

Deddington is benefitting from several new starts involving the Bishop of Dorchester. On 23 June he helped to inaugurate the Partnership Foundation Stage Unit - a longwinded bureaucratic title for the outfit giving the 'early years' their new start in pre-school and nursery. On 25 June the Bishop ordained John Dane a deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, and on 2 July he blesses the new Vicarage, John and Valerie's new home; it exists, though it has no postcode yet.

Fay Hand hopes to give the **DN** a new start with the next issue. She responded to our request for a desktop

publisher by getting herself up to speed with new software. Provided with a new laptop she will format the copy for September.

This extra stage means a longer lead-time is needed between copy date and printing. Please note the next deadline to get copy in is **SATURDAY 19 AUGUST**.

This **DN** is also a new start. The copy is prepared in faith - faith that a new Risograph will deliver the promised better quality photos by being fed direct from a laptop. See them in colour on the **DN** website. *CH*



July

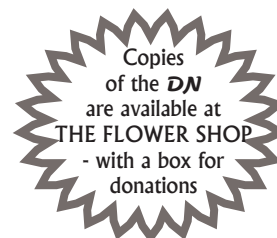
Sun	2	Opening of New Vicarage by Bishop of Dorchester, 5.30 pm
Mon	3	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 -noon.
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri	7	Monday Morning Club: trip to Warwick Races, - bus leaves Town Hall at 12.30 pm.
Sat	8	Deddington PFSU: 'Shaken not Stirred' Summer Ball, Windmill Centre, 7 pm. ➡ p. 4 & insert
Tue	11	WI: Business meeting followed by visit to Eagles Fine Foods, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 4
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p. 2
Thu	27	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Keeping Mum</i> , with Rowan Atkinson, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm
Thu	27	Book Group: call 338094 for venue. ➡ p. 13
Sat	29	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.30 am ~ 12.30 pm.

August

Wed	2	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-noon.
Tue	8	WI: Summer coach outing to Longleat. ➡ p. 13
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm. [tbc] ➡ p. 4
Sat	19	DN copy date for September issue.
Sat	26	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.30 am ~ 12.30 pm,

September

Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-noon.
Wed	6	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Sat	9	Ride or Stride: Oxfordshire Historic Churches sponsored event, 10.00 ~ 6.00 pm. ➡ pp. 7 & 14
Tue	12	WI: <i>The Svere Valley</i> , Peter Sheasby, Holly Tree 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 13
Wed	20	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p. 2
Sat	23	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.30 am ~ 12.30 pm.
Sat	23	Friends of Hempton Church: Harvest Supper, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 14



Weekly Meetings

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

THE DEDDINGTON NEWS - Copy please to the relevant editor by next copy date: 19 AUGUST

MANAGING EDITOR: Christopher Hall 338225
 The Knowle, Philcote St achall@globalnet.co.uk
 PARISH AFFAIRS CORRES: **Volunteer needed!**
 CLUBS EDITOR: Alison Day 337204
alison.day@deddington.net
 DIARY EDITOR: Jean Flux 338153
 FEATURES EDITOR: Molly Neild 338521
 CHURCH/CHAPEL ED: Frank Steiner 338264
 LETTERS EDITOR: Kristin Thompson 337052
op@kristin.demon.co.uk
 2006 COVER: Christopher Hall

MONTHLY ADS & INSERTS: Rosemary Clark 336267
[\[Copy Date - 10 Aug\]](mailto:Copy Date - 10 Aug) 4 The Beeches, Earls Lane
 ANNUAL ADVERTS: John Sampson 338739
 Shepherd's Cottage, The Lane, Hempton
 TREASURER: Buffy Heywood 338212
 Deddington Manor, New Street
 DUPLICATING: Ruth Johnson and Pat Swash 338355
 COLLATING & DISTRIBUTION: Pat Brittain 338685
 assisted by Alison Brice, Yvonne Twomey 338950
 and teams
 DN ON LINE: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk>

Meeting in the Town Hall, 21 June 2006

Present: Cllrs Squires (chair), Alton*, Anderson*, Collins, Flux, Rollason, Rudge*, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Westbury*, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, Minutes Secretary, and 3 members of the public. [* having been elected for co-option, together with Martin Ince and James Privett.]

Procedures: • Councillors signed the mandatory Declaration of Interests. • PC voted by a majority not to re-run the vote for chair and vice-chair. • PC agreed to discuss its own procedures in July, including possible limiting term of office for the chair. • Thanks expressed for the long service of councillors who had not sought re-election.

Working Groups: Provisional membership - Environment & Recreation: Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Watts. Finance & General Purposes: Alton, Flux, Todd, Wood. Highways: Collins, Rudge. Planning: Anderson, Todd, Westbury.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (1) Land west of Wootton Dene, Hempton Road: Regularise use of land for storage of building plant and materials. (2) Cromwell House, Market Place, Deddington: convert barn to 2-storey two-bedroom dwelling - if for sole use of occupier, and overlooking of neighbours avoided. (3) 7 Market Place, Deddington: change of use from residential to provide 5 treatment rooms, with external and internal alterations and non-illuminated sign - PC concerned about increased pressure on parking space by extra staff and clients.

CDC approvals: Monks Court, Highways Depot, Orchard End, Ivings House, 43 St Johns Way, 63 Mill Close, Castle Barns, Stoneleigh.

CDC Refusal: Dwelling rear of The Chestnuts, Clifton beyond limits of village.

Oxford City is applying to become a Region, to include 7000 new dwellings between Kidlington and Yarnton.

Bus Passes: With effect from 1 August, the Cherwell bus pass allows the over-60s and disabled people to travel free off-peak from the District to Woodstock, Witney, Chipping Norton, Stratford-on-Avon, Brackley, Buckingham & Aylesbury.

Village Clean Up: 30 took part on 10 June, covering roads within Deddington and Castle Grounds. Clifton team had covered road to Clifton. Road to Hempton needs doing. PC thanks volunteers, and Spencers for sponsorship and refreshing swim.

Commercial Advertising Signs: PC to ask OCC for its policy and enforcement restricting A-boards.

Windmill Centre: Committee resists suggestion of speed bumps on approach - cost not justified, and discomfort to elderly passengers. Make **5 MPH** signs more prominent - **Drivers please note.**

Cycle rack: Seek OCC grant urgently for secure rack by Town Hall.

Cricket: PC to discuss with Cricket Club provision of matting-covered concrete practice strip.

Minutes Secretary

needed by the Parish Council - to attend meetings on third Wednesday each month, and write up minutes = 5-6 hours paid work.
Apply to the Parish Clerk - 337 447

Grass Cutting: PC agreed a single cut around edges of Castle field to curb nettles, in addition to existing regime.

Charter Housing: proposing to tenants the use of £18,000 to modernise play areas and improve cemetery facilities.

Picnic Benches & Dustbins: Clerk to seek estimates; sponsorship may meet cost.

Town Hall: Negotiations progressing with the Charity Estates on the implications of a 'full-repairing lease' for an ancient building. The PC's occupation can continue until the end of November.

Phones: • Market Place phone box needs painting.
• Hempton box replaced, but not yet re-equipped.
• Seek broadband connection for PC office.

Complaints about bonfires and noise: phone CDC 01295 221632 (not 24hrs) at once.

PARISH FINANCES

Draft annual accounts 2005/6, showing a surplus of £297.16, were approved for final audit.

Invoices passed for payment totalled £8,705.27 - including £4001.47 grass-cutting.

Investments totalled £570,126.74, of which £14,193.97 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £298,709.76 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight; £257,223.01; Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days, of which £200,000 had just been switched to Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.04%.

NEXT MEETING

Town Hall - Wednesday 19 July 2006 - 7.45 pm

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

**Deddington Parish Council
Tertiary Educational Grants.**

Applications are invited from those entering tertiary education this autumn.

The aim of the grant (value £100) is to assist with the purchase of books or other equipment. In order to qualify applicants must be residents and have lived in the parish for three years.

Application forms are available from Lorraine Watling, Clerk to the Council.

Grants will be awarded at the Parish Council meeting on 20 September and applicants will be invited to attend.

At last the real sunshine has arrived and I am delighted that the children have been able to get out and about. In the last month we have taken part in tennis tournaments, football tournaments and athletics, so lots of the children are enjoying their sport. We have some great training from Steve at Deddington Tennis Club and Year 6 have had some cricket coaching sessions too. Sports day will soon upon us and classes have been out practicing the different mini-olympic events.

We have also been very busy practising for the Deddington Festival, with the school choir taking part in *King Leo*.

The June highlight is always the School fête. Every class ran a stall again this year as it was such a success last year. The weather as I write is fantastic, so lets hope the sun shines on us again. My thanks and those of the staff and pupils must go to our great PTA for all their hard work; we have had yet another successful year thanks to them.

Staffing news this month means that we will be saying farewell to Miss Vicky Sampson when she moves to Cornwall in July. We will miss all her hard work and wish her lots of luck in her new home. Mrs Jane Cross will be saying a temporary farewell in September when she leaves to have her baby, so congratulations to her and her husband and daughter Millie. We will be welcoming Mrs Eleonor Sampson, who is joining us from Hertfordshire, in September for Year 1, and Mrs Lynn Wilson in Year 5 to take over for the rest of the year. We hope they will be very happy here at Deddington.



On track to collect their Queen's 80th birthday medals from the PTA

We also say welcome to Stella O'Neill and Mike Ward as our new parent Governors. I look forward to working with them next year.

This year has been a very successful one and a huge thank you must go to all the staff here at school - without their hard work we could not achieve all that we wanted to. Parents have also been a great asset and many thanks to all of you who have volunteered for clubs, trips and helping in class. Finally though I should say well done to all the pupils, they have worked very hard and achieved a great deal. Year 6 deserve a special mention as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools; their academic results look as if they could be the best for many years here at school. Well done Year 6, and Good Luck.

Judith Tinsley 338430



High fliers and late developers

Summer Fun Activities for August



Children aged 5 – 11 years come along for crafts / cooking / Chess and other games and much more.

We advise booking early to avoid disappointment for the following workshops at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church, Deddington:

- Thursday 3 August 10.00 – 12.30 pm
- Thursday 10 August 10.00 – 12.30 pm
- Thursday 17 August 10.00 – 12.30 pm
- Thursday 24 August 10.00 – 2.00 pm*

* Bring and share picnic for parents and siblings follows the end of the session at 12.30pm until 2pm in the Church grounds

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

Additional application forms are also available from Deddington Parish Church
Cost: £1.50 per child per day (please enclose with application form)

Completed application forms and monies to be in no later than the Monday before each activity morning to Kate, Sarah, Sally, the School Office (during term time) OR to Jane Green at Weston House, Church Street, Deddington (Tel: 337837)

If you are willing to help on any of the above dates please contact Jane Green 337837 or Sally Haslam 338216

PTA

Our annual School Summer Fête was a huge success. Yet again, the community came together to support our village school. We had a lovely sunny, fun afternoon! The class stalls & games were very popular and the children had great fun running them. Our fantastic KS2 "Pom Pom Girls" gave an excellent Cheer Leading display. The Egg Throwing and Tug-of-War were great fun, while John & Richard did England proud in Goal throughout the afternoon in the Football Shoot-out.

A BIG "Thank You" to everyone who gave up their time to help. We very much appreciate all their hard work and support in helping to make this a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you for the most generous donations and sponsorship we have received; they are very much appreciated.

Well, that is nearly it for the 2005/06 'fundraising' year. I think it's fair to say we have all had a great time, worked extremely hard and are very pleased that the money raised is going to such a good cause - the children of this village are our future and as such are an incredibly valuable resource in themselves. Thank you all for your unerring support, have a wonderful summer break!

Stella O'Neill PTA - Chair

DEDDINGTON PFSU

We are having a fantastic time in our new premises at school, officially opened on 23 June by 'Bishop Colin'. The children practised a new song to sing at church.

**DEDDINGTON PARTNERSHIP
FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT**

Earls Lane, Deddington, Banbury
OX15 0TJ.


**BUILDING YOUR CHILD'S
FUTURE TOGETHER**

A caring, secure & happy environment for children aged 3 ~ School age, providing stimulating activities in all areas of the 'Early Years' curriculum.

SESSION TIMES:

A.M: 8.40 - 11.55

Lunch Club: 11.55 - 12.45pm

P.M: 12.45 - 3.15pm

Holiday club places available throughout the year

To arrange a visit or request more information, please call and speak to Anna Justice or Angela Catania. Supervisor:
Anna Justice 01869 337484



Our annual 'Sports Day' was on Tuesday 27 June. All the kids really enjoyed their runs at the 'Egg & Spoon Race' along with a number of other races.

The 'Summer Ball' is quickly approaching, come and be 'Shaken not Stirred' on 8 July from 7pm, tickets cost £20 per head, with a champagne reception on arrival and two course buffet. We have dancing to the 'Rivieras' and the 'Charity Auction' also to look forward to, this is a great evening and if past years' attendances are anything to go by, I suggest you buy your tickets from the PFSU - NOW!

We have a paid position coming up at the PFSU for a Part-Time Financial Administrator. Responsibilities include day-to-day financial transactions of PFSU and Nursery. Please apply in writing with your CV to Sian Westbury, Deddington PFSU, Earls Lane, Deddington or you can speak to Anna Justice at the PFSU on 337484 for further information.

Sarah Payne



SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON www.deddingtonchurch.org

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

Parish Church in July

Sun	2	10.30 am	All-Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Confirmation by Bishop Colin
Mon	3	6.30 pm	St THOMAS Eucharist
Wed	5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
Wed	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	16	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	St MARY MAGDALENE Eucharist & Children's Church
Tues	25	6.30 pm	St JAMES Eucharist
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist with healing
Sun	30	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP);
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)

August

Wed	2	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	3	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	6	10.30 am	TRANSFIGURATION All-Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	9	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	13	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
Tues	15	6.30 pm	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Eucharist
Wed	16	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	17	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	20	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Wed	23	10.00 am	Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Thu	24	6.30 pm	St BARTHOLOMEW Eucharist
Sun	27	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP);
		10.30 am	Morning Service & Children's Church
Wed	30	10.00 am	Eucharist

St John, Hempton

9.00 am Eucharist Sundays 2 & 16 July, 6 & 20 August
6.00 pm Evensong Sunday 23 July & 27 August

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS: Baptism - 11 June Zack Trott. Memorial Service - 11 June Paul Silver.
Funerals - 19 May Pamela Gilkes; 2 June Charlie Gibbs.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Contact Jean Welford 338539, Liz Dickinson 337050 & Iain Gillespie 338367
for dates, times & venues.

Charity of the Month - July: **PFSU**; August: **TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE** - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink **GiftAid** envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: July & August - Pastor Walton, except 27 August: John Goulder
Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church with their congregation.
Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m.** to be arranged by Pastor Derek Walker.

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats - 5.30~6.00 pm.
Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.
Tuesday 15 August is the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION and a Holiday of Obligation; the Vigil Mass of the Feast will be said at Adderbury at 7.00 pm on Monday 14 August, and Mass will be said at Hethe on Thursday at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm. The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.



*For Baptisms, Weddings,
Funerals, hospital or home visits
in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar,
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
the Rev John Dane (337403),
or one of the Churchwardens,
Iain Gillespie (338367)
or Judy Ward (337187).*

TICOS

TEAS IN CHURCH

ON SUNDAY from
3.00 pm to 5.30
pm in July and
August start on
9 July. Come
along and enjoy
meeting friends and visitors to
Deddington over a cup of Fairtrade
tea and a slice of homemade cake.



FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Nearly 70 people came to the Friends' Reception in the Parish Church on June 7th. It was an excellent occasion. Brian Kay, our patron, praised what had been achieved and inspired us for the future. Janet Lincé, Steve Kershaw, Lucy Downer and other musicians performing during the Festival, were also there, adding to the sense of a combined community enterprise. A quite beautiful quilt made by The Craft Group and being raffled for Katharine House in Adderbury and Helen House in Oxford, represented another aspect of Deddington's creative gifts. Hugh O'Donnell, Chair of the Festival Committee, thanked everyone involved, including the generous people who had provided food.

Finally, very many thanks to the Friends (and non-Friends) who have so kindly staffed the concerts and exhibitions during the Festival Week. This is support of the most valuable kind.

KJ



17th century frolics

Deddington Writers Group

The second annual Writing Competition, organised in conjunction with Deddington Festival, attracted a variety of entries from different parts of Oxfordshire. The judge, Rachel Woodforde of Oxford University Press, announced the winners and gave the prizes during the Festival. Entries were invited from Adults, '16 years and under', and '11 years and under'. Each age group had categories for a short story and for a poem. The winning entries can be seen in Deddington Library. They will also be posted on the Deddington website and published in 'Monkey' magazine.

The Adult winners were: Gaynor Dickson of Bloxham for the story 'Jack and the Mountain', and Joanne Badger of Swalcliffe with the poem 'Peacock'. The '16 and under' winner of the story section was Ella Blazewicz from Boars Hill with a story called 'An extra chromosome', whilst Warriner School student, Ryan O'Keefe's 'Bully Poem' came first in the poetry section. Laura and Kitty Hutchison from Dry Sandford took both prizes for those aged 11 and under with their poem 'Famous people's food' and their story 'The Palyra'. At the prize-giving congratulations were given to all who entered, of whom 34 were shortlisted, as well as to the winners.

Hugh Marshall

More reports on Festival events in the next issue

Beverly Dancer
as Yum Yum

As a result of the Italian Legacy Concert of violin sonatas, played on period instruments in the parish church on 7 May, the Festival Committee was able to donate £150 to Katharine House Hospice.

NS

Ride or Stride**Sat 9th Sept 2006**

A sponsored event
to raise money for:

- The church of your choice and
- The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Your contribution
will be divided
equally
between
the two



Sponsorship forms available from:

Dorothy White - 337 530

County Organiser: Richard Lethbridge (01993) 824196 Registered Charity 235644

Printed by Dicoart Ltd, Railway Station, Truxton, Suffolk

Visual Arts

In a week dominated by World Cup football, Deddington's artists excelled themselves and drew in their admirers.

The Holly Tree clubroom hosted work by local artists with some interesting variations on the usual:



photo: Colin Robinson

Maureen Dew's use of architectural techniques (ink, watercolour and pencil on printing film) to illustrate historical references in *A Brief History of Canons Ashby House*; Suzanne Allan's brooding and intense portrait, *Ken*; and Viv O'Donnell's stunning use of colour in her silk painting *Strictly Ballroom*. Watercolours, oils, pastels, acrylics, paint on porcelain, pottery and even a computer manipulated print; from traditional still-life, landscape and portrait to references to the Pop Art period – a real eclectic mix.

The Craft Group in the Church Living Room demonstrated a wonderful and subtle use of colour, techniques, textures and materials, quirky assemblies of bits and pieces, even buttons, to create hangings, quilts and memory cushions. Technically highly accomplished and imaginative – why is needlecraft so undervalued?

Vibrant colour and fun were hallmarks of the Children's Art Workshop in the Windmill Centre where five adult artists and teachers tactfully offered help with technique to just ten children engrossed in letting their imaginations run wild. Pastels, watercolours, weaving, balloon painting, masks, glitter – all great stuff; what a pity a larger number of children did not take advantage of this relaxed and rare opportunity.

And disappointingly, there were very few entries in the Photographic Competition organised by the Farmers' Market committee. Nevertheless, the well-deserved winner of the advanced section was a stylistic shot by Stephen Sykes. One junior winner had adopted a radically different and interesting take, observing the stalls being assembled in a damp dawn – not yer average pics! Let's hope that next year more photographers are disposed to have a shot at such a fruitful subject.

Prize winners:

Advanced class (Banbury Guardian circulation area)
sponsored by the Banbury Guardian

1st: Stephen Sykes, Honington, (born, bred and lived in Deddington for 30 years) - 'The market viewed from the lavender stall'

General class (Banbury Guardian circulation area)
sponsored by NFU Mutual

1st: Mrs Pat Rix, Middleton Cheney - 'The Baker's Stall'
General class (Deddington Parish residents only)
sponsored by Brethertons Solicitors

1st: Geoff Todd, Deddington - 'The bread stall queue'
Junior (Banbury Guardian circulation area) sponsored by
Blinkhorns Photo Hi-Fi Video

1st: Eve Edwards (aged 12), Middleton Cheney - 'General view of market'

Junior (Deddington Parish residents only) sponsored by
Photo Finish

1st: Oliver Mayo (aged 8), Clifton - 'Setting up the market'

Deddington History Society is to be thanked for putting on a fascinating display on photos of old Deddington in the Library. It was just a tantalising glimpse of the rich pickings to be had in the archives held by Oxfordshire County Council. It's easy to search for images and information from the heritage archives yourself; just go to <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>.

Mary and Colin Robinson



Deddington Portraits

Before our very eyes, as it were, but without our noticing, a delightful archival snapshot of the parish has been created. Brian Carter's keen observation of Deddington folk going about our business has resulted in a fascinating collection of portraits, both semi-formal and spontaneous. At the market, on the allotments, in homes and places of work, people you will recognise and some you won't are sensitively captured. Brian's work over the last five years or so, at his own not inconsiderable cost in time and money no doubt, amounts to a most valuable historical document which deserves considerable recognition. They were on show only briefly in the Holly Tree over the first weekend of June but not seen by anywhere near enough people. We hope Brian will seek other outlets to display these most interesting pictures and that some Deddington body will see fit to secure a set for posterity.

Mary and Colin Robinson

FROM HELEN AND JENNIFER ANDERSON, CHAPMANS LANE, DEDDINGTON

We recently took part in the Race for Life, held in University Parks, Oxford, in memory of our late godfather, Allan Mann. We would like to thank our friends in Deddington who contributed towards our grand total of £805 raised for Cancer Research UK. We're very proud to have participated in such a memorable and moving event.

FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Does anyone else think it's extremely odd that the postbox in the Market Place has been swivelled round to the inconvenience of the mailing public (and not least the less agile, as noted by your correspondent in the June issue) and for the convenience of the inconsiderate motorist? Surely a "no parking" sign would have solved the problem.



WELL REMEMBERED

JOHN COLE, who died on 17 May, was a life-time resident of Deddington. As a child he lived with his parents at Manor Farm, but his ambition was always to be a seaman. This was where his life and his heart were. As a Master Mariner it was a career that took him all over the world, only returning home for leave. After reluctantly taking early retirement on health grounds he spent much time following his interest in electronics and computers, at one stage contributing this knowledge to the development of new technology for navigation and other nautical matters. He chaired the Parish Council 1988-89. He is survived by his wife Chiyoko and daughter Mitch.

H.P.M.

CHARLIE GIBBS was born in 1931 in Earls Lane, in the house next door to the one where he spent much of his adult life. His father was in the building trade. Charlie was the eldest of five children. After attending School across the road from his house, Charlie was employed at Earls Farm, where his whole working life was spent. Charlie played football for Deddington, but his greatest pleasure was in traditional country pursuits. He followed the local hunts and was stopper-up on the farm. He had a life-long passion for fishing. He was also a keen gardener, growing both vegetables and flowers. Charlie found what he needed to give him contentment and fulfilment within the Parish; he was a true countryman and a Deddingtonian to his fingertips.

H.B.W.

PAM GILKES, née Doggett, was born in Clifton, along with her younger brother Tony, where her father was based for work on the railway and where her mother worked for the Welfords. Pam attended the now closed Clifton School. Pam married Maurice in 1949 and had a daughter, Lorraine. They lived at first in the Tchure. Pam worked at Pillsworth's, the Banbury dressmakers, at Spencers Corsets and in the canteen at Banbury Buildings. The family moved to Mackley

FROM RUTH JOHNSON, DANES HILL, DUNS TEW

During a sermon preached in Deddington Church our Vicar reminded us of our duty to spread the Christian message "abroad". Maybe my husband did his bit one Wednesday morning when a perplexed visitor, staring at the Church clock, exclaimed, "Your clock is going mad! It's 10 o'clock and it has already struck 16 times!" Said Ted, "Nothing wrong with the clock, Sir, that's the bell calling us all to a service."

FROM KEN WILKINSON, CHAPEL SQUARE, DEDDINGTON

Christian Aid, like Oxfam, genuinely makes sure that money collected goes to projects such as buying a goat that will produce milk and meat. During the last World War our house and church in London were bombed. Dad stayed, doing cemetery work and comforting the sick. We fled to a cottage. There were ration books, we were hungry, but we had goats' milk. Some people are reluctant to give money to others. But I think I have collected enough to buy two goats.

FROM DON ANDERSON, CHAPMANS LANE, DEDDINGTON

Is anyone interested in an informal French Conversation Group? If so, please contact me at: andersondon100@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 01869 338325

FROM JIM FLUX, VICE-CHAIR, PARISH COUNCIL

Please thank the nameless public-spirited people who first spotted and then repaired the leak in the water butt in the cemetery. *[Every drop of water is precious. Ed]*



Close in the '60s where Pam then lived for 41 years, with warm welcome to anyone who came by. Pam was an extrovert, loving bright colours and spangly clothing, an outgoing, friendly, sociable person, who was able to express this aspect of herself in her work as a home help. Many people in Deddington had reason to be thankful for what Pam did for them as a carer; she made, kept and enjoyed many good friendships.

H.B.W.

PAUL SILVER, who died in Scotland, was brought up in Deddington before embarking at the age of sixteen on a career in the Navy, the fulfilment of an early ambition. Paul excelled in his work as a diver, which he loved. He was involved in salvage and rescue in some high-profile incidents such as the Piper Alpha disaster and the recent recovery by British personnel of a Russian submarine crew. He had two children with his wife Janice, but his travelling of the world in the course of his work contributed to their splitting up. A large personality, bound to be noticed even in a crowded room, Paul had a complexity of character that made him sometimes difficult to read. He was not one to express his true feelings obviously, but at bottom had a profound concern for those close to him.

H.B.W.

ON THE FARM

'When the Elder blossoms peep, you may shear your sheep.' As I sit and pen this offering, the ewes are still awaiting the arrival of the shearing contractor, but I am assured that they will be in the buff very soon. When I started farming, the wool cheque was an important part of the farm income, but as with all other present day farm commodities its farm gate value has, in the face of world trade and compliance regulation, fallen below the cost of production. So sadly British wool which founded a cloth industry, which exported cloth and clothing all over the world, has become just another unnoticed victim of the seemingly unstoppable headlong rush into Globalisation. Last month we were advised by the Wool Marketing Board (a Government quango) that the farm gate wool price for this year would be no more than 45p per kilo. This means that this year's wool cheque will not cover the costs of shearing, and what was a skilled art to provide a high quality raw material for the cloth trade has become an expensive exercise in animal welfare.

The bee situation has improved. May was a difficult month on the honey front. The first half of the month provided good flying weather for the bees and they



brought in a lot of honey. The second two weeks of the month were cold and wet and the bees were unable to fly, so they used the honey they had gathered to feed the growing brood nest. But June brought a big improvement in

the weather and the hives stocked with a very large number of young flying bees just as the spring beans came into flower. So we have got a good crop of bean honey and a good set of pods on the beans. I shall now make a nucleus hive from each of the strongest colonies and give them a new queen and, if things go according to plan, they should be strong enough to take advantage of a "backend flow" that will see them through the winter.

Despite the "drought" conditions the crops are looking very well. Harvest is coming on very fast with only a month before we get into the oil seed rape. Then it will be no stopping until next year's planting is finished in late October. As yet we have not decided on next year's cropping plan. It is very unlikely that much, if any, of next year's harvest will be grown for direct human consumption, as most of it will go for animal feed or energy production. This is a sad situation after a lifetime of striving to produce and grow the best I can for my fellow man, but times and needs change and we must change with them.

As Confucius said: 'the tree that does not bend with the wind is snapped off.' Well, this old bough is not ready for the wood pile just yet.

George Fenemore 338203



Friends of Daeda's Wood

Between 40 and 50 turned out for Daeda's Tenth Birthday Picnic. Considering this was competing with wall-to-wall TV coverage of world footie, the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and major golf and tennis tournaments, that probably wasn't bad. There were joyous tugs of war, a trickle of entries for the treasure hunt. It was a special pleasure to welcome Jill Butler of the Woodland Trust, who designed the wood, and John Brown, one of our earliest Woodland Officers. We had interesting discussions on future management and look forward to the appointment of our next Woodland Officer, probably in the autumn. The weather was perfect, with enough breeze and freshness of foliage to take the edge off the heat.

And, as we began to wind down the proceedings, there was a final bonus: a wonderful view of a red kite (feathered not paper) soaring over the wood, his forked tale clear cut against the blue sky. Let's see if he accepts our invitation to nest locally.

We have had nice comments on *A Diary of Daeda's Wood*. Copies (£4.50 each) are available from me or from Ottakar's in Banbury. *Sylvie Spenceley 338995*



Angelic Gardens

Hello! We are two Botanic Garden trained, qualified and experienced horticulturalists offering you a high quality and professional domestic gardening service. Let us provide the best possible care for your garden.



- Garden maintenance
- Border renovation & planting plans
- Expert pruning

- Garden tidy-ups
- Creating veg plots
- Advice & planning consultations



To discuss your requirements, please call Adam or Carrie for an informal chat:

Home: 01869 347298 Mobile: 07941 657465



2-6%; agricultural demand is up 18 - 26%. Soil moisture deficit is moving north and west. When it does rain it is in less useful forms of precipitation. Less falls as snow to be released slowly later. More falls in extreme events: dried out summer soils are less absorbent. More falls in winter than in summer, and waterlogged winter soils can take no more. As temperatures become 2-5°C warmer, more water is lost through increased evaporation and transpiration.

Anna Hawksley, Principal Water Resources Advisor at the Environment Agency, spoke of the challenge of sustainable water resources management in Oxfordshire. The population of the South-East is

The deluge in Deddington early in May revealed gutters and downpipes blocked by clumps of grass. It also caused at least one house to flood. Thames Water sent out a team to dredge the manholes, and, when that was not enough, a team of specialist sewer cleaning contractors arrived with a German vehicle using high-pressure jetting equipment. Thames Water estimates that about 1,000 tonnes of fat per year are poured into the region's sewers. The company spends around £7 million per year clearing a total of around 100,000 blockages, half of which are estimated to be caused by fat.

And there's more to come! More intense downpours of rain were among the summary of expected climate changes in the UK listed in a presentation to the Cherwell Environmental Forum at Bodicote House on 23 May. The Oxford-based UK Climate Impacts Programme predicts warmer, drier summers (spring and autumn too), milder, wetter winters and rising sea levels, together with more very hot days.

Domestic demand for water is up 1-4%; industrial demand, mainly for drinks, brewing & leisure is up

projected to increase by 11 per cent by 2036, with 800,000+ new homes in the South East by 2030. We are living longer, and small households are increasing: 2-person households use 144 litres per head per day; 5-person households use 102. Average non-metered water consumption is 172 litres per head per day; average metered water consumption is 162. Approximately 1 in 3 households are metered.




The challenge in the South East: Water resources are already scarce, add to that great development pressures plus the impact of climate change. These add up to the choice between shortages and environmental damage **or** a planned future. It's up to us.

UKCIP says the climate change we expect in the next 30-40 years will be due to our past greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change later this century is being determined by the emissions we allow now. We need to alter our way of life so that we adapt to the changes that are already in the climate system as well as limiting our future greenhouse gas emissions. *CH*

PAPER OVERLOAD ?

NEED HELP TO GET ORGANIZED ?

Experienced bookkeeper-secretary-administrator:

-  **Bookkeeping and/or administration for small businesses and private households**
-  **Maximize your efficiency and improve productivity**
-  **Experienced in Microsoft Office XP, Excel, Word**

**Work done in-house, or from fully equipped home office.
All types of work considered. Competitive rates.**

Contact: Fiona

 **01869 337284**

 **fiona@admin-sorted.co.uk**

 **07941182762**

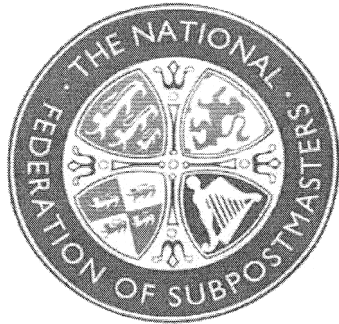
 **www.admin-sorted.co.uk**

Soaking May and flaming June. Everything in the garden and allotment growing fast, almost as you watch. July and August could just be the months to enjoy the fruits of the soil, sit back (just a little) and savour the pleasures of cultivated nature. The trouble with trying to relax in the garden is that there are so often things which can be seen to be in need of attention. Try to ignore them and have a drink instead. Being a gardener can have many advantages – the exercise, year-round interest, production of food, flowers and an attractive environment to name just a few. It is healthy, full of variety, gets you out of the house, away from the TV and has the natural rhythm that so much of modern life lacks. Of course, it can become a burden, an obsession, competitive, and a gardener might just sometimes be a conversational bore. If you do manage to sit out in the garden this month why not make a mental - even a written - list of what it is that gardening is for you? Enjoy your allotment or garden these months.

Hugh Marshall

SIGN THIS PETITION

In February the Parish Council expressed its concern at the threatened closure of the Post Office Card Account, which was only introduced 4 years ago when benefits were switched to direct payment. It has been, and remains, a boon to those who thus have access to cash on their doorstep and may not have a bank account. On 21 June the Deddington Deanery Synod unanimously endorsed the National Federation of Sub Postmasters petition:



'We, the undersigned, believe that the post office network provides a vital service to local communities in both urban and rural areas which are threatened by the Government's withdrawal of services from local post offices. Accordingly we call on the Government to reverse its announcement that it will end support for the Post Office Card Account in 2010 thereby threatening the viability of thousands of post offices and we urge it to immediately halt its activities designed to kill the account off in advance of that date.'

The petition, which has already attracted over a million signatures, can be signed in the Library or in the Parish Church. For more information see the briefing from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on p. 13 of the June **DN**.

**From the fire station.**

Another busy month for the crew with a total of 17 calls: five calls to false alarms; 1 call to a report of smoke in Banbury - this turned out to be a bonfire; 6 calls to standby at other stations, 1 chimney fire, 1 roof fire, 1 lorry fire, and a call to release people trapped in a lift.



Our visit to the school fête was cut short this year with an incident to attend to, nevertheless a fun day was had by all. FF Martin Freeman also enjoyed the day with a surprise birthday bash. A young 40 though Mart!

Recruits needed. Come along and ask: Tuesday evenings between 19:00 and 21:00 to see what you could be taking part in.

Holiday time is here so please remember to check the house before going away, sockets, taps, etc. Then relax in peace of mind. Have fun. Push the button on your smoke alarm, change the battery if necessary. Keep safe

James Britchford Firefighter

RE-CYCLING ROADS

The **DN** wanted to know if the heaps of rubble accumulating in lay-bys beside the road to Oxford were there to deter Travellers, or were official 'fly-tipping' to avoid paying landfill charges.

Ralph Grant, North Area Engineer for Oxfordshire Highways, has replied:

"We are using redundant areas of carriageway, and also areas of land owned by the County Council adjacent to the highway, to store and reprocess construction materials for re-use in highway maintenance works.

Ideally we would like to carry out this process at our main Deddington Depot, and, subject to available funding, we are trying to achieve this over the next 10 years. If this is achieved, we hope to be able to recycle bituminous materials, gully arisings and vegetation at Deddington. Most of the material we currently store in our 'lay-bys' is reprocessed into a construction material we call 'type-1 sub base'.

We have a mobile unit that moves around our sites processing reclaimed material. By re-using this material we are reducing our requirement for new materials excavated from quarries, and also making a saving of approximately £4.00 per tonne. Each site is licensed for this use with the Environment Agency and helps to reduce the volume of waste material we need to take to tip.

The County Council does not consider there is any comparison between this process and fly tipping."

Something for nothing
from an accountant?

I DON'T
BELIEEEEEVE IT!

Well you should! At Clark Howes we offer **FREE** accounting software to all our clients – not only that, the first meeting is also **FREE**.

For a friendly, stress-free,
personal service...

call us on
01869 322261

Clark Howes Accountants
www.clarkhowes.co.uk



CLARK
HOWES
ACCOUNTANTS

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are further entries from Jackson's Oxford Journal regarding Deddington, for the months of July and August 1856:

19th July: There were meetings held of the Coal Fund and the Poor Relief Fund. The Report of the Coal Fund stated that 140 families in Deddington and nearly 40 families in Clifton had been supplied with coal at 1s. per cwt. during the past winter. Thanks were given to subscribers and to various farmers, etc. who had assisted with horses and wagons to draw the coal from the wharf (at Aynho) to the coal house. The Poor Relief Fund showed that in consequence of the mildness of the weather and there appearing but little distress and full employment, there was no reason for giving relief from the Fund.

9th August: Some of the artisans of our town sent the crier round to announce the following "This is to give notice to the Deddington bakers that the corn has been lowered in price without their having lowered the price of their bread, whereas at Banbury and the neighbouring villages the bread has been lowered 1d. per 4lb. loaf today."

16th August: Cricket: We understand that this manly game is likely very shortly to be revived with considerable spirit at Deddington, by several gentlemen residing in the neighbourhood. The Castle Ground has been prepared expressly for this purpose.

30th August - Caution! Two men named Curly Gibbs and Benjamin Sykes, after being at harvest work in the day, went to a public house in the evening where they had some more beer; while there they quarrelled, and the landlord turned them out at a little before 10.0 pm. As soon as they got out into New Street they commenced fighting, and Gibbs, it is supposed in falling, broke his leg and is otherwise injured. It is to be hoped that such a lamentable catastrophe will be a warning to them for the future..

Buffy Heywood



NOSTALGIA RULES

Sadly, the time has now come to take our leave from Derrick and his memories. But it is good to know that he regularly feeds his nostalgia by reading the Deddington News on line and I am delighted to have the promise of one reader so far to keep in more personal email contact with him <Volspd@aol.com>.

Reporting occasionally about his life in Sarasota, Florida, Derrick writes: "For the last 5 years I have been a volunteer with the Sarasota Police Department doing foot patrol down town and car patrol along one of the beaches. My uniform is a blue shirt, black long trousers, combat boots and a baseball cap. I carry a police radio, but no handcuffs or gun. I am also a member of a Citizen Emergency Response Team under the auspices of the

Homeland Security. It involves extensive training. We cover our own "backyard" and are deployed in the event of a terrorist attack, a major accident or a hurricane. Since I only became a member of the C.E.R.T. in April 2005, I have not been involved in a hurricane disaster and I hope the local belief that a sacred Seminal Indian Burial Ground protects us from such tragic events holds true in future."

If, as he claims, Derrick's war years as a voluntary refugee in Deddington shaped the man, Deddington can be very proud of one of their own out there in far away Florida. We leave him attending to his many citizen's duties, his chores at home in his bungalow and in his garden where the climate allows him to enjoy a plentiful harvest. In his spare time, would you believe it, our friend is writing a recipe book. Thank you Derrick for helping us to discover another little slice of life in dear "old" Deddington spiced with characters that should not be forgotten.

Ruth Johnson

It pays to slip up when reporting! In the last issue of the DN, p9. under "Nostalgia Rules" I mistakenly added the surname Ell to Uncle George's Christian name. I apologise to Derrick and to our readers in the village. Derrick, of course, refers to his Uncle George CLARKE but my mistake was well spotted by a senior Deddingtonian who put me right and I am delighted to know that at least one person reads my column!



FOR ALL YOUR CLEANING NEEDS

REGULAR, DAILY OR WEEKLY HOUSEWORK
SPRING CLEANING
ONE-OFF PROJECTS
CARPET AND UPHOLSTERY SHAMPOOING
SPECIAL FLOOR CARE
WINDOWS AND GUTTERS
MOVING IN/OUT HOUSE PREPARATION
HIGH PRESSURE BRICK, PATH AND PATIO
CLEANING

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ABOUT THESE AND OTHER
CLEANING SERVICES**

**WE CAN OFFER,
CALL OLLY OR SUE ON
01869 349041 07795 155 915
07725 643 140**

**9, NIZEWELL HEAD, STEEPLE
ASTON, OXON, OX25 4SJ**

1st Deddington Guides

We've had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors at almost every meeting. Food as usual featured prominently. Sizzling sausages are always tempting and this was our first effort at cooking outdoors. We progressed to backwoodsman cooking, i.e. no pots and pans, and then *Ready, Steady, Cook* planned by Rachel and Claire.

We discovered there was more than meets the eye to Deddington when we explored it for our village quiz. We had a wonderful evening in the lovely grounds at Wroxton when we saw an incredible number of bats. We learnt all about bats and picked up their calls on detectors under the watchful eye of our bat experts.

We all enjoyed the hike from Adderbury to Deddington via the paper mill, hazel hedge grove and farm barns. We spotted so many interesting things along the way. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible. More hiking, cooking, camp planning and outdoor activities to come, including stream walking and building shelters.

Any girls over 10? Come and see for yourselves what we get up to! All welcome.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

Book Group

In June we read '*Labyrinth*' by Kate Mosse and our book for July is '*A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*' by Marina Lewycka. At our last meeting we discussed '*Bad Blood*' by Lorna Sage, which prompted animated conversation and is highly recommended. These were our thoughts: 'This memoir of growing up in the post-war era awoke memories in us all and echoed many of our own personal experiences. We liked her detached and non-judgmental descriptions of her family's quirks and eccentricities. Lovingly written with compassion and humour.'

Next meeting 27 July. Call for venue. Please note there is no meeting in August. *Sally Lambert 338094*

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

The company held its annual display and awards evening at The Windmill Centre on 24 May when the inspecting officer was Alan Bowsher of 1st Oxford Company. During the evening boys were awarded badges for achievements attained during the year. Max, William and Jake M received the Gold Award - the highest award available to Juniors in the BB. Josh R won the prize for best 'Anchor Boy', Ashley won the 'Endeavour Award' for best Junior and Lewis was presented with a cup as our best bandsman for the year.

This term we have welcomed Nick and Josh into the Anchors, which brings our total membership up to 40 boys (15 Anchors, 18 Juniors and 7 Company).

If your son would like to join the BB, or you would like to help us as an officer, instructor or helper, then please phone.

Brian Bushell 338715

WI

We spent a most pleasant evening at Broughton Castle on 13 June when Gill Cozens followed up the introduc-

tory talk she gave in May with a more detailed history of each room we visited. Although most members had visited the castle before, the benefit of Gill's knowledge brought history alive. We admired the views from the roof and a stroll around the beautiful gardens completed a happy evening.

We have a business meeting on 11 July followed by a visit to Eagles Fine Foods, collection for ACWW and rose competition. We visit Longleat on 8 August and anyone wishing to join us on this trip, please ring 338027 or 337213.

Rene Mahony 338438


Youth Club

We end a successful term on Monday 17 July with a barbecue and games evening. The Management Committee now has two excellent members' reps in Lizzie and Danielle, who helpfully contribute ideas from members. The Club is fortunate to have Nikki Kirk and Matt Varney, our enthusiastic and committed Leaders, who, with other staff help, offer a range of activities to suit all members. Autumn Term sessions start on Monday 18 September. By then we should have all our promised new equipment ready, so can offer a greater variety of activities.

Wendy Burrows, Secretary


Cricket Club

In the Festival Cricket Match Deddington [120] lost to Stonesfield [160]. Ramesh Chaudhuri took 4 wickets and scored 29, as David Webb scored too.



HOOK NORTON

VETERINARY SURGEONS



White Hills Surgery, Sibford Road
Hook Norton, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5DG

EQUINE, FARM & SMALL ANIMAL DEPARTMENTS

- 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
- Consultations by Appointment
 - Small Animal Hospital
 - Pet Health Counselling Service
 - Equine Clinic
- Routine & Specialist Farm Work
 - Member of XL Vets UK Ltd

Equine, Farm & Accounts Departments

Small Animal Appointments & Enquiries

Fax: 01608 730439

Tel: 01608 730085

Tel: 01608 730501

Branch Surgeries

Spendlove Centre, Enstone Road, Charlbury

Heritage House, St Thomas Street, Deddington

Tel: 01608 811250

Tel: 01869 337732

www.hooknortonvets.co.uk

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

As some of you may know, there was a parish litter pick on Sunday 28 May organized by Alan Collins. 10 adults and 11 children, all from the village, turned up. They split into teams covering both sides of the road from Clifton to Deddington, picking up litter for 1½ hours. 15 bin liners of litter were collected, and everyone finished off with a well-earned drink at the Duke of Cumberland Pub. Hopefully this will have made everyone more aware not to drop their litter! Alan Collins is planning another litter pick later in the year.

If anyone has any information or news from Clifton, I would be more than grateful to hear it.

Alex Jardine 337235

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The coffee morning which was organized by the Ladies' Tuesday Club on 6 June was poorly supported, with only a few people turning up apart from members of the Club, who felt badly let down. This event was advertised twice on this column and twice in the Church News Sheet as well as several posters.

A new telephone box has been put in place to replace the vandalised one, but the actual telephone and accessories are still to be fitted. We hope it remains in working order when everything is in place.

As there is no DN in August I am giving some early information about September :

On Saturday 9 September the annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches 'Ride or Stride' takes place between 10.00am and 6.00pm. St. John's Church needs anyone who feels they could cycle or walk round as many churches as possible. Please contact me as this is a sponsored event and I should have forms by July. Half the money raised goes to our Church and the rest to the Historic Churches, who give generous grants when a church needs repairs as ours has in the past. People are also needed to sit in the church to welcome others.

Also on Saturday 23 September there will be the Harvest Supper. This was a successful evening last

year so we hope for a repeat performance. Places will be limited to 40.

Many of you will remember Nan Harris, who, before she died, wrote this column. Over a period of time she made a lovely tapestry which has been donated in her memory by her children Josephine and Christopher to St. John's Church Hall.

Les Chappell 338054

Ride Or Stride 2006

Deddington Wesleyan Reform Church has this year received a grant of £2,000.00 from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust to help pay for the replacement of the windows on the front of their building.

The OHCT Ride Or Stride takes place on Saturday 9 September. Last year 14 participants from the Parish Church and 2 from the Wesleyan Reform Church raised between them £1300, half going to the Trust and half to their respective churches. Sponsors were very generous and this was a respectable total, but nowhere near the £2116.50 raised by the 38 StRiders from the small village of Milton. It would be very good if Deddington could produce more StRiders, preferably those who work or have connections outside Deddington so as to widen the sponsorship base. You don't have to be a church member or attender to take part and you would enjoy visiting some of the lovely mediaeval churches in the vicinity. Sponsorship forms will shortly be available from me.

Dorothy White 337 530

see advert on page 6



We are a small and professionally run business with many years experience in the kitchen trade, based in Adderbury.

We offer a great range of quality kitchens and can provide all the services you need for installation, to ensure you receive a kitchen to be proud of.

With no showroom or hidden overheads, you the customer, get the best quality kitchen at a great price.

For your brochure or quotation or to arrange to view samples in your own home, please call

01295 812856

or visit **www.dovecotekitchens.co.uk**
for more information

North Oxfordshire Windows



UPVC Windows & Doors
Conservatories
All Aspects of Building
French Doors & Sliding Patios
Fascias & Guttering

Colin Payne

Tel: 01869 338466

Mob: 07771 771218