

Referendums [BBC-endorsed plural !] are in the news. How about one on the Market Place car-parking issue? When the Co-op revamp is complete, 12 sub-contractors' white vans will be gone, but the hardening sclerosis will continue, deterring visitors and shoppers. A village butcher will be an asset to residents, as well as bringing with him loyal customers. Commuters, those who come to work in Deddington, or use it to park&ride, take up day-long space. Careless drivers then erode the greens. Long-stay

provision within easy walking distance could be a better long-term investment than money in the bank. If our 'premier' thinks this is not a problem, "Let the people decide!" *CH*



- Not enough Advert Quiz entries were received.
- If you intended to enter, and have lost the orange
- form, there are fresh copies in the Library. NEW
- CLOSING DATE - 18 MAY.

May Diary *Diary for June on page 14*

Sun	2	Tennis Club Open Day, Windmill Courts, 2.00 ~ 5.00 pm
Mon	3	Family Fun Day, Windmill Centre, 11.00 ~ 3.30 pm ➡ p.5
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Wed	5	Annual Parish Meeting: <i>A Village Plan?</i> Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm ➡ p.2
Fri	7	Monday Morning Club: bus for Malvern Show leaves Market Place at 9.30 am ➡ p.10
Sat	8	Friends of Hempton Church: Cake stall, Town Hall, 9.00 am ➡ p.11
Sat	8	Deddington Pre-School: Fashion Show, Parish Church, 6.00 pm ➡ p.3
Mon	10	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon ➡ p.10
Tue	11	WI: Resolutions meeting, followed by quiz, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm ➡ p.9
Wed	12	Deddington History Society: Brian Little, <i>Banbury Museum & Tooley's Boatyard</i> , Windmill, 7.30 pm
Thu	13	Deddington Players: Annual General Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm ➡ p.10
Fri	14	Village Store and Post Office re-open in renewed premises
Sat	15	Bowls Club: Cake and Plant Stall, under the Town Hall, 9 am ➡ p.10
Sat	15	Deddington History Society: Visit to Stoke Bruerne Museum of Canal Life ➡ p.9
Tue	18	Copy Date for June <i>Deddington News</i>
Wed	19	Parish Council: meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm ➡ p.2
Thu	20	Windmill Centre AGM: Windmill Centre, 7.00 pm ➡ p.9
Fri	21	Deddington Pre-School: Wine & Cheese Tasting, venue to be announced ➡ p.3
Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am ~ 12.30 pm
Sat	22	History Society hosts <i>Oxfordshire Past</i> for Oxon Architectural & Historical Society, Windmill, all day.
Wed	26	Broadband enabled for Deddington
Fri	28	Monday Morning Club: bus for Towcester Races leaves Market Place at 5.00 pm ➡ p.10

**POST OFFICE CLOSED
WED 12 & THURS 13 MAY**

Weekly Meetings

Mondays:	Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm
Mondays:	Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm ➡ p.10
Tuesdays:	Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm
Wednesdays:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am ➡ p.10
Every other Wednesday:	Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wednesdays:	Anchor Boys: Deddington School, 3.15 pm ➡ p.10
Wednesdays:	1st Deddington Girls' Brigade Explorers: Parish Church, 3.30 pm
Wednesdays:	Boys Brigade: Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. ➡ p.10
Thursdays:	Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4 pm.
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm ➡ p.9
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm ➡ p.9
Fridays:	Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12
Fridays:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30 -11 am ➡ p.10
Fridays:	Deddington Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.

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Meeting in Town Hall - 21 April 2004

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Harvey, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Westley, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 4 members of the public.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Local 'Beat Bobby' PC Clive Middleton and Banbury Sector Rural Beat Team Sergeant Neville Clayton reported that in the year just ended, 63 crimes were committed in the Deddington area, an improvement of 25 on the previous year, although the clear-up rate fell. Non-dwelling buildings - garages, garden sheds etc - are being targeted by criminals, and extra precautions should be taken. Police/public cooperation is working well. See *Police Report p.12. [Reminder: the Open Forum is not a discussion, but an opportunity for parishioners to express a point of view, sound a warning, raise an issue, complain (or praise!) etc. The Forum is not minuted. NS]*

LITTER BLITZ

A smallish turnout, but a good result. Thankyou cheques of £5 each to be sent to Boys Brigade, Scouts and Youth Club. PC to consider different timing next year, perhaps extending the event over a whole, well organised, week. For safety reasons, and to reduce risk of litigation, event must be under control of PC.

PLANNING - PC no objections

(i) Co-op, Market Place, Deddington - illuminated Co-op fascia sign. (ii) Hempton House, Hempton - conservatory and single storey extension. (iii) St Anne's Residential Home, Clifton - additional high-dependency, 12 bed wing (renewed application). (iv) Park Farm, New Street, Deddington - repairs/alterations to existing house and conversion of stables to dwelling (amended plans). (v) 8 Walnut Close, Clifton - 1st floor extension over dining room and garage (amended plans). (vi) The Archers, 2 Archway Court, New Street, Deddington - rear conservatory, new porch and 1st floor window to side. (vii) Eaton House, New Street, Deddington - single-storey extension and 2.2 metre high wall. (viii) Southgate, Market Place, Deddington - replace 3 front windows on first-floor. (ix) Maunds Farm House, High Street, Deddington - alter garage/storeroom to provide office and new garage: PC stipulates that building stays in one ownership. (Cllr Harvey declared interest.)

PLANNING - PC objections

(x) Co-op, Market Place, Deddington - non-illuminated Post Office sign over adjacent cottage: confusing to public because entrance to Post Office will be inside the foodshop. (xi) Holcombe Hotel, High Street, Deddington - white plastic canopy on white metal poles over restaurant entrance: unsuitable materials for listed building in conservation area. (xii) Pekein Cottage, St Thomas Street, Deddington - 2-storey rear extension; over-development; difficult access to stone boundary wall; loss of light; intrusive to neighbours.

PLANNING - CDC approvals

(xiii) Manor Farm, Clifton - permission to lease unit known as Castle Antiques and change use to office. (xiv) Featherston House, Chapel Square Deddington - remove stoniesfield slate roof, felt and battens; replace with existing and 2nd-hand slates of same type. (xv) Boulderdyke Farm House, Clifton - 2-storey link extension to main house; change storage unit to garage. (xvi) Land adjacent to Edgehill and adjoining Four Winds, Clifton - erect one dwelling. (xvii) Gegg's Lodge,

Hempton Road, Deddington - crown lift and limb reduction to yew. (xviii) Rushall House, Earls Lane, Deddington - remove conifer hedge; increase height of wall to 2.5m; new gate. (xix) The Hermitage, Market Place, Deddington - repair south gable wall etc. (xx) 43, The Daedings, Deddington - 2-storey side annexe and front porch, on condition that these alterations/additions are wholly ancillary and dwelling remains a single entity.

PLANNING - other matters

Applications arriving too late for proper consideration before PC meeting. (xxi) Re-convert Folly Cottage, New Street, Deddington, into 2 cottages with rear extensions. (xxii) Church Cottage, Church Street, Deddington - 2-storey addition.

Confirmation (xxiii) Centrepoint, Chapel Square, Deddington. Blue sign is permitted development. Permitted use of premises is A2, which covers the usages at the time of Planning Investigator's visit.

DOES IT ALL DO ANY GOOD?

PC noted that CDC appears to take little notice of PC deliberations on planning matters - for example, CDC nearly always approves applications to which PC has objected. However, PC should persevere. Free, independent, professional advice, to groups and individuals who cannot afford to pay professional planning consultants, is available from the Southern Planning Aid Service of the Royal Town Planning Institute. C/Cllr Jelf stressed the effectiveness of D/Cllr O'Sullivan as a channel of communication with the planners of CDC.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Map Group has repaid, in full, PC grants totalling £7,250. PC congratulated Group on sustained effort and quality of products.

PC Budget requires reduction of £2,000 on village landscaping/grass cutting. Necessary services such as hedge flailing should not be jeopardised.

PC to discuss with Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils the possibility of combined purchasing for better value.

Subject to CDC approval, playground annual safety inspection to be carried out by Hicks, who are significantly cheaper than RoSPA.

CDC will underwrite 50% of cost of repairing/updating all-weather pitch. Cost to PC will be £7,000, which is under budget.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £5,354.02, including £1,362.11 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages: £1,272.53 T Fox, grasscutting: £893.90 National Insurance and tax: £677.60 Clerk's wages.

Investments totalled £551,933.48, of which £17,673.63 Barclays: (£15,351.40 current account + £1,822.23 imprest, both @ 0.1%): £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days: £534,259.85 West Bromwich @ 3.4% overnight.

NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting, Wed 5 May, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.

PC Meeting & AGM, Wed 19 May, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Note: thereafter PC meetings will start at 7.45pm.

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

Admissions Policy - School Year 2005/6

Agreed by the Governing Body February 2004

Admissions Number: 30

Children may be admitted to the school at the beginning of the September term following their fourth birthday. For children below the statutory school age of five years, the entitlement will be for half-time early learning, i.e. at least five two-and-a-half hour sessions a week. Entitlement to full-time education begins in the term following the child's fifth birthday.

Application forms for admission in 2005/6 will be available from the school from 2 September 2004. Applications must be received by the school no later than 27 October 2004.

Admissions criteria:

In the event of there being greater demand for admission than there are places available, then children with a Statement of Special Need naming this school will be given the highest priority. The next priority will be given to "looked-after" children in public care living within the benefice of Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton. The third priority will be disabled children who do not have Statements of Special Educational Needs, who need to be admitted to an accessible school.

Once places have been offered to these children, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

1. A child with a normal home address in the benefice of Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton who has a brother or sister still a member of Deddington CofE Primary School at the time when the child is admitted to the school roll.
2. A child with a normal home address in the benefice of Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton
3. A child living outside this benefice, who has a brother or sister still a member of Deddington CofE Primary School at the time when the child is admitted to the school roll.
4. A child whose parent or guardian is a member and regular worshipper at a Christian Church and where the application is supported in writing by the minister of that church.
5. Other children.

Equality

The Governors will treat all applications equally, irrespective of need or ability.

Tie-break

In the case of there being more applications under any of the above criteria than there are available places, preference will be given to:

- a. A child with challenging behaviour.
- b. A child with Special Educational Needs, but without Statement.
- c. A child with registered disabilities.
- d. A child whose normal home address is closest to the school using the nearest designated public route.

For entry to the Reception Year in 2004/5 the school received 40 applications. 30 offers were made.

NOTESFamilies moving to the area

Parents who expect to move into the parish but have not done so at the date for receipt of applications should provide evidence of the expected move before the application can be considered. The Governors need to know that you will be resident in the parish on 1 September 2006. Typical evidence is a letter from your solicitor confirming that you

**Deddington Pre-School**

Last term we had Part One of our OFSTED inspection. I am pleased to report that we achieved the highest possible rating of 'Good' for our standards of care. This was a great achievement for all the staff and committee and thanks go to all those who worked so hard to reach this standard. Every parent will receive a full copy of the report. If anybody else would like to read the report, please contact us at Pre-School, or it can be read on the Ofsted website.

We have two major fund raising events this half term. Please come and support us.

We will be holding our annual FASHION SHOW on Saturday 8 May, 6.00pm in the church. This year Wardrobe Wizards are supporting us and there will be plenty of items to be purchased on the night for 0-8 year olds. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult including refreshments and will be available from Pre-School or the Post Office. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Friday 21 May, we are hosting a WINE AND CHEESE TASTING evening with wine supplied by S H Jones - wines can be ordered on the night at a discounted price for delivery within 3 working days - and cheese supplied by Foodies. Tickets are priced at £10 per head and available as above. The wine tasting will be held either at the Deddington Arms or Peppers - watch out for the posters.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported a fundraising event in whatever way and a big thanks to all those parents of children who left last term who made a donation to Pre-School.

Julie Westley

have a legally binding agreement to buy or rent a property, e.g. the exchange of contracts with date for completion.

Late Applications

Applications for admission received after the final date for receipt will be considered after offers have been made and may be added to the waiting list.

Waiting List

The school maintains a waiting list, the "continued interest list", for those children whose applications have not yet been considered and for those who are not offered a place. The order of priority on the waiting list is the same as the list of criteria given above. No account is taken of length of time on the waiting list. The school may from time to time seek confirmation that parents wish a child's name to be kept on the waiting list.

Older children

Application for the admission of a child other than at Reception age, known as "in-year admissions", will be considered in accordance with the above criteria only when a vacancy in the appropriate age-range occurs.

Appeals

There are established arrangements for appeals against non-admission. Details are available from the school. It should be noted that, in the event of an unsuccessful appeal against non-admission to the school, the Governors do not consider any further application in the same school year (September 1st - August 31st)

This is a summarised version. For the full statement and further information, please contact the School 338430 or office@deddington.oxon.sch.uk

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 May**

Sat	1	10.00 am	SS PHILIP & JAMES Eucharist
Sun	2	10.30 am	Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed	5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	9	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church
Wed	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	13	9.45 am	Eucharist (Deanery Chapter)
Fri	14	6.30 pm	St MATTHIAS Eucharist
Sun	16	8.00 am	Holy Comunion (BCP)
		10.30 am	ROGATION Eucharist: Home Farm Clifton, Beating of Bounds & Benefice Picnic
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
		7.30 pm	<i>A Visit to Kimberley & Kuruman</i> - the Revd Tom Moffat
Thu	20	7.30 pm	ASCENSION DAY Deanery Ecumenical Eucharist St Mary Banbury
Sun	23	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Choral Mattins and Children's Church
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	30	10.30 am	PENTECOST Eucharist - Canon Oswald Schwartz



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); or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)

St John Hempton in May

Sun 2 & 16 9.00 am Eucharist
 Sun 23 6.00 pm Evensong

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS: 11 April Abigail Grace Durand & James Andrew Fox

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Boulderdyke House, Clifton [Jean Welford 338539] alternate Weds from 12 May, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] alternate Weds from 12 May, 7.30pm

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.

May: **Rosy** - RESPITE NURSING FOR OXFORDSHIRE'S SICK YOUNGSTERS

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Morning services at 10.30 am

May 2, 9 & 16 - Pastor Isabel Walton;

23 - Alec Roberts;

30 - John Neale

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street*Joyce Minnear 338 529*

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evenings: Service & Fellowship at 6.00 pm :

Suns 2 - Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion)

9 - Mrs Connie Felstead;

16 & 23 to be announced;

30 - Mr Ross Adkins

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.

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.

Thursday 20 May **ASCENSION DAY**: The Obligation is fulfilled by attendance on the Eve of the Feast on the Wednesday

Your Churchyard needs YOU !

Please contact Iain Gillespie 338367



The target for the **LIVING ROOMS PROJECT** is £40,000 - to be divided between a **LIVING ROOM** for children with HIV/AIDS in Mmabatho, near Mafeking, in the South African diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman, and the **LIVING ROOM** to be created in the north-west corner of the Parish Church. The latter project has just been given the go-ahead by the Chancellor of the Oxford Diocese - the church's 'planning authority'.

There are two opportunities to hear about Kimberley & Kuruman this month. On Wednesday 19 May, the Revd Tom Moffat, Vicar of Thatcham, who has visited the diocese, will be speaking in the church at 7.30 pm. On Sunday 30 May, the preacher at 10.30 am will be Canon Oswald Schwartz who used to work there.

The **PROJECT** is being so widely supported in the parish that some £11,000 has already been raised, and of this South Africa's share will soon be on its way.

The **Family Funday** [see below] includes a raffle with some attractive prizes: an hour's 'flight' in a simulator, a meal for two at The Olive, and a breadmaker. As well as plants and cakes, costume jewellery will be on sale.

Ed Newell, now Canon of St Paul's, was prevented from taking part in the London Marathon by an unscheduled appendectomy. He now plans to join the **New York Marathon** in early November in support of his chosen charities, including the **LIVING ROOMS**.

On Saturday 18 September there is to be a **50/50**



COLLEGIUM REGALE

A class act. No apologies for the cliché; it precisely describes the Collegium Regale concert in the Parish Church on 2 April.

The 7 Choral Scholars from King's College Cambridge Choir sang (if the verb is sufficient to reflect their versatility) sacred 16th century music, modern compositions, folk songs, close harmony and their own arrangements of well-known popular pieces. The Plainsong had a purity that almost brought tears, the tongue-in-cheek folk song, which included a sublime moment from *Bread of Heaven*, brought delighted laughter. This blend of extreme musical skill and high spirits was irresistible. The evening included two solos from an equally gifted King's College organ scholar.

The concert was sponsored by OXAVI (see letter on page 6), was part of the **LIVING ROOMS PROJECT** (masterminded by Tony Elvidge and John Sampson) and would not have been possible without the hard work and contacts of Vanessa and Alan Loach - and of Oliver Loach, one of the Choir members. *Kristin Thompson*



Auction in the Windmill Centre conducted by a Mallam's auctioneer. Items in reasonable condition - no longer needed china, furniture, paintings, jewellery (even silver) - can be given for auction, the donor receiving half the selling price. (Mallams will not sell for less than an estimated value.) An opportunity for a clear-out for a good cause! Contact John Sampson 338739 for further details.



THREE VILLAGES OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 19 June
- 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm

Sunday 20 June - 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm
in aid of the **LIVING ROOMS PROJECT**

- A baker's dozen of gardens are likely to be open.
- Stewards are needed to help in the opened gardens.

• Offers to bake scones and/or cakes will be much appreciated.

Please contact Jane or Andrew Green (01869 337837) with offers of help



FAMILY FUNDAY

Windmill Centre
Bank Holiday
Monday 3 May
11.00 ~ 3.30 pm
Barbecue, bouncy castle, face painting, name the giant teddy, tombola, plants & cake stalls, money tree, ice cream and much more ...
Something for everyone!



A LIVING ROOMS PROJECT event

FROM MARTIN PACKARD, CHURCH ST, DEDDINGTON

I was shocked to learn that in nearby villages land is being allocated for 'affordable housing' and key-worker housing which is then used for homes that sell at over £100,000 each. Affordable housing should have a price tag that enables purchase or rental by someone on a minimum wage of say, £800/month. That predicates prices for a starter flat of under £40,000 and for a two-bedroom starter home at under £50,000. These prices are achievable, even after a substantial payment for land, if modern pre-engineering systems are allied to new technology in framing and panelling. I know of at least one London company that is already developing housing on this basis for the NHS, with levels of rental or mortgages below £290/month. I can see no reason why, given an adequate regional demand, these systems could not be applied to small developments in rural areas.

FROM COLIN COX, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

I am writing on behalf of the bell ringers of Deddington. Our numbers are declining and we are looking for new members from the local community. Ringing is not physically strenuous and would probably be best described as light exercise. The hardest bit is climbing the 45 tower steps. Anyone from about the age of 12 can learn and there is no upper age limit. You don't need to be musical and you don't need to be a member of the church. We normally ring on Sunday mornings and have a practice night most Monday evenings. If you are interested in learning to ring or have rung before and would like to have another go, please contact me on 337486 or Yvonne Twomey 337213. Or come along on a Monday evening to the church tower (west door) at around 7.30pm. Even if you are uncertain, you are more than welcome to come and have a look at what's involved.

FROM SYLVIE & GEORGE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

In the April DN the PC Report referred to a new edition of the Deddington Circular Walk leaflet. Walkers were invited to monitor routes and send comments to the Parish Clerk. We have long hoped that some person or group would monitor the Walk on a regular basis and wonder if one of the youth groups – Guides, Scouts, Youth Club – might consider it as a worthwhile community project. It's an attractive walk, can be broken up into short, manageable sections and there is a good supply of new signs (from the Parish Clerk) with which to replace those that get removed or broken. This would ensure that the effort and cost of establishing the Walk would continue to benefit local and visiting walkers.

FROM REVD. DR. HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

On behalf of Deddington Parish Church may I thank Joan White for providing a donkey, Tia, for our Palm Sunday procession. Tia's presence helped to make vivid our commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. She behaved perfectly, both outside and within the Church, not upset by the shouting of the crowds or the strewing

of clothing and branches. No accident of any kind occurred – so thanks also to Pat Bliss, Sue Shelley and Joanna Richards for their donkey-management skills.

FROM VANESSA & ALAN LOACH, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

Oxford Aids Vaccine Initiative (OXAVI) was delighted to contribute to the spectacular concert by Collegium Regale at the Parish Church on 2 April. Their sponsorship enabled more people to learn about the valuable work they are doing towards a prospective vaccine to protect against AIDS in Africa. That part of the world is in the grip of an AIDS epidemic and has not had the attention of pharmaceutical companies for economic reasons. OXAVI is part of a worldwide charity called International Aids Vaccine Initiative (IAVI). The study is now at an advanced level of clinical trials which take place at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford. Thank you to all the people at the concert who showed an interest in our work or in possibly volunteering. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.oxavi.org or call freephone 08001696978

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

George Fenemore had his little dig at Fairtrade in his column last month, pointing out that 'cheap unassured imports from Third World countries' had taken up 10% of UK food needs. I think he is suggesting that it is not 'fair trade' for overseas growers to gain a foothold in the UK market by selling at cheaper prices than home producers. I agree with him - it is not fair. But neither is it fair that home producers should have an assured market, i.e. guaranteed and subsidised sales in the Third World, where struggling farmers have to put up with prices undermined by dumped European surpluses and driven down by powerful Western importers with no promise of how much they might sell next year, or even that they could sell at all. Fairtrade is when George and I are willing to pay a little more in the shops so that all producers can sell their goods on a level playing field. Assured markets, supported by EU or government grants, are far from fair to those who are outside them.

FROM GILL MOUAT, 6 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Last November, a friend and neighbour died after having breast cancer twice, so when I read about the Brazilian Wilderness Trek for Breast Cancer Care, my previous reservations and "I'm busy" excuses disappeared and I signed up there and then! As a dog-owner, I enjoy walking and raising the money for the trip and charity can't be too difficult! However, I've never been away from my family for more than a day or two before now! The 6-day trek this November covers 84km. Each volunteer is required to raise over £2,500 pounds in sponsorship. For more information about the work of Breast Cancer Care, phone 02073842984, or visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk. To make a donation in support of my trek, please call me on 338135, or visit www.justgiving.com/GillMouatBrazilTrek

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and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

OUR GARDENS *by a mere observer*

The steps a hanging basket does adorn
 A bright red rambling rose climbs by the door.
 Along the front's a tidy strip of lawn
 We laid ourselves, that all the dogs adore.
 From the conservatory I can survey
 Hydrangeas high above and down below.
 Statues, birdbaths, and urns, a rich array,
 And every kind of flower that's known to grow.
 A walnut shades and high stone walls surround
 The secret garden, Madeleine's bequest,
 And there are shrubs and flowers all around,
 Where we play croquet, take our tea and rest.
 To Marianne and Paul all praise is due,
 They are no better off than us at Kew.

Ralph Elsley August 2001

We have finished making the new bed. At least, Paul has done the making while I stood on the sidelines. The permeable plastic sheet was in place, ready to do battle with the weeds' so now on to the planting. I had been told about Fatsias and Ralph and I went off to Burford to find one. They are magnificent plants, showy and proud. We found a good one and enquired the price. Well, let us say that we put the other chosen articles back on the shelf and I didn't actually mention numbers. Ralph then asked what sort of a flower we might expect to see in due course. "Sorry", I said. "It has no noticeable flowers." There was stony silence. However, let me report that the Fatsia has gone in nicely, that it looks super surrounded by bark chips and that to me, anyway, the new b.c. (bark chip) bed is a wonderful success.

Marianne Elsley



Napoleon is quoted as sneeringly calling the English 'a nation of shopkeepers'. In fact at the time we were, like his fellow Frenchmen, much more a nation of small farmers as the nation emerged from its feudal and mediaeval roots and began to enter the industrial age. In those days, Deddington was much smaller than today, but it supported two, if not three, fields of allotments where cottagers could till a piece of land to grow food for themselves and their families. Nearly two hundred years later we have just one field and much of that remains uncultivated. Today the rapid growth in the number of Garden Centres, TV programmes and the marketing of garden gadgets, suggests that we are not only becoming a nation of shoppers, but also a nation of gardeners. Less obviously, the full take-up of the allotments in Hempton (on the Duns Tew Road) and the new cultivation of several plots in Satin Lane, off St Thomas Street, could also suggest that vegetable cultivation is reviving in Deddington.

Perhaps it is a result of the Farmers' Market and the discovery that fresh organic produce tastes really good, or might it be the entente cordiale that has spurred some of us to show old Bonaparte that there is more to us than shopping? Whatever the encouragement has been, *Vive les jardiniers et vive les jardins!*

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of May and part of June 1854:

16th May - Susan, I and Holford went to London by train to stay till the 20th.

19th May - Went to the House of Lords to hear appeals - before the Lord Chancellor and Lord Brougham. At the conclusion of the sitting fell in with my old schoolfellow Lord Saye & Sele who got me into the House of Lords during their evening sitting. Our Bishop espied me there and came and shook hands with me and was as kind as ever to me.

6th June - Mr. Brogden called again just before dinner - and asked me to sign a petition on his behalf and his family's to the Literary Institution Fund - which I could not avoid doing. I stated that I had known him for 3 years - Messrs. Field and Turner certified as having known him for 6 years. He mentioned having received £10 from the Archbishop of Canterbury - and showed me a begging appeal he was going to insert in some of the newspapers on behalf of himself and family, owing to the Living being under sequestration. I am haunted and bored to death by him.

12th June - Mr. Brogden called to complain of Robert Franklin's having made certain observations respecting him and a deal more besides. I told him I wished to have nothing to do with him and his affairs. He was in a low nervous mood today - I recommended him an interview with the Bishop.

Buffy Heywood

LIVING HISTORY**Cora D Collin (née Stoop) 1894-1978**

Memories of Cora will be kept alive in Deddington, even when those of us who met her have passed on. Words like local benefactress, artist, art collector, occupational therapist by chance and lover and hub of village life spring to mind. She had a citizen of the world charm about her.

Cora was born in Byfleet, Surrey, of wealthy parents. Her Dutch immigrant father, Freek Stoop, married a Scottish heiress. Cora was their 6th child. The family fortune came from her uncle's discovery of oil in Indonesia. (He was sent out from Holland to discover WATER, and was sacked when he only unearthed a puddle of oil!). Cora attended Art College where she met her future husband 'Collin' (christened Charles) who had made his mark by winning the Prix de Rome in 1914. They were married in 1916. The War separated them, she worked in the Land Army while he built ships for the Merchant Navy. In 1922 the family moved to Cagnes, a mecca for artists in southern France. These happy days ended in 1936 with Collin's deteriorating health. He died in California in 1937, aged 47. Chance brought Cora to 'The Old Corner House' in Deddington. She fell in love with house and village and settled there in 1943 renaming her home 'The Hermitage'. The Land Army made use of Cora again in WWII, putting her in charge of placing and supervising Land Girls on local farms. In the 1940s spirit of "England Expects" she furthered jam making by villagers for the village, started a Youth Club and instructed girls in toy making. Although quite handicapped by deafness she enjoyed a gregarious life style, was adept in lip reading and as a trained artist observed situations and atmospheres around her at a glance and only occasionally got it wrong! Cora enjoyed her wealth by sharing it with others in the way her father Stoop had taught her: 'To give anonymously without fuss if possible, or be well advised by experts on greater projects.' In the late 1960s she funded the building of a clubhouse in her kitchen garden (now known as the Holly Tree Club). A few years later she financed the building of 4 bungalows earmarked for the elderly and handicapped of Deddington and founded the Deddington Housing Association, on the Committee of which she served up to her death on Easter Sunday 1978. Gifted, fun-loving and gracious, Cora inspired many personal memories. Some remember her two cats, one asleep on the air vent in the hall, the other curled up in a basket on top of the kitchen table. Others remember her fabulous collection of costumes and dressing up clothes generously loaned out for fêtes, plays and charades. Her son remembers that she never locked her door when she went to Church. Her belief in God was implicit. And we all remember her for constantly being on the go, inventing, planning to bring newcomers old and young together. Being busy, observing and helping others helped her overcome the communication difficulties due to her deafness. *Ruth Johnson*

(With many thanks to Robert and Orma Collin who shared many memories with me)



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WINDMILL CENTRE

Would all those Clubs, who use the facilities of the Windmill Community Centre, please note that the Windmill Centre AGM will be held at the Windmill Centre on Thursday 20 May at 7.00pm? Please make every effort to have a representative of your Club/Organisation at the meeting. *Roy Hart* Chair WMC

Deddington & District History Society

For the April meeting we enjoyed a visit from Martin Rowling of Culworth Forge, who spoke on the role of the Village Blacksmith in the past and into the future. It was a very entertaining evening, with a large selection of Blacksmithing artefacts to look at and ending with 'The Harmonious Blacksmith' played on horseshoes. A very enthusiastic speaker, with an equally enthusiastic audience.

Next month on 12 May, our speaker will be Brian Little, well known in local history circles, who will speak on Tooley's Boatyard. This will be followed by a visit to Tooley's Boatyard and the Banbury Museum on the evening of 9 June.

In our eventful Summer programme we also visit Stoke Bruerne Museum of Canal Life on Saturday 15 May. The cost will be £6 per head, including Lunch. Contact Sue Shattock (338880) before 1 May.

This is followed by a visit to Chalgrove on 28 June. This is an evening visit and includes a tour of the village, including the Manor and the Church, which has some important wall paintings. Please contact Sue Shattock before 14 June.

Lastly, we have a walk on a Saturday afternoon. This year, it will probably be around Minster Lovell and the Windrush valley and takes place on 24 July. Please contact me by 17 July. *Moirá Byast* 338637

W.I.

On Tuesday 13 April, in a short business meeting, President Maureen Cox gave a report on the AGM in March at Oxford Town Hall and upon the resolution about Breast Cancer which Maureen had submitted to the meeting. After some discussion the resolution was unanimously carried.

Then our speaker was Peter Toms of Farnborough Nurseries who demonstrated and talked about Hanging Baskets and Containers. A very topical subject, and one which members and our six visitors found informative and interesting. Peter very kindly donated the basket for a raffle, and it is hoped to invite Peter again, perhaps later in the year.

The meeting on 11 May will discuss the resolution being put to the AGM at the Albert Hall in June.

Rene Mahoney 338438

Book Group

We are delighted to say that we now have sufficient numbers to get started! Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 29 April at Walnut Cottage, Market Place, Deddington commencing at 7.30pm. Probable date for next month is Thursday 27 May. *Sally Lambert* 338094

1st Deddington Scout Group

We are now entering the camping season and many outdoor sessions are planned for both Cubs and Scouts, to include map reading, compasses, pioneering and fire lighting. The first camp is the District Cub Camp at Horley in May, the theme for this year is The Olympics and Deddington's chosen country is Russia, so we may turn the whole pack into Cossacks. The scouts are once again attending the annual Aqua Camp at Standlake, a weekend of water sports including canoeing, sailing, wind surfing and rowing, let's hope it is as good as last year. They also have the opportunity to try the Malvern Challenge, a 7 mile incident hike (tasks are set along the route) at Cleeve Hill near Cheltenham. This also includes a football tournament, arena events, fairground rides and a big screen to watch the action from Portugal!

The cubs attended the District Activity Day held at Banbury School and based on the fitness badge. They participated in lots of different sports and related topics and the two teams from Deddington came joint second, which was a great result. However, special mention was made of the teams, as several of the leaders were impressed by their politeness and standard of behaviour. To me this is better than winning, and I couldn't be more proud, well done boys!

We shall also be organising a joint cub / scout walk for Jamboree on the Trail, a day when scouts all over the world get their walking boots on. We are planning to walk along the tow- path from Somerton.

Jo Churchyard CSL & Acting Scout Leader 338071

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

With the Easter holidays taking up early April it has been a quiet month for the BB (except for the buglers from our band who continued their practices during the break!). On 17 April, a small contingent from the BB helped clean up the parish by litter picking in Gaveston Gardens and The Paddocks.

On Sunday 16 May, we hope that all of our members will be able to take part in the annual Battalion Parade, which this year will be hosted by the 1st Kings Sutton Company. On Friday 21 May, a team drawn from our Junior Section will be taking part in the Battalion Sports Competition, again at Kings Sutton.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our weekly Wednesday Club Nights have started, and all are welcome to join us at the Green each week between 6.00 and 8.00 p.m.

Yvonne Twomey

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

This month we'd like to say a huge thankyou to Janet Watts, our Chairperson for the last 3+ years, who stepped down at our recent committee meeting. Janet has steered the group to its current success, and we thank her for her time, ideas, enthusiasm and commitment to the group. Janet leaves the group in capable hands - the new committee officers are Sharon Swadling (Chair), Annaley Carter (Secretary) and Gina Halliburton (Treasurer). Dates for your diaries are two summer outings - Wednesday 9 June to Millets Farm, and Friday 2 July to Hatton Country World. Watch the board for more details and to register your interest.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Players

Don't forget to come along to the AGM - Thursday 13 May, 7.30pm, at the Holly Tree. We will be discussing our plans for the coming year. Join us if you'd like to be involved!

Lucy Squires 338442

Monday Morning Club

For the Malvern Show on Friday 7 May we leave from the Market Place at 9.30 am. Coffee mornings take place on 10 May and 7 June. The bus for the evening meeting at Towcester races on 28 May will leave the Market Place at 5.00 pm.

We are hoping to arrange a weekday visit to Kenwood House on a Wednesday in June, so do be sure to let us know if you are interested. Arrangements will only be made if enough interest is shown.

Jean Flux 338153

Deddington Youth Club

Although it was during our Easter holiday break, Pete Robinson, our Youth Leader, managed to organise several of our club members to take part in the village Litterblitz. They were a good team and covered their selected area well.

At our recent meeting we were very pleased to welcome Gemma from Clydesdales who kindly came

along to give a skin care and make up demonstration. It was not difficult to find volunteers to be made up and we had lots of very stunning girls by the end of the evening. Many thanks to Clydesdales for supplying Gemma with the beauty products.

We are looking forward to the summer term with lots of planned activities.

Mauveen Forsyth Chairman

Deddington Colts

Next season the Colts will be aiming to field a record number of squads from Under 16s down to Under 7s. The new Under 11 squad (current school Year 6) are on the look out for additional players. If anyone is interested please contact Peter Robinson, the new manager, on 07939 528831. If any other children are interested in joining one of the squads, please contact Martin Howard on 337810. Girls and boys are allowed to play alongside each other up to and including Under 11s.

The Club's Annual Awards presentation will be taking place on the evening of 19 June at the Windmill Centre. All members and families are more than welcome to come along and applaud achievements of all the players.

The Club's AGM will take place at 8pm on 28 June and is being held at the Deddington Arms.

David Rollason 337351

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results :-

Charlton(h)(Supplementary Cup) Won 5-1 B.Durrant, D.Clouston, J.Pearce, M.Ayckbourn, R.Waddelow.

Fritwell(a) Lost 1-2 L.Rawlings.

Charlton(h) Won 5-0 J.Pearce(3), B.Durrant, A.Pearce.

Finmere(at Souldern)(Mid Oxon Cup Final) Won 3-1 L.Rawlings, L.Hayward, J.Pearce.

Fritwell(h) Lost 1-3 J.Pearce.

The 1st team have had an excellent month, with the highlight being the victory in the Mid Oxon Cup Final. This was an excellent team performance, Lloyd Rawlings scored a 1st half equaliser after Finmere had taken an early lead. Deddington dominated the 2nd half and the winning goals were scored by Lee Hayward, and leading scorer Julian Pearce. An emphatic win over Charlton has secured a Supplementary Cup Semi-Final clash with Sinclair Res. On the League front there is still plenty to play for, another convincing win over Charlton has given the team a good chance of finishing Runners-Up in Division 1.

Reserve Team Results :-

Bodicote Res(h)(Supplementary Cup) Drew 3-3 G.Morbey, M.Walker, D.Keys.

F.C. Callebaut(a) Lost 3-4 M.Walker, S.Colley(2).

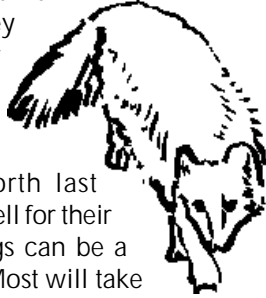
The Reserve side have now completed their fixtures. The draw with Bodicote Res was not quite enough to qualify for the Semi-Final stages of the Supplementary Cup, the team missed out on goal difference. Sam Colley was on target twice in the narrow defeat to Callebaut, the other goal was scored by Marc Walker. The team have finished just below half way in Division 2.

75 Club Winners: 26/3/04 J.Keys £50; 2/4/04 R.Cowley £50; 9/4/04 R.Cowley £50; 16/4/04 P.Trinder £50

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ON THE FARM

Well, that's it, the lambing is over for another season. Although we had a delayed start, things have not worked out too badly. We hit the ground running with almost two-thirds of the ewe flock dropping their lambs in the first week. Although the blackthorn came into flower just as the ewes started to lamb, the early spring weather has been kind so most ewes were turned out with their lambs within 48 hours of birth. As in other years we did have a few problems with night time visitors taking lambs, but they quickly discovered that their late night supper bar was not a healthy place to be seen in. The year-old cross-bred 'tegs', which we bought in the north last autumn, have also done very well for their first attempt. Lambing ewe tegs can be a rather frustrating experience. Most will take to the job of motherhood if left in peace for a time. But occasionally, usually late at night, one will take a look at the shivering little thing it has just produced and freak out, disappearing into the next barn, quickly followed by a flying water bucket and a few comments as to their parentage. Oh the joys of the night time lambing barn!



Despite a very dry planting time followed by a comparatively dry winter and a dry start to the spring, the crops are looking very well. The oil seed rape is now out in flower and the bees are making the most of the pollen to expand their brood chambers. In the next few days I shall have to go through them and split a number down into nucleus hives ready for the new queens to arrive. Though the crops are looking very well at the moment, we still have a long way to go before harvest, and the weather over the next few months will have a big effect on just what we are able to put into the barn. Although it is raining as I pen this, the soil moisture is still low and we have the summer months to come. The last time the meadows were as dry in April as they are now was in 1976. That year we were feeding the stock by mid-July as the grass had burnt off and we finished harvest by 8 August as the crops had died off. Then, unlike now, the Government held large stocks of grain and the general public saw little or no effect from the poor harvest. I make this point because recent reports from the USA Department of Agriculture forecast that by the end of the year wheat stocks in the world will be at their lowest since 1982. The Report goes on to say that the present-day world consumption of wheat is outstripping production by some 30 million tons, so it does not take much working out that we are heading for a problem. As a country that needs to import 35% of its daily needs we should be expanding our agricultural base, not destroying it. Mrs B and her cohorts seem to have forgotten that we no longer have an Empire willing to feed us, and she may just have to wake up to the fact that it is farmers working the land that feed the people and not her Department or the Government. But that would be too much to hope for.

George Fenemore 338203

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Easter Vigil and Service of Light was held on Saturday evening 10 April with light refreshments to follow. The Table Tennis team have finished the season and are waiting to see where they finished in the League Table. I will publish their final position next month. They finished the season with the following record : P16-W9-D2-L5 Pts.98

The Friends of the Church will be having a cake stall under the Deddington Town Hall on Saturday 8 May at 9.00 am. They will be grateful for donations of cakes. Subscriptions are now due to renew membership of the Friends. New Members are always welcome. Membership is £5 per family or £3 per person and should be paid to Mrs Mavis Barton, 23 St John's Way, Hempton, 338474.

John and Heather Nason would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for Heather's brother John Parsons, who was taken ill while working in America. Heather went out to be with him.

Les Chappell 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The harbinger of spring, the cuckoo, was heard in Clifton on 16 April. The Mistle Thrush has begun his evening song from high up in the walnut tree in front of St. Anne's. I have also had a report of a Swallow. There are quite a few Cormorants around the river area and also on the farm at Nell Bridge. These birds dive and spike the fish. Unfortunately they catch more than they need so the fish die anyway. I have not yet seen any flocks of Lapwings this year. They are usually seen near water meadows during the winter/spring seasons. Lapwings are notable for their gregarious nature, marvellous display flights and sharp calls - so good to watch.

We welcome to the village Gary and Sharon Preston and their three children from Deddington. There are two families from Middleton Stony: Lucy and Tim Sydenham and their young son, and Mr. John Hallam with his daughter Kate and Anthony Cripps and their two daughters.

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Having discharged our obligation 100 percent, we now have to plan the best way to wind up the Group. Meanwhile, look out for our stall at Deddington Market on 26 June. Now is the time to buy our maps, books and prints, while stocks - and the Map Group - last.

Norman Stone 338019

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The Banbury Guardian on 15 April published an article on car parking in Deddington. If you have a view on car parking in Deddington, why not post it on the Forum? It can be found at www.deddington.org.uk/forum

Thursday 10 June is election day for the European Parliament. The following DoL page has links to all UK registered political parties and the UK office of the European Parliament www.deddington.org.uk/community/government.html

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Vehicle crime seems to be the flavour of the month with three reported incidents. A tractor was stolen from Brickyard Hill and later recovered in Duns Tew. A Ford Escort was stolen from Mackley Close and found abandoned in Banbury. Finally a vehicle was broken into in Hopcraft Lane and property removed. Obviously these incidents would have caused great distress and inconvenience to the unfortunate victims concerned. Perhaps these incidents act as a reminder that our property is vulnerable to those intent on theft. Make sure that your valuables are not left in your vehicle and certainly not left on display. Car thieves tend to go for easy targets, so the purchase of a good quality 'crook lock' may be enough to deter the thief from stealing your vehicle.

As the weather improves and we think of getting out into the garden, a similar train of thought is "How secure is our shed?" Sheds are also considered an easy target for would-be thieves intent on stealing your expensive gardening equipment. Such incidents tend to increase at this time of the year. When you get the chance, please take a look at the current security of your shed and how you can improve and protect your shed and contents. A publication to assist you, *Keep your shed as safe as houses*, is readily available at Deddington Police Office. Call in; we will be pleased to see you.

Remember that Prevention is easier than Detection. Free crime prevention advice can be arranged to anyone who would like to take advantage.

PC 2348 Clive Middleton



News from Deddington Fire Station

Since the last report we have received 33 calls! 2 Barn Fires, 2 false alarms, 12 calls to standby, 1 hedge fire, 1 motorbike on fire, 2 road traffic accidents, 1 bus shelter, 1 call to bales on fire, 4 car fires, 1 electrical fire, 2 chimney fires, and 4 property fires, including 2 visits to Wardington Manor. A hectic month for all!

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Norman Stone writes in response to Jean Fardon's letter in the April DN:

According to CFC Beeson's authoritative *Clockmaking in Oxfordshire 1400-1850*, the present clock in Deddington parish church was not made by Thomas Fardon of Deddington, whose name is on the dial, but by William Taylor of Oxford. Fardon installed the clock in 1833. It was paid for by the heirs of William Hudson (died October 1832). He had expressed the wish that "the old clock should give way to a better". There is no history of the earlier clock.

IVY-LEAVED TOADFLAX

The beauty of Ivy-leaved Toadflax contradicts the penury of its home, an ironstone wall of mortared joints on a roadway of fumes and dust: as often in nature, for some plants, cracks and crevices are a welcome sign. Ivy-leaved toadflax (*Cymbalaria muralis*) is a trailing plant, forming a drapery on walls, whereas the common toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*) stands erect. [Betty Hill has done so much to conserve that in the tall grass of the inner bailey of the Castle Grounds.]

Toadflax is a member of the Snapdragon Family (*Scrophulariaceae*); like orchids, but unlike buttercups, the flowers are asymmetrical. *Cymbalaria's* petals are fused, two-lipped, lilac to violet, with a yellow honey guide to pollinators on the lower lip and darker lines on the upper lip. Delicate and intricate, the flower is an intriguing form of sexual ornament. The flower must be prised open by a determined visitor, guaranteeing contact with the pollen for him to carry away; it is not open, like a rose, allowing bees to scramble about in a bed of pollen.

The stems are smooth and vary in tint from light to dark purple. Those that trail along make use of ledges formed by projecting stone edges; others rise straight up from the central mass of the plant. Further observation is required to confirm this hunch, but it seems that the stems rising up fold inwards when they come to a hole in the mortar, forming a bend in the stem, like a paperclip. How do they know there is a hole? The bent stem turns white, and rootlets emerge.

Many plant leaves are hairy or prickly; some, like elm, are coarse and rough. Those of ivy-leaved toadflax are

a miniature of ivy, but more rounded, and in this shape and size suggest the innocence of cherubs. The leaf surface is smooth, soft, and feels spongy, like *Sedum*; perhaps there is a special adaptation for moisture retention. It has been observed that *Cymbalaria* is drought resistant, as it must be, for its habitat is more like Afghanistan than the British Isles. Ivy-leaved toadflax is not native; it arrived, as a garden plant, early in the seventeenth century.

The way the flowers are arranged along the stem is attractive too, like well-spaced charms on a bracelet: there is one flower per stalk, each stalk arising beside a single leaf, coyly drooping. Beauty is the surface of things; no less remarkable are mechanisms. *Cymbalaria* is an urban plant, adapted to habitats it was not originally born to enjoy. Some grow from between the stones of my steps.

After fertilization, the stalk turns round and, finding a hole in the wall, pushes into it. In this cavern the fruit matures, the capsule opens, and furrowed seeds roll out. Under a magnifying glass, the capsule looks like a landscape of hill and vale. The furrows wedge the seeds amongst the stone fragments, keeping them from rolling on to the ground below.

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| Mon | 7 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.00 am-noon ➡ p.10 |
| Tue | 8 | WI: Visit to Tooley's Boatyard, departure 7.00 pm ➡ p.9 |
| Wed | 9 | Babies & Toddlers: visit to Millets Farm ➡ p.10 |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Visit to Banbury Museum and Tooley's Boatyard ➡ p.9 |
| Sun | 13 | Cricket Club: Family Softball Tournament, Windmill Centre. |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm ➡ p.2 |
| Sat | 19 | WI: Cake Stall in Market Place ➡ p.9 |
| Sat | 19 | Three Villages Open Gardens, 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm ➡ p.5 |
| Sat | 19 | Deddington Colts: Annual Awards, Windmill Centre ➡ p.10 |
| Sun | 20 | Three Villages Open Gardens, 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm ➡ p.5 |
| Tue | 22 | Copy Date for July <i>Deddington News</i> |
| Sat | 26 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm |
| Sat | 26 | Deddington Festival Concert: Parish Church, 7.30 pm |
| Sun | 27 | <i>Dido and Aeneas</i> : Parish Church, 7.30 pm. |
| Mon | 28 | History Society: Guided tour of Chalgrove ➡ p.9 |
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