOD FRIDAY		10.15 am	Benefice Pilgrimage (The Barfords and Hempton)
Holy Saturday		8.00 pm	Vigil and Easter Eucharist
EASTER SUNDAY		6.00 pm	Evensong

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP Apr 28, 2.30 pm Derrick Wincer at 12 The Daedings (338004)

EMMAUS course in Lent, Wednesdays until 9 April at 7.30 pm, and fortnightly meetings after Easter, is for anyone interested in exploring further Christian belief, and as part of preparation for Confirmation. A Confirmation service is planned for Deddington on Monday 23 June by the Bishop of Dorchester. Please contact the Vicar if you might like to be confirmed on this (or another) occasion.

If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew, (349869) or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)

From the Parish Registers

Wedding	February 17	Alan Loach & Vanessa Hall
Thanksgiving Services	March 3	Oliver Hawes
	March 4	Lady Peggy Driver

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

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

Sunday evening services and fellowship at 6.00 pm

6 April	Pastor Isabel Walton (with Communion)	13 April	John Hine
20 April	no evening service	27 April	Harold Puttick
4 May	Pastor Isabel Walton (with Communion)		

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

Preachers: 6, 13 & 20 April Pastor Isabel Walton, 27 April John Goulder

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

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

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

Maundy Thursday Mass and Exposition 7.30 pm at Hethe

GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Passion 3.00 pm at Hethe

Easter Eve Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8.30 pm at Hethe

EASTER SUNDAY Mass at Adderbury 8.30 am Mass at Hethe 10.00 am

Windmill Thursday Club

A raffle held to raise funds for a day trip for our guests was extremely successful. We would like to thank the donors of the prizes and and buyers of the tickets for their kind support. The winners were :

Mrs Maggie Rampley	giant teddy
Mrs Doris Bricknell	bottle of Baileys
Mrs Deanna Rose	toiletries gift basket
Mr Peter Fernbank	Harvey's Bristol Cream
Mrs Alison Brice	food hamper
Mrs Thelma Dover	chocolates
Mrs Daisy Shrewsbury	scented writing set

Pat Brittain 338685

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

Our cake sale for Comic Relief made a magnificent £40 and many thanks to everyone who baked and bought cakes. By the time you read this we will have been on our annual spring outing to Kinderkids at Witney, a soft play area for toddlers. There will be even more fun at our Friday sessions with the addition of a craft table to our range of activities. Any member with artistic leanings, or who doesn't mind getting their hands painty, is welcome to lead the craft activity one week - just contact one of the committee. Moreover, any Mums, Dads, Grandparents or carers out there looking for a fun morning out and the chance to make friends is welcome at our Friday sessions - every week from 9.30 - 11.30am at the Windmill Centre. Just turn up!

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Pre-School

Our topic this term has been Growing and Ourselves. The children have planted their own runner bean seeds and will be watching their progress throughout the term. They will also be painting their own self-portraits from photographs. We will be working to brighten up our garden during this term and would be grateful for any donations of plants or shrubs that anyone can spare. We are planning a visit to Calcutt Farm at the beginning of April to see newborn lambs and some of the baby piglets.



Our thanks need to go to Leah Calcutt and Peter Eden for organising the fixing of our leaning fence. I'd also like to send thanks to the Jubilee Committee for a donation of £250 and the Deddington Players for £150. Thanks to all the parents who have contributed to our list of supplies without which we could not have tackled some of our planned activities.

For those who attended, I'm sure you will all agree that the children did a magnificent job at the 'George' Fashion show which was a great success, managing to raise us £650. I'd like to thank all the children in particular who performed so well and all those who supported us. Thanks must go to the team at Asda Leamington and their General Store Manager for being so generous with their time and support. To all those who donated a raffle prize - many thanks and finally thanks to Fr. Hugh and the team of church helpers who facilitated our rehearsals, refreshments etc.

We have said a sad farewell to Sarah Wright this term and to Tony our handyman. Can anyone else offer to cut grass and do some repairs for us if needed? - please contact Julie if you can help in any way.

We send get well wishes to Caroline Cooper, one of our mums and key helpers - we look forward to seeing you back at Pre-school soon Caroline. Finally congratulations to Nikki, Andy and Georgia Shepherd on the birth of their little girl Eden, Nikki managed to hold off the birth of her baby until the day after the Fashion Show!

Julie Westley 338964

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1st Deddington BB Juniors

We thank the Committee of Deddington Colts Football Club for nominating the BB as one of the charities to benefit from their recent race night. On 2 March the new colours were dedicated by Rev Dr Hugh White and presented to the company. Also during March we came second in the local BB team games competition and third in the local BB figure marching competition. We welcome Hugo Jamieson as a new member. Finally, the BB would welcome volunteers to help develop our cricket side (boys aged 8-11) and we would appreciate help from experienced musicians with our proposed marching band.

Brian Bushell 338715

1st Deddington BB Anchor Boys

During March we welcomed Max Berry and Kristian Tyler as new members and Mrs Kate Petty and Mrs Jane Green as new helpers. Kate and Jane replace Irfana Riffat who has taken up a new position with a benefice in Clapham. For most of March the Anchor Boys shared their weekly activities with the Explorers of the 1st Deddington Girls' Brigade, whom we wish every success for the future.

Nick Westbury 337059

1st Deddington GB Explorers

The Girls' Brigade Explorers section is now up and running with eight members and four officers/helpers. We currently meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm and the section is open to girls in school years 1, 2 and 3.

Jean Welford 338539

Deddington & District History Society

At our March meeting Charles Tyzack spoke to a large audience about the long and fascinating history of Wychwood Forest. This was a tour-de-force of social, economic, political and ecological history. Charles is president of the Charlbury Society. We have agreed in principle to arrange an exchange visit between his society and ours, probably in the summer. On Wednesday 9 April Leo de Freitas will talk to us about Banbury chapbooks, an early form of popular literature produced in the town by Rusher's and Cheney's and hawked around local villages by itinerant chapmen. The meeting, as usual, will be at 7.30 at the Windmill Centre.

Chris Day 337204

Deddington Town F.C.

1st Team Results: -

Vodafone (h)	Won 1-0	B.Durrant
Highfield (a)	Won 3-2	B.Durrant(3)
Highfield (h)	Lost 3-5	J.Pearce(2), M.Hewitt
Sinclair (a) (Coronation Cup)	Lost 1-8	D.Clouston

The 1st team had a great start to the month; Ben Durrant scored the winning goal against league leaders Vodafone. The following week he scored a hat trick against promotion rivals Highfield. Highfield, however, gained revenge by winning 5-3 a week later. These results leave the 1st team with an outside chance of gaining the runners-up spot.

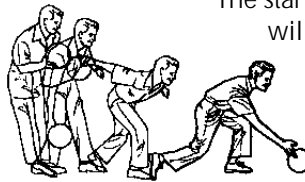
Reserve Team Results: -

Flowing Well Res (a)	Won 6-2	D.Keys(3), J.Rowland, C.Schneider, P.Kirsopp
Flowing Well Res (h)	Won 8-1	P.Kirsopp(5), J.Rowland, K.Wild, and G.Mitchell
Heyford Ath Res (a) (Supplementary Cup)	Won 3-1	P.O'Connor (2), A.Kirsopp
F.C. Callebaut (h)	Won 4-1	P.Kirsopp(2), K.Wild, D.Keys

The Reserves had a perfect month, winning all 4 matches. Three convincing league victories give the team a chance of finishing runners-up. Phil Kirsopp was amongst the goals, including 5 against Flowing Well Res. The win against Callebaut was particularly impressive, as they have only lost one league game all season. The cup win over Heyford guarantees a semi-final tie towards the end of the season.

75 Club Winners winning £50, M. Walker and G. Reason (Snr) twice; G. Reason (Snr) also won £100.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

The start of the outdoor bowls season will soon be here and, weather permitting, our green will open with our first club night on Wednesday 30 April, commencing 6.00 p.m. For a gentle form of exercise, or if you would like to give bowls a try, please come along.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Song Circle

The Song Circle meets on 14 and 28 April at 7.30 to sing light ballads, choruses and whatever else takes our fancy. Ring if you would like to join in.

Annette Murphy 337318

Monday Morning Club

The coffee morning in April is on the 7th, 10 am-noon and in May we meet on Monday 12th because of the Bank Holiday.

Jean Flux



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Youth Club

We meet on the first Monday in each month and our next evening is 7 April. That coincides with a committee meeting when we hope to plan for the summer. Currently the Management Committee organise the evenings with the 'A Team' attending; there are sport and craft events. There are two people who are interested in becoming leaders - so we await the outcome ! I very much appreciate the support of the other members of the Management Committee and the Parish Council.

Gay Brewer 338097

Deddington Friendship Club

On 26 February we played a variety of board games and had a quiz, and on 12 March there was a beetle drive. There's indoor bowling on 26 March and we hope to have some matches later on. These are fun and friendship afternoons, so feel free to come and join us.

Joyce Minnear 338529

Deddington Art Group

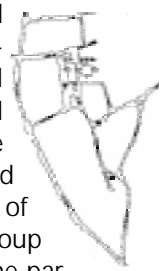
The Deddington Art Group continues to meet each Thursday in the Town Hall 10-12.30 and 1.30-4 pm, with lunch at the Deddington Arms: we have booked models for the next 6 weeks.

Please support the Banbury and District Art Society April Open Art Exhibition. It is open for general viewing from 23 to 26 April between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm at St Mary's church, Horsefair, Banbury.

Ken Wilkinson

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

It was in June 1997 that Deddington Map Group first put their Millennium proposal to the Parish Council. The idea was simple enough - produce a large scale, full-colour, illustrated map of the Parish in the year 2000, put it on public display and make it accessible to all. Smaller-scale prints were to be sold, and supporting publications. The Parish Council gave us a startup grant, and we showed that what we intended was a practical proposition which would benefit the whole community. We planned, costed and carried through, specific programmes of work, funded by further PC grants. The Group undertook to return what we could to the parish, if and when there was ever a surplus of revenue over expenditure. At the end of this financial year, this is where we stand:

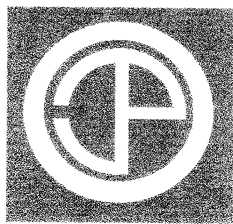


Total value of PC grants to Map Group: £7,250. Value so far of Map Group's returns to parish: £6,000 approx, of which (1) cash transferred from Map Group to PC: £3,250. (2) Map display in parish church: £1,700 approx. (3) CDC grant repaid to PC: £500. (4) Map display under Town Hall arches: £400 approx. (5) Library display: £100 approx. (6) Donations etc: £50 approx. This astonishing result reflects great credit on all concerned and there will be more cash transfers to come.

Look out for us at the monthly market in Deddington Market Place.

Norman Stone 338019

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FROM CHARLES NEWEY, CHAIR OF DEDDINGTON MARKET MANAGEMENT GROUP 338262
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Due to pressure of work, Kim Hallett, who was responsible for our publicity, has had to resign from our committee. We would welcome someone to take her place. You would join a happy band of market organisers who meet monthly to make decisions and then gather on market day to make sure it happens. Your main tasks would be to inform local media, which is now fairly routine, and to help with the implementation of our existing/new publicity policy.

Please address all letters to:
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and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

On the principle that it is "better to light a candle than curse the darkness" (the Chinese proverb that inspired Amnesty International), I shall light a candle for peace in one of our windows daily for a quarter of an hour at 7 pm.

FROM LILY HILL, THETFORD, NORFOLK

Since the days when Norman Stone was the DN Editor, I have had much pleasure from reading and on some occasions, in my own small way, contributing to the DN. Now however, at the age of 90, I am in poor health and unable to continue to do so. All my good wishes to the DN for a very successful future.

FROM IAIN GILLESPIE, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

The Parochial Church Council of SS Peter & Paul is looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the village churchyard. Our present team of volunteers has been reduced to one and he would appreciate some assistance. The main task is mowing the grass and trimming shrubs, with all equipment provided, and usually takes up one morning a week. Anyone interested in helping with this important task is invited to contact either Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367), the churchwardens.

FROM MARJORIE HAWES, ST THOMAS STREET, DEDDINGTON

Caroline, Richard and I would like to thank Oliver's friends for their letters, their kindness, and particularly for all the practical support so generously given.

LYRA VOCAL ENSEMBLE

On 14 March the Parish Church was filled with glorious sound. Four singers from St. Petersburg, bass, tenor, contralto and soprano, moved and delighted their audience, first with chants of the Russian Orthodox Church and then with traditional Russian folk songs. Their voices were magnificent, volume and breath control were awesome and they had an actor's knack of bringing the folk songs to life. An exceptional evening.

Kristin Thompson

FROM JANE PURCELL, THE GROVE, DEDDINGTON

Friends of Natalie Harper, who lived in our Almshouses for many years, will be sorry to learn of her recent death in Glebesfield Nursing Home. She died peacefully in her sleep in her 91st year. The funeral will take place in Deddington Parish Church on 11 April at 1.00 p.m.

FROM DR HUGH WHITE, DUNSTEW

Members of the Parish Church wish to include the different aspects of our neighbourhood in our daily prayers. We have drafted a list of church and community activities, businesses and streets to be remembered on successive days each month. The list is available in the Church. If any organisation or business does not wish to be included, or has been left out, please let me know (349869).

the Deddington news

Many thanks to Freda Ivings for letting us have her copies of the DN for June and July 1993 to complete our sets for binding - and Norman Stone for the February 2002 copy, and thanks to the others who offered.

Elizabeth Tothill listed the contents of the DN from the first issue in September 1976 up to July 2000, which are providing an 'index' for each volume. If someone would enjoy completing this exercise for the issues to December 2001, please contact me 338225. *EH*



WELL REMEMBERED

PEGGY DRIVER, née McMeekin, was born in 1911 in County Antrim to a family of linen mill owners. She became one of the first women to graduate from Queen's University, Belfast. In 1937 she married Arthur Driver who was to become an eminent lawyer. At their Sheen and Guildford homes Peggy, charming and humorous, was much appreciated in her role as hostess - she was a fine cook. She cherished various enthusiasms, including those for her garden and for televised sport. Peggy came to Hempton in 1998. She accepted gracefully the limitations of old age, enjoying her life and enhancing that of her family and friends to the end. *Hugh White*

OLIVER HAWES spent most of the first forty years of his life in Africa where he served in the Kenya Regiment and Kenya Police and farmed. On his return to England he worked for many years in the City and he and Margery came to Deddington when he retired in 1990. He was a familiar and active member of the community here, a founding member of the Farmers' Market and was one of the convivial little circle at the Red Lion. He took great pleasure in his allotment which was ideally situated at the end of his garden. He made many friends and will be very much missed. We offer our sympathy to his wife and family. *Ralph Elsley*

THE FLOWER GARDEN

For some time this flower garden column has gone in tandem with another which is about vegetables and allotments. For a while that was written by Oliver Hawes. Oliver is no longer with us, and we shall miss him so much, not just for his words on vegetables, but for himself. He was a kind, considerate man, a man with a twinkle in his eye, who believed in sharing his crops and his ideas. His allotment was a source of great pleasure and interest to him throughout the year. We offer our warm condolences to his family.

At this time of the year the winter damage becomes apparent, and we are faced with some hard decisions. It all depends on whether you feel it's your duty to rescue damaged shrubs and nurse them with kindness, pruning and fertilisers, or whether you prefer to have an instant nice-looking garden. The choice is yours and if necessary you must brace yourself to chop down and compost the poor looking specimens and at the same time get rid of plants you have never really liked. There are some to which we give a bed and breakfast just for old time's sake, although we have never really taken to them. So, out with them and into the bin. I shall stick to my policy of renewing foliage plants. They give so much pleasure and are easy, but need replacing quite regularly. Variegated and red sage make splendid pot plants for the patio and are colourful in the perennial bed, but sages get woody after about three years. I shall soon pay a visit to the herb nursery on the Warmington road. They have a good choice of plants and you can sit down to a nice tea with chive scones.

Marianne Elsley

Great excitement in my little, unheated, greenhouse last month! The sweet pea seeds that I had carefully sown at the end of February began to come up. First there was just one. A little shoulder-like shoot bent double forced its way through the compost. A day or two later, when some others had also emerged, it began to unfold and show the delicate green leaf buds that will gradually grow into proper plants. Provided always that the mice are not equally excited and come and feast on them. Then, it will not be long before I can plant them out and begin to wait for their beautifully coloured and scented flowers.



That's spring for you, full of thrilling promise. We had some wonderfully deceptive spring days last month. Deceptive because, as always, it seems too early and there could be frosts to come. But, no doubt, the potatoes planted in the allotment gardens down Satin Lane will be sprouting soon and, hopefully, will be hardy enough to cope with any more cold weather. Before the end of the month some of the tougher beans will be in the ground and before long root vegetables and others will be showing life. All that heavy digging and composting will soon be bearing fruit - or should I say veg.?

Hugh Marshall

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THE OLD QUARRY

The landscapes of Deddington bear evidence of enterprises no longer viable: water-wheels packed away, small sheds crumbling amidst concealing shrubbery, and shining crane's-bill (*Geranium lucidum*) growing on the foundations of a house in a disused quarry.

Undisturbed since the days of its useful life, when clay was dug and tiles were fired in the kiln, the old quarry is now home for plants self-sown, some that have arrived with the garden diggings left there, and others persisting - garden privet (*Ligustrum ovalifolium*) for example - from the time when there was a garden by the old house.

Identified on the OS Explorer 191 map as a non-coniferous wood (SP469304), the quarry is located on a dangerous curve of a fast road, the A4260, just south of Deddington village. The site is on a seam between marlstone rock and Lias clay, and is identified on OS1881 as a 'Brick Tile & Lime Works'. A kiln and an unnamed building are labelled on the map and, in the second edition (1900), the quarry works are shown to have five buildings on 0.57ha (1.4 acres).



Above the old quarry on Plumdon Lane, a wide grassy track extends from the A4260 towards Tomwell Farm, where a dense cover of trees, mainly sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), garrisons the crest of the perilously steep bank, affording concealment to the tyres and rubble left among the selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and wood forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*). The darkly wooded slope has a special attraction for ferns. Ferns are rare in the parish, both in kind and abundance; but there are more male-ferns (*Dryopteris filix-mas*) here than in any other place in the parish. The balance is further redressed by the occurrence of soft-shield fern (*Polystichum setiferum*), a species scarce in the county, and considered an ancient woodland indicator. Varieties of this fern were much in demand by Victorian gardeners, and so this species, which establishes a parish record, may have taken to the quarry slope when the garden was abandoned.

An entry in the Revd William Cotton Risley's diary for 23 June 1853 provides evidence of the forgotten industry of this lonely place, the making of tiles in Victorian times: "Jones from Fritwell came & I paid him his son's malt bill - I gave him leave to have 2000 draining tiles at my expense from my brick kiln here." Demand for baked-clay tiles in Oxfordshire peaked in the 1840s, and as a result of agricultural depression, brick making became less important between 1880 and 1914. Norman Davis, of Adderbury, remembers being taken to the quarry on his step-grandfather's push bike, in about 1922. The clay was dug by hand. A handsome heritage of Deddington brick is the Old Gas House on the corner of Earl's Lane and Castle Street, built in 1862. As to working in the old quarry, Norman remembers that he saw enough hard labour to know it was not a vocation he wished to follow!

Walter L. Meagher

RAGWORT ALERT Now is the time to act!

Everyone who cares about our environment and countryside will recognise the plant Common Ragwort (*Senecio Jacobaea*). It is an obvious weed in July and August when it grows up to 3 feet tall with ragged edged leaves and a yellow flower, but it is NOW that we need to act to eradicate this poisonous plant.

Some useful information about ragwort

- Common Ragwort is a listed weed under the 1959 Weeds Act, to allow it to grow, flower and spread contravenes the law.
- Further legislation is planned this year when Mr John Greenway MP brings his Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill before parliament.
- The poisons in Ragwort are called pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PAs). These are dangerous to humans and animals. Evidence of PAs in eggs, grain, milk and honey has been recorded.
- If you had Ragwort growing on land last year, it needs treating with a MCPA or a 2,4-D herbicide as soon as the young plants appear in April. A non-toxic environmentally friendly spray is also available called Barrier H.
- Never allow animals into areas where Ragwort has been sprayed until all the plants have rotted into the ground.
- The only way to deal with fully-grown Ragwort is to pull it up and burn it.
- ALWAYS wear gloves and long sleeves to cover your arms when handling Ragwort and remember to wash your hands when you have finished.
- Ragwort retains its poisonous properties whether growing, sprayed or dried in food.

Ragwort kills horses, donkeys, cattle, sheep and many other plants. Oxfordshire is one of the most beautiful counties with a wonderful spread of animal and plant life and we all need to be involved to protect it from the spread of this dangerous weed.

If you see any areas of Ragwort growing, please report it to The Oxford County Council Environmental Services department (01869 241144) with full details of the location. Miss D.M. Havris BHS 01993 702844

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

For several years I have been giving in the Deddington News extracts from the diaries of the Rev. William Cotton Risley who lived in Deddington Manor (then Deddington House) in the mid nineteenth century. These diaries are in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, and I am very grateful to them for allowing these to be quoted. Recently there has been a gap in the diaries of approximately 18 months - presumably the volume has gone missing over the years - and before restarting I thought it worthwhile to recap over his early years here. The Rev. Cotton Risley came to Deddington in 1836 when he was appointed Vicar here, having previously been Curate at Souldern. He was married to Susan, had a daughter, Betsy, and three sons, Holford, Willy and Johnny, and a further son, Robert, was born later that year. He was a Magistrate as well as Vicar, so all village life was well reported in the diaries. He at first rented, and subsequently bought, Deddington House, adding to the land with it and laying out the garden, and also bought Park Farm next door. Tragically his only daughter, Betsy, died of consumption when she was 18 in 1848, and it was when she was seriously ill that he resigned as Vicar, the Rev. Brogden being appointed in his place. The family remained in Deddington House, and he remained a Magistrate. The diaries recommence in June 1853 - he had been seriously ill the first few months of the year. June saw the consecration of Clifton Church which the Rev Risley had been very involved in planning and supporting financially, and next month I will give his account of the consecration, with the remaining entries for June 1853 following in June 2003. *Buffy Heywood*

GREAT DEDDINGTONIANS**The Revd Dr Maurice Frost**

"The weather in London is wet and windy!" So the voice of the pilot on our approach to Heathrow. We were still above the cloud in deep blue skies, in brilliant sunshine, a glorious firmament that had stretched above me during my entire holiday in alpine regions. Inevitably, when returning to England through low cloud into wind and rain one shuts off the present and continues to dream of past days. That wonderful on top of the world feeling, as far as I was concerned, refused to give way to serious thoughts on an article to be written on yet another 'Great Deddingtonian'. The Revd Dr Maurice Frost, Vicar of Deddington from 1924 to 1962 certainly needs to be included in the ranks of memorable local personalities. He is however so well remembered by many present day parishioners that I hesitate to "tell his story". When, some months ago, I wrote a short history of the Church Choir, Topper Davis and Arthur Lewis shared with me many delightful remembrances of this strict, vaguely eccentric hymnologist who, as shepherd of his rural flock, left such a lasting impression on his young Choir boys. I urge them to let us all share their memories of a great man. It really does not take many bribes to set them off talking of "Times gone by". This I discovered when I met, by chance, George Hirons on a sunny Sunday morning in Daeda's Wood. He too remembers the Revd Frost with delight. Many times, he and ten young Choristers travelled in the Vicar's small

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ON THE FARM

As I write this we await the first lambs to put in an appearance, so someone got the calculations wrong! But all is not lost as with the recent dry weather we have been able to get on with a lot of field work and the lambs will come when they are good and ready whatever my calculations say.

The ground that was destined for winter beans was too wet to plant in November, so it has now been planted with spring oil seed rape, a crop we have not grown for a long time. It seemed like a good idea at the time as the price for beans was on the floor, but now the rape price is fast heading the same way. However it is a long way to harvest so anything can happen yet. The warm dry weather in mid-March has been a real boon. The ground worked down well for the rape seed



heads and the rooks took full benefit of the soil movement to help with feeding their chicks. It was nice to see that the old white-winged Rook has survived another winter, but I was surprised to see a flock (if that's the right term) of ten Buzzards join them for the feast. The crops look well for this time of the year and as soon as lambing is over we shall plant the cover crops on the set-aside land, something new for this year in an attempt to reduce the risk of the ground drying out and reducing the germination of next year's winter rape crop. Another experiment for this year is nectar and pollen strips. These will be planted in the buffer zones that we leave between the crops and the water courses. Under the "local environment risk assessment for pesticides" (LERAP for short) regulations we are obliged to leave a wide headland unsprayed and this can become an overgrown mass of weeds and a reservoir of weed seeds ready for the next crop, so we shall plant a mixture of phacelia, sweet clover and borage to provide nectar and pollen for the bees and other insects. This in turn should help the birds and provide some extra honey. We shall have to measure the strips and deduct them from our subsidy claim forms as they are not an eligible crop.

Spring seems to have sprung - well, for the moment at least. The grass is growing, the bees are flying, the clocks are changing and the trout are rising, so on the surface things don't seem too bad for a change, until you remember the landlord, the bank manager and the cash flow. Oh well, it was nice while it lasted.

George Fenemore 338203

The Revd Dr Maurice Frost ... contd

car to Clifton Church to sing Evensong. He still chuckles when recalling the occasion when the same small car, this time causing an obstruction on the parade ground of the Home Guard (outside the present day Co-op), was lifted by some men and deposited outside the Church. He has never forgotten misbehaving in Choir during the sermon which Revd Frost interrupted to call the boys to order! - Story follows story of life in Deddington when the Revd Frost was very much -e centre piece of village life, respected, loved and never forgotten by those who knew him. *Ruth Johnson*

News from Hempton

Congratulations to Deena and Gary Rose who recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding. The occasion was marked with a surprise party, attended by family and friends, at St John's club in Banbury.

The table tennis team have played four more matches since last month and won three of them, and they are in the semi-final of the Handicap Cup.

The Easter service of Light will be in St John's Church on Easter Eve, 19 April, at 8.00p.m. This is a very nice service so it would be good to see a large congregation.

On walking just outside of the village, one could see where horses had fouled the footpath very badly. Signs are up warning dog owner's to clean up after their pets, what about Horse Riders! I realise they cannot clean up at the time, but I am sure they could come back in a car and remove everything, anyone walking with a push-chair would have had a job to get by. Let's keep the village clean.

The Friends of Hempton Church will be having a Cake Stall under the Town Hall in Deddington on Saturday 10 May at 9.00 a.m. It is also hoped to have a wine tasting evening at St John's Church Hall in June - more details next month. Friends' subscriptions are now due: £5.00 per couple.

I end with the sad news of the death of Lady Peggy Driver. She came to live in the village at Northend Barn in September 1998 next to her daughter Shelagh Wilson. Our condolences to all her family.

Les Chappell 338054

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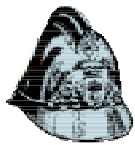
First of all I must apologise for the silence in the last two DN editions. I was away for most of Jan/Feb on a training course. I am now a qualified PTI, fitness instructor, and I'm looking forward to trying out my new skills on the crew, our circuit training classes start next week!

Dec: We received 15 calls; a fire at Deddington Post Office, a cooker fire, 2 electrical fires, a tumble dryer fire, 3 road traffic accidents with persons trapped, 2 chimney fires, 1 rubbish fire, 2 calls to Banbury and 2 false alarms with good intent. 2002: Total Calls 185.

Jan: 22 Calls were received including: fires in a thatched roof, a roof void, chimney, haystack (2), fires in shops (2), also smell of smoke, a petrol spillage, a gas leak, calls to Banbury (8), RTA (1), Alarms good intent (2) malicious (1).

Feb: 11 calls: 5 calls to stand by in Banbury, 1 ammonia leak, 2 alarms, 1 chimney, 1 roof fire, and 1 RTA persons trapped.

March: 6 calls to date; 2 to stand by, 1 pub thatch, 2 false alarms good intent, 1 chemical leak. 39 for this year to date.



Crewing I received a letter from the Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Parry, on behalf of the Public Protection Committee at County Hall, thanking the Deddington crew for the increased performance, in relation to crewing levels and hours of availability over the last 12 months. I wanted to share this acknowledgement of the crew's dedication and commitment with you all.

That said, we are however short of day crew again, Alex Douglas is taking a six month 'sabbatical'(!) to become a Holiday Rep in Corfu, and James Britchford is now working in Banbury, so can only give us cover at nights & weekends. This leaves us 2 short in the daytime. Interested in joining us or just finding out more ?

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The newly updated Tasmania pages on the site have already attracted a visitor from Queensland, Australia. See for yourself the story of the Tasmanian settlement named 'Deddington' and its Nile Chapel.

The Parish Council minutes have also been updated.

It is good to see the Forum being used by the Parish IT students as a practical exercise in using the Internet to post messages.

Why not try them out yourself !

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Colin Clark 338064 or colin.clark@deddington.net.

Please ring me or come to the fire station any Tuesday night 7pm.

Chris "Boots" Fenemore has now completed his Breathing Apparatus training and can now wear BA at incidents. Andy Hayward and Jeremy Bolduc are training hard for the Oxfordshire Fire Service Triathlon in May.

Fund Raising We are holding a Charity Quiz Night, 12 April in the Royal British Legion Club, this is to raise funds for the Katharine House Hospice. Please come along and support us; it should be a fun night.

Anne Waters 338279

DEDDINGTON POLICE NEWS

Disappointing to report a case of needless vandalism that occurred some time during the weekend of 8/9 March. The cricket pavilion at the Windmill Centre was forcibly entered and criminal damage caused. It is possible that whoever was responsible may well have gone home with traces of yellow paint on their skin or clothing. If anyone can help, then give us a call at the Deddington Police Office. LET'S STAMP OUT VANDALISM.

On a lighter note I am pleased to report the arrival of Barbara Bowen to our team of 'office volunteers'. This now means that the Deddington Police Office is open during the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. This is a tremendous achievement. I am sure that the efforts of our volunteers are appreciated by all in the village.

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