



*Peter and Paul garlanded
by the Fire Brigade
for Deddington Festival*

Few people in their time here have been seen and heard in every home in our community. Bill Dickinson was - as a bellringer and as designer of our 2003 cover. His influence will continue so long as the proposed Parish Church Living Room, largely designed by him, serves the community. Ask Bill to do almost anything and it would be done promptly and graciously, even going beyond what was asked. His last contribution for the DN was to judge our cover colouring competition.



His passing leaves the DN without a cover designer. Our solution is to launch a competition for two new designs - one for the December 2003 issue, and one for 2004. There is such a rich vein of artistic talent among us, resourced by Huntleys for the last 25 years, that there should be no lack of entries.

The December design should capture the mood of the season, and must be delivered to me by the end of September. The 2004 design should depict "the Parish Now" and be submitted by the end of October. Both designs must be suitable for monochrome reproduction, and use the existing title at the top of the page. *CH*

JULY DIARY

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Remember: This diary is delivered not only to every home in the three villages, but is also published on the Deddington website. Make sure you get the date of any event you are organising to Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153] as early as possible - the best way to make sure it is widely known.

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Meeting in Town Hall, 18 June 2003

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/ Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 7 members of the public.

10-MINUTE FORUM : Mr Gary Fairclough, representing Hempton residents, described how the Stonepits Allotments scheme had become a real community enterprise. He said that the provision of a water supply was now urgent. Thames Water wanted £1,300 for providing a supply as far as the allotments gate - a distance of 70 metres from the existing mains - while equipment, pipework etc within the allotments would cost a further £700.

HEMPTON ALLOTMENTS

PC agreed in principle to pay for the installation of a water supply to the Stonepits allotments in Hempton, when it has been officially established that the parish actually owns the site. There is no avoiding Thames Water's connection charge of £1,300, but it may be possible to reduce other costs - for example, allotment holders could perhaps do some of the work themselves. Meanwhile, PC will provide waterbutts as a temporary measure.

SATIN LANE ALLOTMENTS

The landlords complain that scrub areas should be cut and the boundary hedge cut and layered. PC disagrees, and will explore the possibility of buying the site for the parish.

BMX-CELLENT

Finance for the BMX/dirt trail is now in place, and the aim is to finish consultation and start construction in August. If you expect to use the track, or are a parent of someone who does, your help is needed. There is work to be done, and who better to do it than those who will benefit from it? It can surely be taken for granted that you're willing, and, if you are also able, to help, please let the Clerk know (Tel: 337447, Mons and Weds) at the Windmill Centre.

DON'T RUBBISH THIS ROADSHOW.

Cherwell's Recycling Roadshow visits Deddington Town Hall undercroft, Wednesday 30 July 2003. *Don't miss this opportunity to catch up on what's been happening and see the new types of bin and container that will be issued to the parish before the end of the year.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cllr Todd to represent PC and also Friends of the Library at a meeting on 1 July between Oxfordshire's Director of Leisure & Culture and the Audit Commission.

Instructions to cemetery grass-cutting contractors are being reviewed to ensure that all the necessary work, including edges and verges, is written into the specification.

Cllr Spencer will take over as chairman of the PC's Environment & Recreation Working Group in July.

Overhanging greenery at the Hempton pinchpoint is a traffic hazard. Clerk to pursue.

PC has donated a redundant photocopier to the Wesleyan Church.

PC will replace two damaged swings in the children's play area. Safety audits have now been carried out on all play equipment. Report due in July.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

PC no objection (i) Market Place Cottage, Deddington (listed) - replace roof covering with new natural slate to match existing and install rooflight in rear slope. (ii) The Cottage, Goose Green, Deddington (listed) - alterations to front door. (iii) Co-op, Market Place, Deddington - single storey extension to food store; internal alterations to first floor staff room; single storey extension to 4 Market Place (Post Office); alterations/improvements to external yard/access. Applicants undertake to deliver/load/unload to front of store only, 7am-7pm. No deliveries during weddings or funerals.

PC expressed the hope that the Co-op application will be successful, because the parish will benefit. At the same time, it would be a sad day when the present Post Office premises, with their long history, finally closed.

CDC approvals (iv) The Granary, Duns Tew Road, Hempton - 2-storey side and rear extension and use of outbuildings as living accommodation. (v) Calder Cottage, Philcote Street (listed) - replace front windows. (vi) Three Horseshoes, Bull Ring - renewal of permission for 1 dwelling with parking, and garage for existing dwelling.

BRITISH LEGION CLUB

While the Trustees are considering the future of the Club, PC needs to ensure that there is an opportunity for Cllrs to put their views to the Licensing Authorities before any application for change of licence and/or holder is heard.

ALLOWANCES

After further advice from CDC, it is clear that Cllrs do need to have an Allowance that will enable them to claim legitimate expenses if they wish. Also, it seems that it is no longer correct to use the Chairman's Allowance for awarding Student Grants. Section 127 should be used. PC to obtain written confirmation on these points before making any change in procedures.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £5,840.74, including £1,250.68 imprest (wages etc), £1,962.26 T Fox (grass cutting). £1,172.06 DesignGro (grass cutting).

Investments totalled £540,679.16, of which £14,305.19 Barclays (£1,519.82 imprest + £12,785.37 current, both @ 0.1%); £1,000 Bradford and Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £526,373.97 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

Internet to be used by PC to get instant financial information, eg balances. This will not affect normal accounting procedures.

NEXT MEETING Wed 16 July, Town Hall 7.30pm.

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

I would like to begin this month by thanking Nicholson's Nurseries for donating a number of plants and herbs for our school "wildlife area". Miss Sampson is currently leading the development of this area in school and runs an after-school club with interested children. She has been particularly grateful for this generous donation.

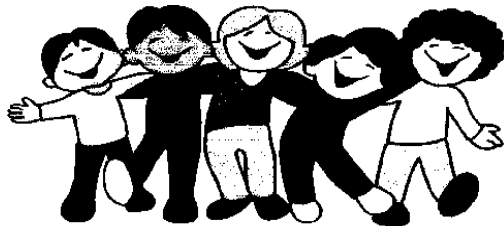
As usual at this time of year, everyone at school is working hard in preparation for end of term events such as the fête, Sports Day, end of year production and Leavers' Assembly.



Year Four children stayed at the Oxfordshire Field Study Centre at Hill End, near Oxford for three days and were joined by our Year Three children for one day to undertake such activities as pond-dipping and orienteering. Children in Key Stage One will be visiting the Horley Field Study Centre and the Warriner Farm before the end of term.

Our Year Sixes have been involved in a number of sporting and other events, organised to facilitate their smooth transfer to their Secondary schools in September. I am sure that they are all looking forward to this move with a mixture of excitement and apprehension, but hope they will have many fond memories of their last term at Primary School to look back on.

Lynne Stephens 338430



Summer Fun Activities
For Primary School Aged Children
Deddington Parish Church

Every Thursday during August, 10am start, ends 12.30pm

Children aged 5-11 years come along to
Craft workshops, cooking, chess, tennis and other games

Cost £1.50 per child per session

Book early for the following workshops at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Deddington. **Thursday 7th August**
Thursday 14th August
Thursday 21st August
Thursday 28th August

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

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

Calling all teenagers !.....Are you in search of some child care experience? Any teenagers who'd like to, please volunteer to help. Anyone ready to help, call Jane Green 337837

THE FUTURE for EARLY YEARS EDUCATION in DEDDINGTON, CLIFTON & HEMPTON

Are you interested in Early Years education in Deddington? Do you have, are you going to have, have you had children attending Deddington Pre-School and/or Deddington Primary School? Are you a member of the community who values the services and amenities our villages have to offer?

We are working on plans to improve the provision for 3-6 year-old children in the village and need your views and support.

If you share our interest, please set aside just one hour to attend our public meeting at Deddington Primary School on **Monday 7 July** at 7.30pm.

A crèche will be provided at school for the duration of the meeting - please book with the school office in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deddington Primary School & Deddington Pre-School

Deddington School PTA News

The Sponsored 'Home Helper' event successfully raised almost £500 for the School Council and School funds.

The School Summer Fête was a superb afternoon of fun, entertainment and lots of sunshine! Many thanks to everyone who supported this big event which made it so successful. Special thanks go to Rodney Hayward and all the classic and prestigious car owners who participated, the dancers from the Ulla Academy of Arts, the Beyblade organisers, all those who sponsored the fête, and to everyone who kindly volunteered their time to help. We look forward to announcing the money raised very shortly!

Forthcoming Events:

School Sports Day: Tuesday 8 July (sports, refreshments, bar and pig roast)

Bad Hair Day: Thursday 17 July

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

Kevin Mayo 337284

WILD WEST DANCE
Saturday 12th July, Windmill Centre, Deddington 7.30 - 12pm
Tickets £15 available from Deddington Pre-School. Included in admission are:-
Pig Roast Dinner
Fund Raising Auction
'Best West' Outfit Prize
Fancy dress optional (but more fun)
Dancing to the **BLUE MEANIES**

phone 01869 337303

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

Wed	2	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thurs	3	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
		6.30 pm	Eucharist	FEAST OF ST THOMAS
Sun	6	10.30 am	Morning Praise	6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Wed	9	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	13	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church	
Wed	16	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	20	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Mattins (BCP)
Tues	22	6.30 pm	Eucharist	FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE
Wed	23	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Fri	25	6.30 pm	Eucharist	FEAST OF ST JAMES
Sun	27	10.30 am	Eucharist and Children's Church	
Wed	30	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	3	10.30 am	All-Age Morning Praise	6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)
Wed	6	10.00 am	Eucharist	TRANSFIGURATION
Thurs	7	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
Sun	10	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Children's Church	
Wed	13	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Mattins (BCP)
Wed	20	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	24	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church	
Mon	25	6.30 pm	Eucharist	FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW
Wed	27	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	31	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist at Barford St Michael	



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*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)*

St John Hempton

Suns	6 & 20 July, 3 & 17 August	9.00 am Eucharist
Suns	27 July & 24 August	6.00 pm Evensong
<u>From the Parish Registers</u>	Wedding	20 June Ffiona Welford & Fraser Winton
	Funeral	13 June Marjorie Speed

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am
 Sunday evening service and fellowship 6.00 pm, & Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month
 Speakers: July 6 Pastor Isabel Walton 13 Richard Wilson 20 Mr & Mrs Eaton
 27 Brian Loader (of *RELEASE INTERNATIONAL*)
 August 3 Pastor Isabel Walton 10 Mrs Connie Falstead
 17 Harold Puttick 24 Ross Atkins 31 Michael Barlow

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am
 Preachers: July 6, 13 & 20 Pastor Isabel Walton 27 Mike Graverty
 August 3, 10 & 17 Pastor Isabel Walton 24 Faith Sharpe 31 Alec Roberts
 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.
 Friday 15 Aug is the Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation.
 The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, South Bar, Banbury is said at 4 p.m. on Saturdays to allow Catholics from the villages to attend by bus.

Charity of the Month - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the Parish

Church or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.

July: **HELP THE AGED** - to treat eye cataracts in Two-Thirds World countries

August: **MERCY SHIPS** - hospital ships offering free treatment in Two-Thirds World ports.

The Living Rooms Project

This is an exciting new idea which, it is hoped, will become a community project involving all who live in Clifton, Deddington, Hempton and the Barfords.

Promoted under the banner of your parish church, this is what we wish to achieve.

A scheme, passed at PCC, has been designed to convert an area in the NW corner of Deddington Church (the present choir vestry) into a glass-enclosed multipurpose room to meet increasing needs, e.g. a children's crèche, a church meeting room, a video cinema or a quiet prayer room. It is hoped this will become a true Living Room, peaceful but functional.

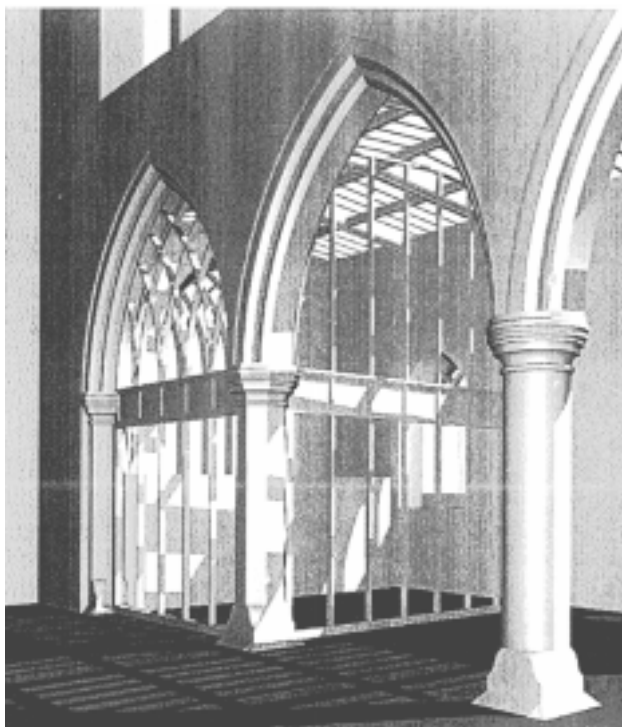
A natural progression is to look outward from the relative well-being of our own rooms to those less fortunate. There is a link between the churches in the Oxford diocese and churches in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, South Africa. Additional to raising the money to commission and furnish our own room within Deddington church, we propose to raise an equal sum towards a Living Room for a much needed Day centre in Mmabatha for young children infected and affected by HIV/AIDs, providing counselling, medical and other care. It is planned to raise £40,000 over 2003- 2005, to be split evenly between each project.

How ? Start date is Sunday 6 July. Come to the service to find out how ! Other events are being planned. Oxford Diocesan clergy cricket captain, White H, is already 'batting for gold' --- please sponsor him.

But we need your ideas, enthusiasm and willingness to help to generate the funds and the fun.

A brochure is available in the church outlining the project in greater detail with suggested fund-raising schemes. We hope a rolling programme will evolve with a flow of information on events and achievements. Watch this space.

John Sampson



Can You Help Rosy ?

ROSY - RESPITE NURSING FOR OXFORDSHIRE'S SICK YOUNGSTERS is an organisation that is raising money to boost the



extremely limited resources of Oxfordshire's Children's Respite Nursing Team, helping to increase the invaluable services they provide. The Respite Nurses are specialists in looking after acutely or chronically ill children and babies - in the patients' homes. At the moment they can only offer their young patients a maximum of three hours every week. This is an average of just 72 hours of respite, to be shared between all of the families in Oxfordshire, each month. <http://www.rosy.org.uk>

Our committee, meeting in Deddington once a month, needs a secretary prepared to give one or two hours a week, in return for out-of-pocket expenses. If you can help or would like more details, please contact me. In fact, any support is most welcome be it financial, professional or inspirational, even if you have just an hour to spare once in a while. An auction of pictures by local artists is planned for October.

Email <help@rosy.org.uk> *Mandy Harper* 337489

Record Collection



During May, members of Deddington Churches paid two visits to nearly every

home in the parish for Christian Aid Week. Thanks to all who gave so generously and all who collected the envelopes, the record sum of £1,605.84 (plus 1.5 euros and assorted foreign coins - no buttons) was given to support relief and development projects across the world. £81.60 (5.34%) more than last year. A further £191.16 will be added by Gordon Brown through Gift Aid tax refunds. Our thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Pat Brittain, Liz Handley

SOUNDS IN THE PARISH CHURCH

The secular entertainments in the Parish Church this year have been varied. Deddington Pre-School put on a Fashion Show. The Steeple Aston Choir gave a concert. As usual we have heard the Banbury Symphony Orchestra. From further afield we have listened to The Lyra Ensemble from St Petersburg and to the American Duo, Acoustic Eidolon. Vera Hassell (82) played piano, organ, zither, cowbells and accordion in a one-woman Musical Marathon lasting 12 hours (!) to raise funds for the Romanian Foyer Trust. Our own choir has given a concert and this year SS Peter and Paul hosted the RSCM joint choir event. The first Deddington Festival in June was based round two concerts in the Church – an evening of Baroque music by Choros and the Oxford Sinfonia and a performance of Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde. There are further concerts to look forward to.

The standard of performance is invariably high and gives genuine pleasure. We have a beautiful church with excellent acoustics that attracts performers. Do we realise how fortunate we are ?

Kirstin Thompson

FROM RAYMOND R. MORRIS, SECRETARY, DEDDINGTON BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The village may be aware that there are changes planned for the British Legion Club in the High Street. The "rumour factory" has been going full speed in the last two weeks, so I would be grateful if, through the Postbag, I could set a few things straight.

There are two parts to the British Legion in Deddington. The first is the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion of which I am Secretary. We are the part of the organisation responsible for fund raising and welfare work and, in particular, for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of local people, shops and churches, we subscribe over £2,500 annually to the National Fund. We operate from our premises in the High Street which are held in trust for us by four local trustees.

The second part is the Deddington Royal British Legion Club, which is an entirely separate organisation, notwithstanding the fact that it is sponsored by, and operates with the permission of, "the Branch". Its role is to provide a social environment for those with interest in the RBL. By running a bar, dances, social events etc., it generates income to cover the overheads of the building. Every member of the Club must be a member of the RBL, thus contributing £10 per annum per member to the National Fund. As a result, in this small area, we contribute a total of some £4,000 per annum.

After almost 80 years in existence the Club in its present form has ceased to be viable. The Management Committee of the Branch has therefore come to an agreement with a local company, with extensive experience in the business, to establish a new club on

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even if they are not for publication.

the premises with a much wider appeal. This will be called the Deddington Sports and Social Club. It will continue to have strong links with the RBL through the Deddington Branch, which itself will not change. The new Club will pay for the upkeep of the building and will pay rent to the Deddington Branch. This will be passed on to the National Fund, thus vastly increasing this area's overall contribution.

I would like to assure villagers that this will be a village club in every sense and that opening hours will be very much as at present. There is no wish or intention to establish any form of "Late Night Club" on the premises. Music or entertainment will be on an occasional basis, as at present. Membership of the the new Club will be, for the first year, £5 per annum per member and only members and guests will be able to use the Club.

I feel that the villagers need to have the true facts put before them and sincerely hope they will support this new venture.

E-MAIL FROM MATT SMITH, OXFORD

c.norton.youth@lineone.net

It was sad to hear that the 'Top Shop' had closed its doors in April. Maureen's Conny's and Sandie's article reminded me that I owe them a thank you. A couple of summers ago, when I was living in Deddington, I made a trip to Romania to work as a volunteer at an orphanage in Transylvania. The trip was self-funded and I was a student at the time so I decided to ask local businesses for some financial help. The Windmill Stores and Hayward & White both helped me by contributing to the cost of the trip. So a belated thanks to them both.

FROM ANGELA MACKENZIE, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and letters of sympathy on the death of my mother, Marjorie Speed. They were greatly appreciated. She was four days short of her 97th birthday.

FROM DR HUGH O'DONNELL, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON

May I through your pages express my gratitude for the lovely occasion marking my retirement from the Health Centre on 21 June ?

I was deeply moved to see so many faces, of all ages, each a reminder of stories and events that I had been able to share down these many years.

The generosity of the gifts and cheque were deeply felt and appreciated. It has now been revealed that there were many many people involved - thank you all so much - I, for a change, had been kept strictly in the dark !

Lastly may I thank those - so many - who have wished my wife Viv well after her serious neurosurgery. The raft of prayers and good thoughts was breathtaking; neither of us nor our children will ever forget.

Once again our heartfelt thanks, and with love and best wishes to all for the future.

Ride or Stride

Sat 13th Sept 2003



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 - 20 Gaveston Gardens - 337530

County Organiser: Richard Lethbridge (01993)824196 Registered Charity 235644
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Doctor Hugh (not to be confused with Doctor Who)

*Dear Doctor Hugh,
What will we do
Without you?
You've examined our private parts,
You've listened to our hearts with your stethoscope,
You've looked at our bits and pieces through a
microscope,
One patient tells me you once even used a periscope
To obtain a better view.
O, Doctor Hugh,
What will we do without you?*

*Dear Doctor Hugh,
A wee leprechaun told me a rumour that you, in a
while,*

*Might return again to Erin's Isle.
I hope it's not true.
Your Irish wit has made us merry
From Kerry up to Londonderry,
And if you don't return on the very next ferry
We'll sue - that's what we'll do,
Doctor Hugh.*

*Dear Doctor Hugh,
I'm John Cheney,
I live on Gin and Dry Martini.
I go to West Bar Surgery myself, I do.
That means I can never enter
The sacred precincts of Deddington Health Centre,
Or even maybe venture
To get your point of view
On whether to me you could deliver
A replacement liver.
O, Doctor Hugh What will I do without you?*



*I've got a memory like a sieve
But I'll never forget when I saw Viv
With Hugh last Tuesday.
That, to crib a rhyme, was my good news day.
It was suddenly Deddington's skies of blue day!
Good to see you out, Viv, and just like Hugh
We all love you too.
So get that paintbox operating
And great new masterpieces creating.*

*Viv and Hugh Yes,
we all love you.
We're here to wish you a good long life to live.
Good health to Hugh, and improved health to Viv.
This awful verse
Can get no worse
So I will close
And henceforth stick to prose.*

John Cheney

HUNTLEYS ON THE MOVE : Huntley's Art Shop will be closing on 5 July, which is why the shop which used to be such a pleasure to visit is now almost empty, the few remaining items sprinkled with 'Sale' stickers. John and Thelma Huntley have relocated their business to their original workshop at Far Lawn, their home in Duns Tew and will be picture-framing only. After 25

... GIVING PLACE TO NEW

The recent closing of the Windmill Stores and the forthcoming closing of the Huntleys' Art Shop remind us that change is frequent and inevitable, and that even familiar shops close down or change what they sell. This has always been the case but the rate of change seems to have accelerated during the last ten years. This is not confined to us, all over the country butchers, bakers and grocers have given way to boutiques, beauticians and antique shops, quite apart from the secular trend (more marked in this country than in many other European countries) for specialist food shops to be supplanted by supermarkets. Compared with other communities of comparable size we are fortunate that we still have retailers supplying basic necessities. One interesting feature of this small town or ex-village is how most of the thriving businesses seem to be ever more centred in or near the Market Square.

Dr Turner's surgery in Chapman's Lane has long gone, as, more recently, has that at Osborne House which eventually gave birth to the present Health Centre. Few can now remember the bakery in New Street at the corner of The Stile. Other changes in the High Street and New Street area have seen the disappearance of both garages and petrol stations, both to be replaced in turn by the same dental surgery. The recent opening of a new estate agents firm, Bentleys, is unusual in that the business has been set up in what was a private house. What was the Deddington High Street Garage and sports clothes business has had a chequered history: the owners retained part of the property as a specialised and high-grade cycle shop, while the other half became a dental surgery some eight years ago. That enterprise moved across the road to the former Archway Garage, so that half of the old shop now houses a new women's fashion business under the name of Wish. Near the other end of Hudson Street a new trade entered Deddington in 1998 when Otmoor's fishing tackle and gun shop took over a former chiropractor's studio. South of Hudson Street, New Street had a hotel, which was briefly in 1999 an antiques showroom, Russell House, now a private residence, and still has the May Fu II Chinese Restaurant. Its Take-Away service may make it a food retailer, a description which could not have applied to its predecessor, the short-lived Mexican restaurant, but certainly applied to the Sanders family's ice cream parlour which was there in the 1970s.

The Market Place area will be looked at in the next instalment.

F.S.

years in the shop, during which it became well-loved and indispensable in Deddington and all round the county, they now style themselves 'semi-retired', so they will be open only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Their telephone number will be 347900.

It is the intention of John and Thelma to lease out the existing premises, but they do not know yet who will take over. They thank everyone for past business and will be looking forward to seeing customers old and new in Duns Tew.

M.N.

Shepherd's Purse

In general, weeds are plants that seek adversity. Spartans at heart, hardship is their habit. Some accept comfortable accommodation when it is offered, but, on most occasions, weeds don't need mulch, bug spray or a cocktail of nutrients. Shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*), a plant of the mustard family, is one of the many weeds I like.

The 'purse' is the seed capsule: like so many plant names, and the names of stars, 21st-century life offers no evidence of their aptness. *Capsella* grows at the base of a wall in our driveway, in cracks of the kerbing by the road, less often in the garden; in Deddington, it is a commonplace of urban botany.

Capsella's prosperity - and it is widespread and numerous - depends on growing where others will not, setting fruit quickly, producing abundant seed, and having more than one generation in a season. The plant has an elegant simplicity of form; like early Bauhaus, it is architecture without ornamentation. It stands erect (15-51 cm) with a simple or branching stem arising from a basal rosette, and has small white flowers.



The rosette is crucial to the plant's reproductive strategy. While the wintering oak (*Quercus robur*) drops - but reluctantly - its leaves, shepherd's purse retains its basal leaves, stealing a run on spring, sending up a flowering stem as early as February, long before the oak, mighty though he may be.

The flowers of mustard family plants (*Brassicaceae*) have tell-tale flowers: four petals, four sepals; petals opposite, forming a cross of equal sides - hence the earlier Latin family name, *Cruciferae*. Each flower has six separate stamens, four long and two short. The herbage of most members of the family has a very pungent or peppery taste.

The chemical common to many of its species - sulforaphane - inhibits prostate cancer. And for this, and their nutrition in general, cruciferous vegetables - broccoli, cabbage, kale and cauliflower - are best eaten raw or lightly cooked.

Some mustards are commonly grown in English gardens, not for their food value, but for their beauty: for example, aubretia (*Aubrieta deltoidea*), alyssum (*Alyssum saxatile*), and honesty (*Lunaria annua*). Even so, a taste for adventure cannot be suppressed: honesty escapes, and when it does, it grows on tips, roadsides, and waste ground.

As a rule, mustards have plain flowers, mostly white: garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), wavy bitter-cress (*Cardamine flexuosa*), water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*), all are white. Oil-seed rape (*Brassica napus* ssp. *oleifera*) and winter-cress (*Barbarea vulgaris*) are yellow. The two wild mustard family species most valued for their appearance are cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*) with flowers white to pale pink, and dame's violet (*Hesperis matronalis*), white to violet.

Whether a plant is considered a weed depends on the context in which it finds itself. A weed is a plant growing where it is not wanted. Vigour and tenacity,

ON THE FARM

With the summer solstice long gone it is now downhill all the way to December. Between now and then we have the hay to make, the harvest to cut and next year's crops to plant. For many the lazy hazy days of summer mean summer holidays and long evenings spent in the garden or with friends around the barbecue but down on the farm it is a very different story. The mad race is on to get the crops into the barn before a few days of wet weather reduce the bread making wheat to animal feed. With farming economics as they are the labour force has been cut to the bone so it's all hands to the pump and no stopping for anybody.

The bee expansion programme has gone according to plan despite my Greek queens arriving 3 weeks late (something to do with EEC regulations) but then again it is the bride's prerogative to be late for her wedding. I have 'taken' a number of swarms in recent weeks, all of which will be given new queens in September and should be in good form for next spring. The spring sown oil seed rape has come on very well and should produce some very nice honey to blend with the honey from the new flower strips. The ewes are just as pleased as I am that they are out of the wood. We have had a number of them 'cast' (on their backs unable to get up) a position from which they can quickly achieve one of their greatest ambitions in life, that is to die. The hay-making will soon start with the lambing paddocks around the buildings, which were shut up on May Day, so we shall need some hot dry days to get it done. The environmentally sensitive river meadows cannot be cut until after 15 July, to allow the flowers to set seed and any ground nesting birds to fledge. Again this year we have 2 pairs of Curlew nesting in this part of the valley but the Swans and Moorhens have again lost their broods to mink. The other bird life on the farm seems to be going on well. This year I have already seen young Tawny and Little Owls on the wing and an adult pair of Barn owls hunting the grass meadows but no young as yet. Sadly only 5 pairs of Swallows have returned to nest this year but at least they are here and we may get more next year.



June has been rather a sad month at Home Farm with the passing of Kym at the grand old age of 19, or 133 in dog years. He came here at the age of 6 weeks and has been my constant companion ever since. Although retired for some years from active sheep work, he always wanted to come and supervise the younger dogs. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. RIP old friend.

George Fenimore 338203

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qualities which weeds commonly have, are admired, but not when they are opposed to our interests. Shepherd's purse redeems itself entirely by being so easily pulled out!

Walter L. Meagher

News from Hempton

The wine tasting evening was cancelled due to lack of support. Several people said they could not attend due to a variety of reasons: only 17 tickets were sold compared to 50 twice and 36 once on previous occasions - it was disappointing for the committee, sponsor and S H Jones who were presenting the evening.

A quiz night also had to be cancelled due to lack of support, so do the people of Hempton want these sort of events? If anyone has any suggestions for events, please let me know and then I can pass them on to the committee.

The Hempton Ladies Club held a Mad-hatters Tea Party in June and had an enjoyable afternoon with a prize going to the best hat.

Two very nice gardens were open on Sunday 22 June in aid of Katharine House Hospice, both on St John's Way: one a very large open garden at the home of David and Vera Ashdown and the other smaller and serving teas, the home of Les and Sue Lane. A good number of visitors came and the weather stayed fine for most of the afternoon.

If anyone has any news for the September issue, please let me know by early August. *Les Chappell* 338054

The churches in Hempton, Deddington and the Barfords will again be welcoming striders and riders on **Saturday 13 September**. Lists of participating churches and sponsorship forms are available from Dorothy White, 20 Gaveston Gardens - 337530

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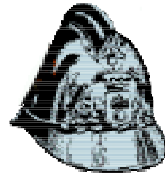
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News from Deddington Fire Station

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A Banbury couple were sleeping in their Motorhome near Caulcott, when it caught fire at 3am. Fortunately their smoke detectors raised the alarm and woke them up, without wasting any time they exited via the escape window in the bedroom. Once outside they realised the rest of the Motorhome was completely engulfed in fire. Had the occupiers not had smoke detectors, this incident could easily have claimed lives.

Are your smoke detectors working?

Anne Waters, Deddington Fire Station - 338281.
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Over the weekend of the 21/22 June 2003, a headstone at the



Hempton Road crematory was damaged. This has caused great distress to the family. Anyone with any information about this incident, can contact Deddington Police Office, or if you wish to remain anonymous you can ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Bob Donohue is back at work, part-time, not allowed on the streets, nor allowed to wear his uniform. He has taken the role as Office Manager at Deddington. With the help of three volunteers the office is now open as follows: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday 9am-12noon; Wednesday 8am-5pm; Thursday 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-1pm; Saturday 9am-12 noon. Sundays and Bank Holidays - closed. This can change without notice depending on staff levels and other commitments which cannot be planned for. *PC Clive Middleton* 338444

**Deddington Parish Council
Tertiary Education 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 Graham Pitts, Clerk to the Council in the Windmill Centre office on Mondays and Wednesdays - 9.0am-2.45pm - 337447.



Grants will be awarded at the Parish Council meeting on 17 September and applicants will be invited to attend.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

The mid-summer flowers are well away and the English garden is at its best. We have been lucky with just the right amount of moisture and warmth to get everything growing nicely.

The Geraniums are out and a word here about that splendid plant. Like all garden specimens it has had its ups and downs in fashion. When I started gardening the most used variety was called Paul Crampel, a bright scarlet, so bright, it made one blink. I used to buy them at 12 shilling per dozen. The advantage of Geraniums is that they are tough, they don't mind a few dry days, they flower for months and you can save them for the following year. And since those early days the growers have come up with some delightful colours ranging from white to all shades of pink. There is even an almost black one. My favourites are the trailing Ivy-leaf ones, they are really super. This variety has meant that gardeners are turning away from the bright scarlets and planting more subtle colours which will mix well with trailing plants in blues and white. Apart from these there are all the perennial Geraniums, (cranesbill). I really love those, and although they do not flower quite so determinedly as the others, they have a good season. I have purple, pink, whitish and pure white, all doing well and providing great splashes of colour. They are vigorous growers and we divide the clumps most years. With those and indeed all flowers the password is Dead-Heading. It does not take long and makes such



Balmy summer days and long, warm evenings speak of crisp salads and soft fruit with cream. To the cynic they may instead speak of wet weekends and hot working weeks. But to the gardener they suggest the proud result of all that winter work digging the ground, spring sowings and a constant battle with weeds, insects and larger four-legged intruders. It all becomes well worthwhile as the table is loaded with tasty new potatoes, red radishes, young carrots, lettuces and fresh green beans. Hopefully, too, it is a time for the gardener occasionally to put his feet up and reflect on the goodness and nutrition which can come fresh from the soil, and at minimal cost. It can seem very satisfying, but can also be most frustrating if one crop fails and another matures just as you have gone away for summer holidays. It is the same, of course for the flower gardener, but in Deddington's Satin Lane allotments most of the work is directed towards the kitchen. For those of us who do not have the energy, or perhaps the inclination, to run a kitchen garden or even a vegetable plot, there are always the excellent 'pick-your-own' farms, but somehow I wonder if they give quite the same satisfaction as comes from picking and eating your own home-grown produce? *Hugh Marshall*

a difference. Apart from all this - the lawn, the edges, the weeding, you know the sort of thing. To kind enquiries about this year's monster thistle, I can reply that it is now about 6 ft high and the purple flower heads are beginning to show. It's a real beauty.

Marianne Elsley

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 Standing in for Sylvie Spenceley, several of us are keeping an eye on Daeda's Wood this summer. The trees flourish, especially the stands of willow. The wild flower meadow has been full of colour, ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*), pink and white champions (*Silenes*) and now the vetches (*Vicias*), clovers (*Trifolium*), blue meadow cranesbill (*Geranium pratense*), ox-eye daisies (*Leucanthemum vulgare*) and meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*). The small field pansy (*Viola arvensis*) is well-established in several new areas. Unfortunately, so is the creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) which seems bent on world domination. John Brown, of the Woodland Trust, is relying on increased tree cover eventually to curb its spread, in keeping with the Trust's natural development policy. At least the thistles attract a variety of insect life, as much a part of the Wood as its trees and flowers.

Nancy White and Sue Goddard report a good flight of damselflies, both male and female. This year, for the first time, we are listing the butterflies. Three observations on warm sunny afternoons in May and June yielded: common white, orange tip, meadow brown, small blue (male) skippers (various!) tortoiseshell.

In every woodland area there are intriguing mysteries. What is forcing well-defined tracks through the dense barriers of goosegrass and nettle? Is it the work of muntjak, badgers, foxes or the just the domestic dog?

Kristin Thompson

Deddington Cricket Club

Cricket is the ultimate summer enjoyment, or so we maintain as members of Deddington Cricket Club. We play league cricket on Saturdays and friendly/league matches on Sundays, and on 5 & 6 July will be in Somerset for the week-end where the social occasion matches the sound of willow on leather. It is our determination to keep this most English of sports alive in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton and if you, like us, want to enjoy all that cricket means then why not become a member. Just telephone so we may meet and arrange to add your name to our membership - you will be very welcome.

Terry Clinch 338711

Deddington Art Group

The Art Group is thriving with new members, occasional visitors, plus all the old guard. Artists all need pictures framed, paper and boards, but retirement beckons two of our support team: John and Thelma Huntley are closing their shop after 25 years. Through the computer and digital camera art and photography are very close these days: is anyone interested in a friendly club get together?

Ken Dodgson Wilkinson 337256

1st Deddington Guides

Food still features at the top of our favourite activities list - especially when cooked over an open fire! Our patrol joined sixty other guides from the Banbury area for a fun cook day. Thanks to Brian and Annette Bond who allowed us to use their garden for an outdoor

"Ready, Steady, Cook". Rose and Kate planned a menu and it was a great success. In between eating we've learnt about putting up tents and more about make-up and skin care. There are more exciting activities coming up. All girls 10 plus are welcome to join in the fun.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our club nights are each Wednesday commencing at 6.00 pm, so if you would like to give bowls a try, come along. If you would like to see what happens during a game, our next three home matches are on July 8 (6.30 pm), 13 (3.00 pm) and 15 (6.15 pm). We look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

In June the playbus visited the Group and we enjoyed our summer outing to Hatton Country World. We had fun seeing the animals, bouncing on the bouncy castle, and riding on a tractor around the farm. We continue to meet throughout the summer holidays, and older siblings are welcome to come along with their younger brothers and sisters. Our summer events include a visit from a photographer, who will take informal pictures of the children, on 25 July. Our ever-popular teddy bears picnic is on 15 August. We meet every Friday - 9.30-11.30am at the Windmill - why not join us?

Lucy Squires 338442

Monday Morning Club

Join us on **Sunday 3 August** for a quality meeting at NEWBURY RACE COURSE. Our coach will leave Deddington Market Place at 11.30am returning after the last race at approximately 5.15pm.

We will be in the excellent new grandstand with all its amenities; one who knows says that this meeting is a particularly high quality event. The total cost will be £22.50 and a £5.00 deposit is required per person to book your places. Upon our return to The Market Place at around 6.30pm you are invited for a quality meal at The Holcombe Hotel 'Peppers' Italian Restaurant.

The Hotel, recently acquired by Nigel & Sue Oddy, is making a special offer to us of 2 courses with a choice of three starters & three main courses for £10.50 only, for the very hungry any sweet is an additional £3.95. The Heyfordian Coach is a 40-seater so please book your places as quickly as possible by telephoning Terry Clinch on 338711, or drop your booking and deposit to The Manse, Bullring Deddington. Cheques should be made payable to *The Monday Morning Club*.

A small group went to see *The Tamer Tamed* at Stratford: the highlight of the evening was a spirited dance by the rebellious women.

We will contact, nearer the time, those going to see *Richard III* on 4 August, and all places are taken for *Cymbeline* on 3 September. We have a number of undertakings for the future: a bus for those who wish to hear *Messiah* in St Mary's, Banbury on 4 October and opera in Oxford in early December. The tickets are booked for *Beauty and the Beast* at Stratford on 7 Janu-

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ary 2004. This evening performance is a group booking, so members may reserve a seat for a grandchild or younger friend. First come, first served, so don't leave it too long or you may be disappointed. Coffee mornings, 7 July & 4 August. *Jean Flux*

Deddington Players

At our recent AGM we agreed to put on a pantomime in January 2004: Ron Sawbridge is already hard at work on the script. If you think you can do better than those already on stage (oh yes you can!), consider coming to our informal auditions in the autumn - we are always looking for new talent! We are planning a show and supper in October and we are hosting the Oxford Touring Theatre Company on 19 December and a puppet show during February half-term. For more details watch these pages, and why not think about getting involved this year? *Lucy Squires* 338442

Deddington Town Football Club

Although it is quiet on the playing side, things have happened off the field. At the recent AGM it was decided, once again, to have two teams. The 1st team continues to be managed by Jason Timms, and will probably be in Division 1. I will manage the Reserve side and the team will be in Division 2 this season. Training commences on Wednesday 16 July, 6.30pm at the Windmill Centre. All players - new and old - are welcome.

The 75 club winners, all winning £50, are B.Humphries, G.Middleton, K.Anderson, Mr M.Simons and J.Hirons. *Steve Plumbe* 01295 278258

Deddington Badminton Club

Following our recent AGM Clive Sanders, the founding chairman 18 years ago, is elevated to Honorary President, and Mark Tyler takes up his baton. On behalf of all past and present members we thank Clive for his fantastic effort and service. We are certain that without Clive's enthusiasm and dedication the club would not have continued. In recent seasons the club has gone from strength to strength and we have two men's teams: the A team is in Banbury Town's division 1. There are two mixed teams and, with our increased membership, we fielded a ladies team last season. Our club night is Tuesday from 7pm and our season starts again on Tuesday 9 September. We always welcome new members, young and old, and we offer junior coaching (14 and under) from 6-7pm on Tuesdays, starting 9 September. I would like to offer my on personal thanks to Clive and hope I can continue his great work.

Mark Tyler 338056

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade / 1st Deddington Girls' Brigade

During June the BB Anchor Boys welcomed Edward Woolley and Ryan Morrison as new members. On the 25 June the Boys' and Girls' Brigade companies held their first annual display evening at the Windmill Centre. Around 50 young people were involved in a variety of activities designed to give their parents some insight into the work of the BB/GB in Deddington. The evening included the presentation of awards. The current ses-

sion for the BB/GB will end on 16 July with a family BBQ, which will be held at the Windmill Centre from 5.15 pm. Finally the BB Anchors would like to wish our helper, Mrs Jane Green, best wishes for a speedy recovery. Please remember that the BB/GB is open to all young people aged from 5 years. For more information please contact - *Nick Westbury* 337059

Youth Club

Tracy, our new leader, is settling in and, in spite of a few hiccups, the club is progressing well. Cherwell District Council offered us two members of their sports team every fortnight. Their first visit was on Monday, 23 June and they commented on the helpfulness of our young people. Tracy and Cherwell will be running two sessions in the holidays on 28 July and 11 August, 7-9 pm. We hope to hold some sports matches against other clubs, some dance exercise sessions and, hopefully, some outings. We still need occasional helpers, and more CDs (thank you, Angela Waller for yours)

Gay Brewer 338097

Deddington & District History Society

Our unusually busy summer programme is in full swing. On 31 May we spent a gloriously hot summer's day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, and on the evening of 11 June we were immensely grateful for the hospitality of Mr & Mrs Pleydell-Bouverie at Castle House, where we held our annual summer social. On 18 June members of the Charlbury Society visited us. They were given a guided tour of the village before enjoying refreshments at Sue and Clive Shattock's. We pay a return visit on the evening of Wednesday 9 July, when we shall be shown around Charlbury. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Moira Byast on 338673. You should also let Moira know if you want to take part in her guided walk around the Burford area on Saturday 19 July. After all that activity we return to our more sedentary programme of lectures at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 10 September at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. *Chris Day* 337204

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COUPLE'S MARKET STALL RAISES £1,000 FOR CHARITY

Carl and Ann Gross have been regularly attending Deddington Farmers' and Community Market since it started in the Autumn of 2001. Known as the "Green Grossers" they have been selling their customers a wide variety of produce grown on their Middle Barton allotment. Their produce includes sea kale or Swiss chard, pumpkins, squash and varieties of beans. Their takings at the April market took them through the £1,000 mark for the charities they have been supporting. Charities to benefit are CAFOD (the Roman Catholic development agency), Food for the Poor (of Latin America) and Maryknoll.

Carl and Ann are now concentrating on their allotment ready for the July market when they should return with onions, dwarf and runner beans, courgettes, Swiss chard and strawberries. They have been cultivating their allotment, which is nearly an acre in size, for 25 years. Their vegetables and fruit thrive on farmyard manure. Recently Carl was asked to pay for a cartload by putting its cost into future market takings. Avoiding pesticides whenever possible, Carl keeps his swedes clear of flea beetle with soot from a local chimney sweep. Carl says: "We were giving the sweetcorn, beans and tomatoes we produced to friends but when Deddington Farmers' Market began we suddenly realised we could have community stall and help people somewhere else in the world."



Pamela Ward 336269

DEDDINGTON FAIR TRADERS

Following its formation in September 2002, the small group of local people who are dedicated to supporting producers in developing countries, have become part of the village scene. Selling goods from Traidcraft, all of which have been sourced from producers who are assured a fair price for their goods, there has been a Fair Trade stall in the Church each Farmers' Market day.

As the group is neither deemed a "Community Group" under Farmers' Market regulations, nor by definition selling goods that have been produced locally, it is not permitted to set up a stall on the market square. But shoppers coming into the Church for coffee or to visit other stalls have been agreeably surprised to find excellent foods, confectionery, and stationery at competitive prices.



During its first nine months the Fair Traders have turned over more than £2,600. The stall will be in the Church during both the July and August markets and possibly on some Sunday mornings after the main service, when we look forward to meeting new customers as well as our 'regulars'.

In September there will be special opportunities to see the Traidcraft Christmas catalogue and to buy or order from the extensive range of Christmas cards and gifts. More details in the next DN. Remember that every purchase is helping producers in developing countries to earn a fair wage and not be ground down by the massive power of the West's commodity dealers.

Traidcraft is a plc, which recently raised £3.25 million in a new share issue, without promising to pay shareholders any dividends. It carries out a Social Audit of its impact on producers, staff, the environment and the wider public, and has given advice to blue-chip companies on how to do so.

Hugh Marshall

Deddington Festival Market tea stall





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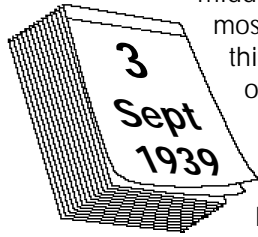
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LIVING HISTORY

It would need a huge amount of research to mention names of 'Village Bobbies' who policed Deddington over the years. Maybe the following remembrance by **Ron Canning** will encourage more parishioners to dwell for a moment on their own recollections of encounters with the Law!

It was Sunday 3 September 1939. The vicar of Deddington, the Revd Dr Maurice Frost had come to the end of his sermon preached from the pulpit. The choir boys in the stalls, by now a bit fidgety, suddenly heard the heavy oak door, leading to the South porch, creak and slowly open. That event alone, happening in the middle of a service would enthral the most pious of choristers. But greater things were to happen. There, in the open door, stood Police Constable Reg Butler with his helmet tucked reverently under one arm. Hardly daring to breathe the boys watched him slow march along the centre aisle towards the chancel. He seemed to will his big boots to tread as noiselessly as possible, not wishing to disturb the sanctity of the church.



On the steps to the chancel priest and policeman met and exchanged a few whispered words. A deadly hush hung over the congregation while the policeman almost tiptoed back down the aisle to the door which he closed with the greatest of care. Congregation and choir now turned their full attention to their vicar who stood head bowed for a moment, then stepped to the centre of the nave to inform his parishioners that "Great Britain is at war."

Ron hardly remembers singing the closing hymn, but to this day he remembers clearly the moment in church when war was declared, and he still sees his elders who at close of service stood together in little groups fearfully speculating on a future that would change most of their lives.

Ruth Johnson

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1853:

5th June - I went to Clifton in the evening and officiated in the Barn for the last time previous to the consecration of the new Church or Chapel.

13th June - A poor one legged man named Neale, a barber, who had come to reside here about a month, cut his throat effectually and died therefrom.

14th June - An inquest was held on the poor cut throat, when a verdict of "Felo de se" was returned. He was buried tonight at 10 o'clock at the bottom of the Churchyard nearly - as the law directs, without the funeral service being read over his remains.

15th June - Wombwell's menagerie tarried here for a day - Mrs. Barrs and her children and Willy went to see the wild beasts.

17th June - I received a written memorial of thanks from the bulk of the inhabitants of Clifton for having built them a Church.

23rd June - Jones from Fritwell came and I paid him his son's malt bill - I gave him leave to have 2,000 draining tiles at my expense from my brick kiln here.

Buffy Heywood

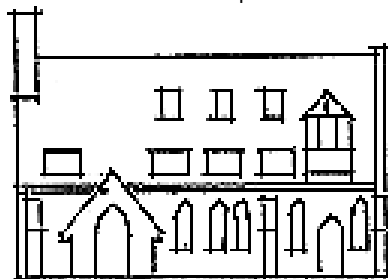
[Apologies for omitting this last month. Ed]

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

'Clifton past and present' is a pamphlet researched and written by the late Laura E. Gardner. By a circuitous route I have spoken to her daughter Laurie Barton who was delighted to give permission for it to be used and was quite sure her mother would have

approved. So I will on occasion quote from these pages.

Of course Mrs Gardner, as a Clifton resident, had a different slant on the events as noted



by the Rev. Cotton Risley and quoted in the last two issues of the Deddington News. She described how St James Day, 25 July, was always a great celebration for everyone in the village, with a Church service and the choir singing (on at least two occasions) the Hallelujah Chorus, and there was always a band in attendance. Each year there was a choir outing for the choir boys. "On St James Day in 1897 at a public tea a handsome gift of a tea service for 60 persons was presented to the village by Mrs Hall (of Boulderdyke) and Mrs. Gibbons The tea service though much depleted is still used for Jumble Sales, Whist Drives etc. Jumble Sales have been held in the village to obtain money for tuning and cleaning the organ (at a cost of £8); new cassocks (through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Woolgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Hone); and oil lamps to replace the candles in Church. The lamps cost £11 and were introduced into the Church in 1902."

Carol Drawmer



**Computing
in Deddington Library**

Sessions will be continue as normal throughout July, but during August and September there will only be sessions on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

We are reviewing the present scheme and would welcome feedback from those who have attended sessions and from anyone with ideas about what else we could provide.

A new programme will start in October. In the meantime, the Saturday sessions on 5 & 12 July are not busy. Ted and Neil are prepared to tackle anything – and to troubleshoot particular problems.

Please contact our librarian Rosemary - 338391 when the library is open [see back cover] - to let her know whatever the aspect of computing may be with which you are like some help.

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Recent Library Improvements

During the recent week's closure of our village library Rosemary Arnold has been busy rearranging the Children's Section. Prompted by the provision of a new shelf unit funded by the Friends of Deddington Library and the arrival of a lot of new books for younger readers, including the new Harry Potter (*HP and the Order of the Phoenix*), the area is now more user friendly. Mums and dads should no longer have to reach up for books on higher shelves that their children cannot reach.

Older library users are not forgotten because a small stock of DVDs for adults are now available for rental.

Geoff Todd Friends of Deddington Library



25 years of the DN up to the end of 2001 are now on CD. Three sets have been delivered and 2 sets will shortly be available for viewing at

the Library. The 25 years of DN are also available on the website. Arrangements are being made to scan in the 2002 issues. Work will soon begin on scanning the DN inserts and whilst a number have been recovered, parishioners are asked to lend us any vintage copies that they have. They are more valuable if they can be dated. We have a continuing good relationship with the Parish Council and the website is up to date with the Parish minutes.

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**HOPCROFT'S HOLT
Service Station**

Plans for Redevelopment

Our shop and forecourt will be closed from Monday 14 to Friday 18 July whilst major refurbishing work is carried out. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, however we look forward to welcoming you into our new surroundings.

The shop will be refitted under the KeyStore branding and will bring with it improved services and stock, which we hope will include an Off-Licence in order for us to sell beers, wines and spirits.

The plan for redevelopment also involves replacement petrol pumps, improving flow-through as diesel will be dispensed at both ends of the forecourt as well as unleaded. We hope to announce in the near future a change of Petrol Company, which will allow us to be more competitive on price.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom over the last 32 years and look forward to your continued support. We would also welcome any suggestions which will help us to further improve our services.

AUGUST DIARY

Sun	3	Monday Morning Club: Outing to Newbury Races, Coach leaves Market Place, 11.30 am → p.11
Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon. → p.11
Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: car for <i>Richard III</i> in Stratford leaves village at 6 pm. → p.11
Wed	6	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Mon	11	Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. → p.12
Tue	12	WI: Outing to Black Country Museum, Dudley.
Wed	13	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Fri	15	Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Teddy Bears' picnic. → p.11
Wed	20	Parish Council: possible meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm → p.2
Sat	23	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am~12.30 pm. → p.13
Tues	26	COPY DATE FOR SEPTEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed	27	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Sat	30	Memorial Service for Bill Dickinson: Parish Church, 12 noon. → p.1

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon → p.11
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Wed	3	Monday Morning Club: <i>Cymbeline</i> , bus leaves Market Place at 6.00pm → p.11
Tue	9	WI: Bridget O'Connor 'My Journey in Patchwork', Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Tue	9	Deddington Badminton Club: start of new season, Windmill Centre, from 7 pm. → p.12
Tue	9	Deddington Badminton Club: Junior coaching 6-7 pm → p.12
Wed	10	Deddington History Society: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.12
Wed	10	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Sat	13	Ride or Stride around Oxfordshire Churches: 10 am ~ 6 pm → p.6 & 9
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm. → p.2
Sun	21	Happy Circus comes to Deddington !
Tues	23	Parent/Teachers' Association: AGM, Deddington School, 8 pm → p.3
Tues	26	COPY DATE FOR OCTOBER DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed	24	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Sat	27	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am~12.30 pm. → p.13

Weekly Meetings

Mondays:	Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
Tuesdays:	Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. → p.11
Wednesdays:	Anchor Boys: Deddington School, 3.15 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	Boys Brigade: Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	1st Deddington Girls' Brigade Explorers: Parish Church, 3.30 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: 6 pm → p.11
Thursdays:	Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4 pm.
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm.
Fridays:	Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12.
Fridays:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30 -11.30 am. → p.11
Fridays:	Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
Fridays:	British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right", 8 pm. → p.6

Reminder: If you are planning a village event, consult Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153], 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.