

## EDITORIAL

So much on offer in this lively village - activities and advertisers soliciting our attention and our time - that the Editor is in trouble with our volunteer printers for yet again not giving you only fourteen pages to read and inwardly digest. Should the list of 55 flora in Daeda's Wood have been left out? the Clubs restricted to two pages? or fewer adverts? There are fewer per page than in other local publications. Readers will look in vain for *On the Farm* because of harvesting. ... and only one brief *Letter to the*

*Editor!* There was another, but the controversy it would have triggered on the future of the countryside would have overstepped our self-imposed ban on political debate. Maybe that should be a topic for a public meeting when the competing needs - local, national and international - present and future - can be explored. In practical terms the Farmers' Market has now for a full year been making a useful contribution to sustainable development. CH



## SEPTEMBER DIARY

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 Fridays: Bridge Club, The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.  
 Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.

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

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**MEETING IN WINDMILL CENTRE - 18 July 2002**

PRESENT : Cllrs Flux (Chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Rollason, Spencer, Swash, Todd, the Clerk & Minute Secretary, 4 members of the public.

**CO-OPTIONS** - 4 people have come forward. These are Brian Wood, Steve Westley, Martin Squires and possibly Brian Cosgrove. It was agreed to co-opt the first three at once. It was agreed that Cllr Alton will cover Clifton's activities and the Chairman will cover Hempton.

**PARISH CLERK** - Jane Plummer's resignation was accepted with regret. She was thanked by the Chairman for her invaluable work. The post is already advertised and 8 applications have been received.

**JUBILEE** - all agreed that this was a great success. Approx. £4,700 was spent and approx. £5,800 was raised. Profits will be put back into the Parish, i.e. the Church, Youth Club, Carers and uniformed groups such as Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigade, etc. Cllr Ellis will donate £250 from his Jubilee party bar takings.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** - A summer programme is planned for every Thursday morning in August for children 5-11. Cost: £1.50 per child, the Church to meet extra costs. The Chairman of the previous scheme (1996-7) will hand over materials she holds and the Council will underwrite the new scheme to the sum of £50.

**DEDDINGTON ON LINE** - Cllr Haslam reported that the Support Group is diminishing and more interested people are needed.

**RECYCLING BANKS** - these are now back in the lay-by west of the A4260, positioned slightly differently.

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE** - The Judges have been shown round the village. Unfortunately the latest Parish Clean Up day was under-advertised and very little was done.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** -

- \* Re the currently pervasive chicken manure smell, people should complain to CDC's Nuisance Group. The Council has asked the Group to give a public talk in the village about their activities, possibly in September.
- \* The Parking Paper (Traffic Management and Parking) inspired 29 letters from parishioners. The Working party reviewing these will present a Working Paper in September.
- \* Road safety - The Chairman is to meet with Colin Carritt, OCC Highways
- \* The Clerk to write to CDC for a record of the accidents in the Parish over the last 5 years. The Clerk will also request assessment by CDC of foliage impeding drivers' vision in certain places.
- \* Direction sign to Castle site to be replaced by English Heritage.
- \* Recommendation that road markings at Hempton Road lights, Horsefair, outside Centrepoint, etc. need fresh paint.
- \* Work adjusting the hands of the Church clock is to go ahead at a cost of £470.

\* A letter to be written to the Senior Football Club re chemicals used on the grass of local pitches. Nettles and thistles in the Castle Grounds will be checked.

**PLANNING** - Deddington/Clifton footpath diversion order finalised. Approvals: Finishing Touches moving into Bluebells' old shop; Conservatory at 59 St. Johns Way; Lime Cottage, New Street. Objection : Building at Sedge Hill, Clifton.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Invoices** passed for payment totalled £3,455.84 including £13.17 for photocopier; £58.41 for CDC Election costs; £52.17 Techniform; £ 1,550.00 to J. & K. Boss for grasscutting. Imprest account for wages, office expenses etc. came to £1,611.07. **Investments** totalled £527,827.43, of which £ 8,008.00 Barclays (£4,660.81 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £ 1,583.44 imprest @ 0.1% + £1263.75 @ 0.1% overnight + £500.00 @ 0.1% current); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £518,819.43 West Bromwich @ 4.05% overnight.

**CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLORS 2002/6****MARTIN SQUIRES**

"I'm 35, and moved to Deddington in 1993 following my marriage to Lucy, and we have lived at Cherry Trees, High St, Deddington for the last nine years. We have a two year old daughter, and are expecting our second child imminently. I'm a keen gardener and have an allotment on Satin Lane. I'm also involved with the Deddington Players. For the day job I work as Head of Credit Research for a private Swiss bank called Lombard Odier. My main aims on the parish council are to support slower traffic speeds in the villages, and to promote environmental issues."

**STEVE WESTLEY**

"I am delighted to have the opportunity of serving on the Parish Council. My family and I have lived in Deddington for 7 years - we have 2 young children and we plan to enjoy the rest of our lives here. My primary objective is to assist in the preservation and development of the special infrastructure we enjoy. My wife is already actively involved with the pre-school. I feel quite passionate about safety for us all; particularly from the increased traffic risk within the village. I hope to contribute on a broad basis."

**BRIAN WOOD**

has lived in Deddington since June 2001 and previously for 14yrs in Bloxham. Chartered Accountant. Finance Director and Managing Director of a number of public and private companies. Still a director of a venture capital organisation. Always had an interest in conservation, but not against good development in the right place. Did listed-building casework for 8 yrs. for Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society. Chairman of Banbury CPRE for 5yrs. Now Chairman of Oxfordshire CPRE. Member of the CPRE transport working group. Wants to help to keep Deddington as a pleasant and interesting place to live.

**MEETING IN TOWN HALL - 21 August 2002**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Westley, Wood, the Clerk, the minutes secretary, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 6 members of the public.

**NEW FACES** The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Martin Squires, Steve Westley and Brian Wood, and confirmed that Cllr Alton had taken particular responsibility for Clifton. The Chairman also welcomed the new Clerk, Graham Pitts, successor to Jane Plummer who had resigned because of childcare problems.

**A BIG THANK YOU** PC thanks all the public-spirited parishioners who helped Deddington win the large village section of Thames and Chilterns in Bloom competition (score 152 out of 200). Our Village Stewards will attend presentations at Thatcham, 9 October, expenses paid. After twice winning Best Kept Village (1986 & 2001) we came a creditable 4th this year.

**HEMPTON STONEPITS** Residents of Hempton asked if the Stonepits could be used as allotments. PC agreed as a temporary measure while persistent delays over registration of ownership are sorted out. Environment/Recreation Working Group to discuss with residents.

**PLANNING**

PC objections (1) 2 Hempton Road (former police house): 2-storey extension and new garage - over development; too close to footpath; unauthorised shift of boundary line. (2) Swere House, Clifton: new 2-bay wagon shed - over-large; beyond building line; hazardous bend; distracting to passing motorists.

PC no objection, subject to neighbours' agreement.

(3) Old Farm House, High Street - removal of apple tree. (4) 22 The Daedings - new bay window and external chimney. (5) The Leadenporch House, New Street - alterations to east wing and barn, new heating installation and new gate (subject to Listed Building and Conservation Area consents). (6) Castle End, Castle Street - shaping yew tree.

CDC approvals: 59 St John's Way, Hempton - conservatory; Lime Cottage, New Street - new kitchen and bathroom; Red Lion, Market Place - change of use to residential.

CDC refusal: Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane - extension of business hours.

PC noted that the new anglers' car park at Clifton does not include tree planting, which was a condition of consent. CDC to be informed.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

- PC noted with regret the death of Mrs Cynthia Flood, the former Cllr Garvey.
- DesignGro's grasscutting at Castle Grounds needs to be monitored. Cllr Haslam to pursue.
- Drains in Victoria Terrace still not cleared after 18 months. Cllr Cox to pursue with OCC.
- PC policy on telephone lines is that they should be underground, not overhead.
- Windmill Centre all-weather pitch may need resurfacing. PC to consult OCC Leisure Department and

Oxfordshire FA football development officer.

**TRAFFIC** Consultations are proceeding on proposals to limit speed through villages to 20 mph. Traffic flows through the parish to be monitored afresh. Repositioning of speed limit signs on Oxford and Clifton roads to be considered. Faded road markings, especially at parish 'gateways', to be brought to the attention of OCC.

**BMX TRACK** Riders have made their own unofficial tracks at Castle Grounds and Windmill Centre. PC has allocated £3,500 for a Windmill Centre track to the right of the cricket pitch. Forestry Commission to be consulted about any necessary removal of trees. Insurance and public indemnity to be investigated, possible contractors identified and invited to tender.

**MORE NEWS IN BRIEF**

- Request has been received for a burger van to operate in Deddington. PC to find out more about what is proposed.
- PC to continue £20 annual ORCC subscription.
- CDC tree specialists will be asked to report on health of chestnut trees in Market Place.
- Stewards to apply protective stain to Windmill play equipment.
- Castle Grounds goal post has been taken down, and for safety reasons should be re-installed. Cllr Haslam to pursue.
- PC allocated up to £750 for secure lock-up tool shed at Windmill Centre.

**EAGLE-EYED WALKERS WANTED**

(i) Parishioners are asked to keep PC informed of any problems concerning the Circular Walk, such as broken, misleading or missing direction signs, and of any other matters requiring attention. Contact the Clerk on 337447.

(ii) Ragwort, a weed that can be fatal to horses, has been sighted in and near Clifton. If you see ragwort anywhere in the parish, please inform the Clerk.

**PARISH FINANCES** : **Invoices** passed for payment totalled £5,891.44, including £1,175.34 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages; £1,158.54 DesignGro for grounds maintenance; and £1,145 K Boss and J Boss (separate accounts) for grass-cutting. **Investments** totalled £545,311.63, of which £25,492.20 Barclays (£4,660.81 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £19,048.39 @ 1% overnight + £1,500 imprest @ 1% + £283 @ 0.1% current account); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £518,819.43 West Bromwich @ 4.05%, overnight.

Budget proposals (2003-4) from Working Groups to be with Finance & General Purposes by November.

Insurance Valuation of PC property by Burnett Swain - £213,500 for 3 sports pavilions, Town Hall and Windmill Centre - seems low. PC to refer back.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 18 September, 7.30pm, Holly Tree Club. PLEASE NOTE VENUE 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](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)



As the end of another eventful year at Deddington C.E. Primary School draws to a close, I should like to thank everyone who has helped to make this such a successful and memorable Jubilee year.

In particular I should like to thank the children, staff governors and PTA for their hard work and all parents and members of the community for their continued support.

I look forward to working with everyone again in September and to keeping you in touch with school life through these pages. In the meantime, I trust you have enjoyed a very restful summer break.

Lynne Stephens 338430

SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES



An average of 30 children attended the "Summer Fun" activities at the Church on each of the five Thursdays in August and they did indeed have great fun. Enthusiastic cooking was carried out in the kitchen while elsewhere there were lively music, singing, drama, clay modelling and chess workshops. Paint brushes were out in force every week and everything got painted from jam jars to stones and fabric to boxes. Other creations included frames, flowers, badges and even jet aeroplanes! A major project throughout the month was the production of a Noah's Ark collage. Noah, his family and an ark filled with a multitude of animals floating on a sea of tissue paper can now be seen displayed in the Church along with other exhibits and photographs. Huge thanks are owed to the numerous grown-ups who helped so much to make "Summer Fun" such a success.

Deddington Pre-School

We have enjoyed a busy time at the Pre-School this term. The children have looked at exciting topics such as "mini-beasts, journey's and travel and have produced some wonderful work to support these.

We had a great day out at the Shire Horse Centre in Stratford in June and were treated to such delights as a Horse and cart ride, Sheep sheering and a Shire horse demonstration.

The children have been growing sunflowers for our competition of the tallest sunflower and towards the end of the term decorated a sunflower picture for our painting/collage competition. Winners in the tallest sunflower competition were George Barbeary and Oliver Mayo, who grew sunflowers over an amazing 6ft tall, and that was only by July!

Winners of the painting competition were James Burkill and Katie Haliburton. There were some excellent pictures and our judge had a difficult time choosing.

Well done to all who took part in or supported these competitions in one way or another.

The children have also had regular visits from our Vicar, Reverend Hugh White, and they have thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories.

Last term came to an end with our annual Fancy Dress Picnic - we had some wonderful outfits - lots of hard work surely went into the making of these - Well done!

The winners were Joshua Turner and Chloe Cooper. The sunshine stayed for the afternoon and everyone enjoyed a leisurely lunch. We ended with a raffle with lovely prizes donated by local businesses and committee members. Thank You to all who supported us.

We have had to say a sad farewell to Karen Banks our Joint Assistant who leaves us to move to pastures new with her family. We wish Karen all the best and thank her for her help at Pre-School.

In September we welcome Nicholas Lynch, Joshua Hayward, Leila Kingman, Michael Carter, Abigail Allen, Joshua Powell, Jack Dickerson, Ellis Jones, Callum O'Connell, Bethany Wright and Elen Squires. We also welcome Kendal Tyler who will be joining the staff as Joint Assistant. We hope all the children and Kendal enjoy their time at Pre-School.

We look forward to seeing many old and new faces when our Autumn term starts on Monday 9th September.

Amanda Munson & Sarah Wright

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Thursday 26 September at 8pm. We welcome all those who would like to support us, and hopefully want to be on the committee, as elections will be taking place. You do not have to have a child that is attending Pre-School, and welcome any new faces who believe they could have an input into Pre-School. Wine and nibbles will be served.

Please come. Be part of your community!!!

Sarah Burkill Chairman

Advertisement for Parties4kids.org.uk featuring a clown character and text: "Hassle free childrens parties. Let Parties4kids organise your day. Parties4kids cater for all ages from 1-13. Service includes: Theme parties, catering, face painting, magicians, balloon artists and outdoor events. Call Kirsty on 01295 72166 or email kirstyalexander@parties4kids.org"

**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 September**

|     |    |                            |  |                                 |
|-----|----|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Sun | 1  | 10.30 am                   | Morning Praise (Family Service)                              | 6.30 pm Choral Evensong, B.C.P. |
| Wed | 4  | 10.00 am                   | Eucharist  |                                 |
| Thu | 5  | 2.00 pm                    | Squeals & Wheels   |                                 |
| Sun | 8  | 10.30 am                   | Sung Eucharist and Children's Church                         |                                 |
| Wed | 11 | 10.00 am                   | Eucharist  |                                 |
| Sat | 14 | 6.30 pm                    | Eucharist for Holy Cross Day                                 |                                 |
| Sun | 15 | 8.00 am                    | Holy Communion B.C.P.  |                                 |
|     |    | 10.30 am                   | Sung Mattins B.C.P.  |                                 |
| Wed | 18 | 10.00 am                   | Eucharist  |                                 |
| Sat | 21 | 6.30 pm                    | Eucharist for St. Matthew the Apostle                        |                                 |
| Sun | 22 | 10.30 am                   | Sung Eucharist and Children's Church                         |                                 |
| Wed | 25 | 10.00 am                   | Eucharist  |                                 |
| Sun | 29 | NO SERVICE IN DEDDINGTON - | <b>Transport can be arranged to ...</b>                      |                                 |
|     |    | 10.30 am                   | Benefice Eucharist at Barford St Michael - Patronal Festival |                                 |

**St John Hempton in September**

Sun 1&15 9.00 am Eucharist  
 Sun 22 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evensong B.C.P. followed by auction of produce

**Bible Study Home Groups** Mon Sept 24 2.30 pm at 12 The Daedings Derrick Wincer (338004)

Tues Sept 3 & Wed Sept 18 -7.30 for 8.00 pm at 2 The Leyes, Bill & Liz Dickinson (337050)

**The Monday Club** for 5 -11 year olds at the Primary School Mondays in term time - 3.15 to 4.00pm

From the Parish Registers

**Baptisms** : July 14 Joshua Barnett Aug. 24 Finlay Dickerson

**Funerals** : July 30 John Haydn Williams, aged 91

**JOHN WILLIAMS** spent most of his working life in Cowley where he worked for many years in the steel construction industry. He and his wife came to retire in Grove Court in 1995 but sadly Mrs Williams died in the same year. After getting to know Lake House, Adderbury, as a day visitor following serious illness he moved there as a permanent resident more recently, we extend our sympathy to his daughters and granddaughters, all of whom live in this area.

Aug. 19 Margaret Tustian, aged 96

**MARGARET TUSTIAN** for virtually all of her long life lived in or within a few miles of Deddington. Born into the Lovell farming family at Barford St John; in 1947 she married Alan Tustian from an equally long established farming family at Milton and from then on they farmed Leadenporch Farm in Deddington until his retirement in 1985 when they moved to Adderbury. Following her husband's death she moved to North Aston. We extend our sympathy to her daughter and family.

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

**WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL**

*Pastor Issy Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am

Sept 1, 8 & 15 Pastor Isabel Walton 22 Mr John Goulder 29 Pastor Isabel Walton

**DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NEW STREET**

*Joyce Minnear 339529*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am with Wesleyan Reform Church

Sunday evening services 6.00 pm

Sept 1 Pastor I. Walton (Communion) 8 Mr Andrew Cotton 15 Mr Richard Wilson  
 22 Mr Ross Adkins 29 Mr Harold Puttick Oct 6 Pastor Walton (Communion)

**Funerals** July 9

**ERNEST ROBERT TAYLOR** was very much a village lad and enjoyed all aspects of simple village life. He had many friends in the village and was happy meeting them and talking over old times. He was a loyal member of the Congregational Church, only missing services when he was ill or away from the village. He will be sadly missed by friends of both the Congregational and Wesleyan churches. Our sympathy is with his sister Lois, Audrey and Debbie and their families.

August 5 **CYNTHIA FLORENCE FLOOD**, (formerly Garvey, née Deeley) one time Parish Councillor At Cynthia's funeral service tributes were paid by Pastor Isobel Walton and the Reverend David Abel. Debbie read "Remember" and Neil gave a moving account of his mother's life. Cynthia was very active, had numerous interests and was always willing to help others. She and her family had lifelong interests in the Congregational and Wesleyan churches and Cynthia was always ready to play the organ. She will be sadly missed by all members. Our sympathy is with her husband Peter, Neil, Debbie and families.

**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.

**DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP**

We missed the last couple of Village Markets but will be back for the First Anniversary, on 28 September, with our range of products. Discovering Deddington, a fully illustrated paperback, is only £4.95, while unframed maps of Clifton, Hempton and Farms & Fields are £5 each. The map of Deddington itself, at £8.50 unframed, is somewhat larger than the others. All have illustrations by Ken Langstaff, Maureen Dew and other local artists. Six leaflets covering many aspects of village life, from church & chapel to pubs & restaurants, sell at 50p each or £2.50 the set. Two prints by Ken Langstaff - one illustrating the history of Deddington and its buildings, the other on the old inns of Banbury - are £5 apiece, unframed. Any of the maps or prints can be framed to order.

The Map Group is voluntary and non-profit. Any surplus of revenue over expenditure goes to the parish.

*Norman Stone* 338019

**DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY (DOGS)**

Friday, October 18: we have arranged a half-day's golf at Kirtlington, with dinner at the Deddington Arms for the price of £25.00 all in. Tee-off time is 2.0pm. Stableford format, full handicap. Dinner (with partners) is at 7.30pm with a cost per partner of £10.00. We aim to encourage those who may not be able to find time for our all day meetings, and also to widen the attendance by inviting any golfers who are not members and

who would like to join us for the day. We require early acceptances, so please send these, together with your cheque for £25 (which can be post-dated) and handicap, as soon as possible to: Arthur Kennedy, 1 Wychway House, Deddington.

Friday, November 1 Dinner/Dance Extravaganza: This will be held at Rye Hill Golf Club - 7.30 for 8.0pm. (Transport will be arranged and will leave from Deddington Market Place). An opportunity not to be missed, a great night out meeting old and new friends and the chance to dance till midnight to a fantastic live band. All are welcome, and bring your friends. More details and tickets are available from Tony Lowe 337108, or e-mail focusdirect@btinternet.com

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS** Deddington Players, well! The Panto for January next year has been written and we are working on up-grading the sound system so everybody will hear clearly, even at the back of the hall. But we still need somebody to help us with the musical side and play the keyboard for performances. Please help us, and also join in the fun. The time commitment is variable, except for the week of the performances - 19-25 January. Remember that without music the show cannot go on so if you can help please phone 338153 or 338251. On another note, we have arranged three visiting shows that will all be at the Windmill Centre, so make a note in your diary. The three shows are: Children's Puppets on 23 October at 3.00pm, Attik Dance on 26 October at 7.30pm and John Mills, the internationally known guitarist, on November 9 at 7.30pm.

*Jim Flux* 338153

**1st DEDDINGTON ANCHOR BOYS** Our activities resume on Wednesday 11 September at 3.15 pm. The section is open for boys in school years 1, 2 and 3. For more information...

*Nick Westbury* 337059

**1st DEDDINGTON BOYS BRIGADE JUNIORS**

Our first session finished with a very successful Bar-B-Q that was held at the Windmill Centre on 17 July. The Anchor Boys, along with friends, brothers, sisters and parents joined our members. Nearly 40 young people took part in a variety of games, including indoor cricket, football and dodge ball before sharing in a feast of food. Our activities start again at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 11 September from 5.30 pm. The section is open to boys in school years 4, 5 and 6 and new members will be made very welcome. For more information...

*Brian Bushell* 338715

**DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB**

Unfortunately, our playing season is drawing to a close with only three matches remaining. Our social season, however, continues with a Race Night on Saturday 12 October at the Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm. and a Quiz Night on Friday 22 November, again at the Windmill Centre. All are welcome to both events

*Yvonne Twomey* 337213

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**DEDDINGTON TOWN FC** Deddington Town will once again have two teams in the newly amalgamated Banbury and District/Jersey League. This will present a fresh challenge with different opposition to play. The players have been busy training as well as playing friendlies: a 3-3 draw against Hailey (a) - G. Smith, P. Smith (2); a 3-0 win over Highfield OB (a) - M. Walker, D. Keys, A. Bliss; and a 2-3 loss to Leafield (a) - A. Bliss, J. Rowland. The season starts on 7 September and all matches kick off at 2.30 p.m. Your support will be very much appreciated. 75 Club Winners, all winning £50, Mrs D. Keats (5 July), Mrs D. Keats (12 July), G. Howard (19 July), W. Brain (26 July), Mrs P. Pinfold (2 August), Mrs C. Smith (9 August) and G. Smith (16 August),

*Steve Plumble* 01295 278258

**MONDAY MORNING CLUB** Tickets for *The King and I* at the Apollo on Wednesday 2 October will be available at the coffee morning on Monday 2 September. If you have reserved a seat, please try to pick your ticket up then, as we don't meet again before the outing. The performance starts at 7.30 p.m., so the bus will leave the Market Place at 6.15 p.m. The proposed visit to the races has been re-organised for Saturday 19 October. More details will be available at the coffee morning.

*Jean Flux* 338153

**DEDDINGTON FRIENDLY BRIDGE CLUB** Our next meeting will be at the Holly Tree on Friday 6 Sept at 2.00pm. We hope to see our old members and new ones too. Please come and bring with you any ideas to promote the enjoyment of our afternoon of bridge. *Dorothy White* 337530 *Kenneth & Winifred Holt* 338154

**DEDDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB** The club resumes again on Wednesday 4 September when the speaker will be Mr Peter Sheasby on the topic of The Woodbridge Trust. As we joined Barford friends on the visit to Waddesdon Manor on 7 August, and had a great time, we will not be going on 18 September as planned: we will have a social afternoon at the Windmill Centre instead. The harvest lunch will be on 2 October; we usually meet at 1.00 p.m. for lunch at 1.30 p.m., but firm details will be discussed at the 18 September meeting. We hope to meet new members on 4 September.

*Joyce Minnear* 338529

**DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP** Toddlers have continued over the summer and we have been pleased to welcome lots of new members, including several new babies. Looking ahead to the autumn, the Playbus will be visiting the group on 6 September (wear old clothes so you can enjoy the paint!), and a photographer will be visiting on 25 October to take those Christmas present photos. Watch out too for our autumn sale. If you care for a baby or toddler and would like to join us, we meet every Friday morning at the Windmill Centre, between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. Call me if you want to find out more, or just turn up.

*Lucy Squires* 338442

## DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Our 2002-3 season begins on Wednesday 11 September when Simon Townsend, Manager of Cherwell Museum Services, will talk about the new Banbury Museum. This will be your chance to find out exactly what has been happening down at Castle Quay. For your diary, our speaker on Wednesday 9 October will be Tim Porter, who will talk on "Medieval Women". Our meetings will again be on the second Wednesday of the month in the Windmill Centre, at 7.30 pm. This season we aim to include in our programme a guided walk in the Burford area, a trip to the Weald and Downland Museum at Singleton in Sussex, and another exchange visit with a neighbouring society. Details will follow. We look forward to welcoming old and new friends alike. Annual membership will remain at £14 for a couple, £8 single.

*Chris Day* 337204

**YOUTH CLUB** The Youth Club restarts after the summer break on Monday 9 September, 7-9 pm. The membership last summer reached 40, which the Management Committee considered the maximum for the leaders and helpers. So present members should come along to ensure their membership continues. We had a successful summer period, ending with Cherwell "A Team's karaoke", dance and games evening and a finale of a 'Bring & Share' barbecue. More sports, arts and special events are planned for the autumn, with the likelihood of a Christmas disco. *Gay Brewer* (Management) 338097

*Amanda Munson* (Leader) 337416

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**DEDDINGTON GARDENERS** "The future of the club" - please come to the Holly Tree on Tuesday 15 October at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. *Betty Hill*

**WI** There was no meeting in August. Our autumn season begins on 10 September when the speaker is George Spenceley who will talk about "Forty years of Adventure and Travel". The harvest supper is on 8 October and on 12 November Peter Sheasby will talk on "Spring in South Africa". We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm. in the Holly Tree Club room. We welcome visitors and potential new members.

*Rene Mahony* 338438

**1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES** We were lucky to be able to spend so much time out-of-doors last term. Cookouts, wide games, stream walking, survival shelters and hiking were just some of the activities we took part in. Summer camp was wonderful - four days and three nights near Swalcliffe - and our campsite was absolutely beautiful. We had our own stream for paddling and sailing mini rafts and a hill for sliding down! The guides became expert at problem solving in so many situations. They cooked on open fires, everything from chocolate steam pudding to nettle tea; won medals at our own Commonwealth Games; observed Roe deer and mares at close quarters and learnt a lot about sheep farming. Some guides had a wonderful time holidaying in Switzerland with Hook Norton Guides. Lots of great things to come. Girls aged 10 and over are welcome to join us! We meet on Tuesday evenings at the Windmill Centre from 7-9 p.m. *Maggie Rampley* 01295 810069

**DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB** Another infamous Deddington Cricket Club Quiz Night will be held on Thursday 19 September - upstairs at the Unicorn at 7.30. Tickets £5.00 (food provided) - tickets or table bookings from Alan Collins (338031) or see posters for details. An "End of Season shindig" (buffet & music) is planned in early November for all team members and guests. Oh yes, the cricket: the Saturday League team

are comfortably in mid-table having lost a few games to the weather (and one or two to the opposition) but with only a few games to go neither glory nor ignominy beckons. The Sunday League team is still enjoying its cricket against some of the best clubs in the area, with varying results but with no less enthusiasm for the exposure to new challenges. We are of course looking forward to our traditional finale at Shipton-Under-Wychwood (this year's finalists at the Lords Village Cricket Final). Honours even over the last 2 years. We are still looking for 11-16 year olds to make a junior team worthwhile - so get in touch.

*Alan Collins* 338031 or avacollins@aol.com

**LIFE AND PORTRAIT ART GROUP** We continue to meet in the Town Hall on Thursdays from 10-12.30 and 1.30-4.00 and warmly welcome newcomers of all abilities.

*Annette Murphy* 337318

**SONG CIRCLE** We re-commence for the autumn on Monday 2 September. If you are interested in joining us, please ring.

*Annette Murphy* 337318

**DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB** The new season starts on Tuesday 3 September. New members of all standards are very welcome, just turn up any Tuesday after 7 pm., or telephone one of the numbers below.

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It was fantastic to read everyone else's comments on the celebrations in the July DN and we felt justifiably pleased with ourselves. After a great deal of planning and a lot of hard work, we thought the weekend's celebrations went very well and gained the impression that everyone who attended the various events enjoyed themselves and we hope it will prove to have been a memorable occasion.

This will sound a bit like the Oscars without the tears, but we would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who sponsored and supported the various fund raising events, as without this fantastic help the whole thing would not have happened. We also thank all those people who supported and helped by rallying the community to come to the fund raising race evening and the celebrations, distributing information, selling (and buying!) raffle tickets and helping with the donkey work of erecting marquees, cleaning up etc. But above all we would like to thank all those that attended all the events and proved that our community is alive and always ready to enjoy themselves. And finally, many thanks to Rick Haslam who was determined that our community should be involved in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in some way and kept up the momentum.

For those who didn't hear or missed the main event, the results of the raffle are as follows:

| Prize                       | Winner        | Ticket no |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Hilton Weekend              | J. Campbell   | 0345      |
| Pamper Day - Living Well    | Ms Kyte       | 4077      |
| Child's bike                | M. Smith      | 4671      |
| Activity day - Middle Aston | J. Cowley     | 4027      |
| Brakspear's beer            | K. Wilkinson  | 5906      |
| VW Beetle weekend           | H. Stoddart   | 4563      |
| Bottle of whisky            | V. Withington | 4661      |

*Jill Cheeseaman* on behalf of the Golden Jubilee Committee



... and here's a financial update on the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations in Deddington.

The Golden Jubilee organising team started planning the events at the end of 2001 and the hard work and effort was well worth it.

The team worked in small groups to raise funds, organise each activity over the weekend celebrations and arrange village decorations and the necessary clean up! Due to fantastic support from all the parish and extremely hard work of the organising team over £5,800 was raised.

All the events, including the children's gifts, party, marquees & bands etc cost £4,700 and therefore the organising team made an amazing profit of £1,100.

At the post celebration review meeting it was decided to distribute these funds to local causes / charities - as follows:

- £275 to the Youth Club
- £275 to the Uniformed Clubs (Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Boys Brigade & Scouts)
- £275 to the Church
- £275 to the Carers in the Parish

The new Parish Clerk will be in contact with the above groups at the beginning of September to arrange the payment of the hopefully much needed cheques.

We hope you enjoyed the celebrations as much as the organising team, and the above great news is the icing on the jubilee cake for Deddington!!

*Rick Haslam*

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The floral displays this summer have been a joy. Kristin Thompson and I have prepared the following list of species to compare with the previous two summers (see DNs of September 2000 and 2001). This has been checked by our resident botanist, Walter Meagher, and expanded to include some water plants he identified in the Swere. Interestingly, of the 55 species listed, only about a quarter were introduced. The list does not include several spring species, notably the delightful ragged robin.

Angelica, wild, *Angelica sylvestris*;  
 Arrowhead, *Sagittaria sagittifolia*;  
 Bedstraw, hedge, *Galium mollugo*;  
 Bindweed, hedge, *Calystegia sepium*;  
 Bittersweet, *Solanum dulcamara*;  
 Buttercup, creeping, *Ranunculus repens*;  
 Buttercup, meadow, *Ranunculus acris*;  
 Champion, white, *Silene latifolia*;  
 Champion, red *Silene dioica*;  
 Chervil, rough, *Chaerophyllum temulum*;  
 Cleavers, *Galium aparine*;  
 Clover, white, *Trifolium repens*;  
 Clover, red, *Trifolium pratense*;  
 Cow parsley, *Anthriscus sylvestris*;  
 Cranesbill, meadow, *Geranium pratense*;  
 Daisy, oxeye, *Leucanthemum vulgare*;  
 Dead nettle, white, *Lamium album*;  
 Dead-nettle, red, *Lamium purpureum*;  
 Dock, broad-leaved *Rumex obtusifolius*;  
 Dock, curled, *Rumex crispus*;  
 Figwort, water, *Scrophularia auriculata*;  
 Field Forget-me-not, *Myosotis arvensis*;  
 Hempnettle, common, *Galeopsis tetrahit*;  
 Herb Robert, *Geranium robertianum*;  
 Knapweed, black, *Centaurea nigra*;  
 Lettuce, prickly, *Lactuca serriola*;  
 Loosestrife, purple, *Lythrum salicaria*;  
 Mallow, musk, *Malva moschata*;  
 Meadowsweet, *Filipendula ulmaria*;  
 Mouseear, common, *Cerastium fontanum*;  
 Mugwort, *Artemisia vulgaris*;  
 Nettle, common, *Urtica dioica*;  
 Nipplewort, *Lapsana communis*;  
 Pansy, field, *Viola arvensis*;  
 Plantain, ribwort, *Plantago lanceolata*;  
 Poppy, common, *Papaver rhoeas*;  
 Redshank, *Polygonum persicaria*;  
 Scabious, field, *Nautia arvensis*;  
 St. John's-wort, square-stalked, *Hypericum tetrapetrum*;  
 Self-heal, *Prunella vulgaris*;  
 Sorrel, common, *Rumex acetosa*;  
 Sow-thistle, prickly, *Sonchus asper*;  
 Teasel, *Dipsacus fullonum*;  
 Thistle, creeping, *Cirsium arvense*;  
 Thistle, spear, *Cirsium vulgare*;  
 Trefoil, hop, *Trifolium campestre*;  
 Vetch, tufted, *Vicia cracca*;  
 Vetchling, meadow, *Lathyrus pratensis*;  
 Water lily, yellow *Nuphar lutea*;  
 Willow-herb, great, *Epilobium hirsutum*;  
 Winter-cress, *Barbarea vulgaris*;  
 Yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*.

Our display illustrating the development of the wood has moved from the Library to the Parish Church and now includes pictures from the Jubilee Picnic in June – many thanks to the Rev. Dr. Hugh White for granting us the space. Finally some of you have already commented on the Heritage Tree post which has appeared near the lower seat. What does it mean? Find out in the October DN.

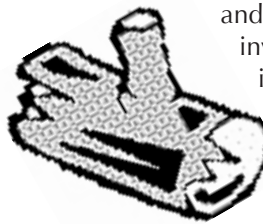
Sylvie Spenceley

## Life from the Dying

Helen d' Ayala, whose visit was noted in the July DN, writes approvingly that our churchyard has "a good mix of habitats including trees and shrubs (of different ages), open sunny and shaded grassland, and shaded and sunny stonework (grave stones, kerbs and walls)".

Deadwood - a dead tree or limb - either cut or standing may be unsightly, but let it be, Helen writes, for it provides habitat for beetles, woodpeckers, and owls. Compared with the aged oak tree in a field at Rousham, deformed, hollowed, and leafless, our oak tree's two fractured limbs have been neatly amputated, and the tall sycamore pollarded. Sycamore logs, great heavy pieces with characteristically flaky bark, have been stacked against the churchyard's north wall.

Nature is unhurried in converting cellulose into topsoil; while she lingers in this task, decaying logs provide "hidey-holes, hibernation sites and foraging areas for animals, and invertebrates". This habitat may be increased in the churchyard by tucking a few logs "in a shaded corner or a single log at the base of a wall, or under shrubs, so that they blend in". If this were a good idea of churchyard habitat management, there are several places where children from Deddington Primary School, in their poppy-red jumpers, should one day discover new minibeast wildlife habitats.



Helen suggests an experiment. Set aside a small rectangular area, perhaps the space enclosed by a kerb monument, such as near the church's east window. Let the plants grow on; cut them in the autumn, and let them grow again next year. Will desirable species - goldilocks buttercup, meadow saxifrage, and sweet vernal grass - awaken from their dormancy, or will well-known arable weeds - cock's-foot grass, groundsel, and nipplewort - continue their occupation of ground enclosed by a rectangle of stone kerbing?

Early one summer's morning, strong light cast long shadows across the decorous lawn, dispersing to all sides of the gravestones nearest the east window. Ironstone memorials - once quarried in Deddington parish - stand below and near the great green cypresses, which are as tall as the parkland trees of an ancient estate. For so much good proportion, variety, and beauty I am thankful.

Walter L. Meagher

## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Please address all letters to: KRISTIN THOMPSON,  
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### FROM JACKIE WILLIAMSON, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

Gratitude to all the ladies at Clifton who attended my coffee morning in aid of the Beagle Welfare Association. Thanks to their generosity we raised £50, which will help provide emergency care and new homes for beagles that have been abused, used for research or are unwanted.

**NEWS FROM HEMPTON**

Two months have passed and there is very little to report. On Saturday 14 September it is the Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches sponsored Ride or Stride day. St. John The Evangelist Church will be open between 10.00am - 6.00pm to welcome people from other churches and to offer refreshments. It is necessary to have people on duty in the Church throughout the day so anyone who can spare an hour, please let me know. Also donations of cakes would be appreciated. Several people will be cycling or walking from our Church so good luck to them! Any money raised is divided equally between our Church and the Oxfordshire Historic Church Organisation.

The Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 22 September at 6.00pm. Gifts of produce etc. will be most welcome and may be brought to the Church that weekend. Following the Service there will be the sale of produce and the money raised given to a suitable charity. Please come and support this Service if you can.

The Friends of Hempton Church A.G.M. will be held on Monday 30 September at 8.00pm. As we are a registered charity we are compelled to hold this meeting. Everyone from the village will be most welcome so please support this meeting if you can. Nominations for the committee members need to be with me 14 days prior to the meeting.

Does anyone know what happened to the Hempton sign at the east end of the village? A new St. John's Way sign was put up but Hempton sign is gone. Are we getting a new one?  
*Les Chappell* 338054

**NEWS FROM CLIFTON**

The holiday period has been mostly quiet in Clifton as many families take a break or go to Deddington and further afield for other activities. During June the drains on the main road were renewed yet again. This is the third section to be done and we were hoping this latest work would prevent the torrent of water from gushing down the road every time it rains. However recent heavy rain saw a return of the stream, although with flash flooding or similar, maybe this is to be expected. It is disappointing to report that work has not yet started on the footpath along the main road despite assurances that it would get under way early in the summer. We say farewell to Kenneth and Winifred Holt who have moved to Deddington, and extend a warm welcome to newcomers to the village. Please give me a call if you have any items of interest for the October issue.

*Carol Drawmer* 338450

[... Congratulations to Jan Walsh of St Anne's Home, Clifton on being awarded a 2:1 by Oxford Brookes University for her BSc degree in Gerontology with a Specialist Nursing Award. Ed]

**CLIFTON 150 YEARS AGO**

The following is an extract from Jackson's Oxford Journal for the month of September 1852:-

13th September - Clifton Church - The ceremony of laying a cornerstone to this pretty little Church now in course of erection at the hamlet of Clifton took place on Monday afternoon last, in the presence of a considerable number of the gentry, clergy, and other inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood. Seats for the accommodation of ladies were so placed as to form a quadrangle near the corner of the building, and behind these a crowd of spectators stood; probably not less than 500 persons were present. Divine service was commenced by the Rev. G. Venables with readings, psalms and prayers, after which the cornerstone was lowered and deposited in its place by the Rev. W. Cotton Risley. A hymn was then sung and the Rev. Dr. Wilson delivered a brief address to the assemblage. This ended, Mr. Risley officiated until the close of the service. The spirit manifested by all classes upon the occasion was very pleasing. The Church will accommodate, when finished, nearly 200 persons.

The site was generously given by Mr. Jos. Gardner, of Clifton; nearly all the materials have been drawn by the farmers of Clifton; the stone, dug at Aynho pit, was freely given by W.C. Cartwright, Esq.; the whole of the timber, consisting entirely of oak, is presented by Mr. Risley, and the remaining expenses will be defrayed by public subscription. It is only just, however, to add that Mr. & Mrs. Risley are the chief contributors. *Buffy*

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**DEDDINGTON MARKET**

Doesn't time fly!!! The next market, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, is our first anniversary! It's been a burgeoning year, come wind, rain or shine (and we've had them all!) the market is a obvious success. It continues to grow and we are planning some special events for September. Come to buy good quality produce, meet friends and celebrate!

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There are numerous updates across the site this September. Nearly a third of the material has been edited. These include pictures of the Church Choir through the ages and the Parish Council minutes are now available from April 2000 to May 2002. A new page in the History /Historical Characters section contains information about General Hobart who once lived at Leadenporch House. He developed most of the heavy army equipment - including swimming tanks - which were so essential to the D-Day landings in WWII. There is also more on the Windmill Community Centre.

If you are located in the Parish and have not already updated your free entry in the community or business databases or would like to register for the first time, please contact Celia Clark on 338064 soon as possible or <Colin.Clark@deddington.net>

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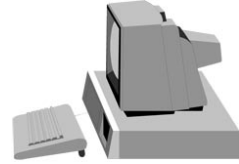
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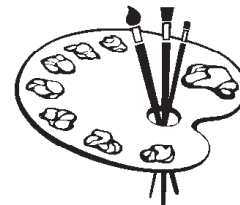
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Annual Prize giving at the Old House and the winner is without doubt a climbing polyanthus rose called the Rambling Rector. It's officially white but starts off creamy and at the end of the blooming time has a pinky tinge in it. The amazing thing about it is its mountaineering ability. Boots on and off it goes. We planted ours at the base of an apple tree and it shinned to the top in two seasons, giving us a wonderful view of white blossom in June. We just fear that by next year it will have reached Sue and John Parkinson's front door and they will have to hack their way out of the house with a bush knife.



The booby prize goes to the Begonias, which have done very little except display leaves covered with mildew. And somewhere in the middle (I mean of prize giving) come the grasses which have looked good and done their stuff.

My plans to make the Patio less of a riot and more elegant have failed. I had put pots of greens and white or very pale flowers. But the whole thing lacked sparkle and was a disappointment to me. So, back to Petunias and Busy Lizzies next season. The growers know what is good for them. By this time it is cutting back and snipping and shaping. Nearly time, too, to put in new Tulips. Do look at the bulbs carefully before you buy. I always try to get loose ones, so I can see them.

I can't remember a summer with plants so affected by bugs, pests, black-spot, mildew and millions of slugs. But onwards and upwards - next year will be better.

*Marianne Elsley*

**... and for the kitchen**

The runner beans that I sowed under glass in April have now grown all over the trellis that has gone up in our garden, and we have enjoyed several meals of sweet, soft, luscious beans fresh from the beanstalk. They are Desiree, a stringless variety, not by choice, but simply because that was all I could buy at the time. So I was amused to read the Observer's food correspondent



writing last month that he too had grown runner beans for the first time and had been surprised to find how much tastier his fresh beans were than those brought in from far away and sold in the shops. Of course, I could have told him that, and so could all those whose rows of beans in the allotments are now being harvested in good quantities, and others of us who have them in their garden. Many, from one allotment gardener, have been on sale (for charity) at the farmers' market and could well be incentive for new allotment holders to start digging. I understand that the Parish Council is often willing to help with the cost of rotavating a plot as the PC is keen that more of us (actually 'more of you' as my garden is ample) should try our hand on the land. Ring Oliver Hawes (338029) or the Parish Clerk (337447) for details.

*Hugh*

*Marshall*

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Asylum Seekers are seldom out of the news at the present time. Wars, Civil Wars, oppression force unbelievable numbers of people to migrate in search of a better life in a better country. The constant stream of these refugees, whom communities either welcome or do their best to keep at a distance, create a picture of an impersonal mass of humanity catered for by somebody, but not me directly.

Much different it was in February 1915 when the news of refugees was brought right into the midst of Deddington, and I quote from the *Deddington Deanery Magazine* 1915:

"We were pleased to welcome on January 18th, two families of Belgian refugees of the working class both by the name of Vandendries, from Antwerp. Two mothers, whose husbands are at the war, with five children. They will be supported by the weekly subscriptions of the parishioners and are located in a house kindly placed at the disposal of the Belgian Refugee Committee at a reduced rent by Mr Painter."

At an even earlier date in the 1890s, children from London "had the pleasure of spending a fortnight in the country at Deddington". The following notice appears in the Magazine 1891.

"It is proposed, as last year, to give some children from the Walworth District of London an opportunity of spending a week or two in the country here. The cost of maintaining a child is 5/- per week. Some money has already been contributed. Any wishing to assist towards this object are requested to forward their contributions to Mrs. Kinch, by whom they will be gratefully received. We need hardly add, that it is a great boon to London children to spend a short time during the summer in the country".

Ruth Johnson



**NOYE'S FLUDE**

On Sunday 29 June, as part of the Parish Church's Patronal Festival, there will be a performance of Benjamin Britten's opera, Noye's Flude, under the musical direction of Janet Lince, of CHOROS. The performance will involve children from our school and other local performers as well as a number of professional musicians. We hope that this will be a true community event and invite anyone who might be interested in contributing to the production (eg. in music, dance, set design and construction, direction, general organisation) to contact Jim Flux (338153) Kristin Thompson (337052) or Hugh White (349869). HW

**Ripples**

When they come to dig up the time capsule buried under the Town Hall, will they be able to decipher its contents? Now imagine a 'time capsule' which sank 34 centuries ago off Kaş in Turkey, and the task of the marine archaeologists to read from its cargo the lifestyle of its Bronze Age owners and crew. **Netia Piercy** is the link with Deddington. One of our newest residents, Netia divides her time between here and Bodrum in Turkey. Working for the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, part of Texas A&M University, her freelance role as an archaeological illustrator is to record in minute detail the structure and decoration of the objects recovered from such wrecks - unique snapshots of their period. After so many centuries they are waterlogged and salt-impregnated so that cameras and computers cannot do Netia's job, to which she brings her architectural training and experience in publishing. Even though work on the Kas find began in 1982, it took five years to bring its contents to the surface to be restored and conserved, and 20 years later the work of solving its puzzles still goes on to fill in one of the bald



**AGE Concern** needs your help to deliver its new footcare service to older people in our community. 'Sole' Mates is a new service to be launched by Age Concern in the autumn of this year. Its aim is to provide basic footcare to older people in our community. To deliver this service we need to recruit and train a small group of volunteers - might you be interested? To find out more contact - Tina Cooper on 01235 849400 : mobile 07946032217 email: tinacooper@ageconcernoxon.com

**AGE CONCERN WEEK**  
**PARTY TIME FOR OLDER PEOPLE**  
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**A TEA PARTY FOR OLDER FOLK**  
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 THE WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
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**FINAL CUT**

At lunchtime on Saturday 7 September **Ross Webb** completes his last professional haircut. Ross is retiring after 32 years as a barber. He served his apprenticeship at Washingtons in Bolton [where the DN EDITOR used to have his hair cut before moving t o Deddington], and worked in Oxford before setting up his pole in Hudson Street seven years ago. After gigabytes of snips, repetitive strain injury is forcing Ross to sterilise his scissors for the last time - sadly for him - as for his customers, to whom he expresses his sincere thanks. Though he departs for a new home near Harlech, his name will be kept alive in Hudson Street as Melanie Hemsey from Mollington takes over the business. CH

Also on the move is **Samantha Bedwell** - but only a little way down from High Street to New Street. Her Deddington Dental Practice has moved from one filling station to another!

**FIRE SERVICE**



29 calls received since the last report, bringing the annual total to 109. These were; stand by at other stations 4, heap of tyres on fire 1, a call to controlled burning, 12 false alarms, a fire in a boiler house, hay bales 1, barns 2, grass verge fire 1, road traffic accidents 2, shed fire 1, and a call to a smoking motor in the Odeon Banbury.

Training: Thanks to Anton, the manager & staff we had a pump exercise in the Unicorn Hotel last month. It was a very worthwhile training experience, although you'll have to ask Mark, behind the bar, how he felt about being rescued from the 2nd floor by ladder!

*Anne Waters* 338279

[... and thanks to the Brigade for changing the light bulbs in the parish church - as a ladder training exercise. Ed]

**BYHP** is a registered charity established in 1989, in response to the growing concern about youth homelessness in the area. The charity is based in Banbury, but responds to the needs of young people in the surrounding rural villages and the towns of Bicester and Kidlington. The project's mission statement states:



***"BYHP exists to support and assist young people in finding and maintaining a safe home from which they may be assisted to determine their own opportunities in life"***

The Banbury Nightstop project was developed in May 1999, because there was no emergency accommodation in the Cherwell area. The scheme provides overnight accommodation for homeless young people with volunteer "host" households. Hosts are vetted and supported so that the scheme is able to offer help to very vulnerable young people. People whose behaviour is challenging cannot, however, be accommodated. Many young people find the thought of staying with a family they do not know too difficult, but for others it is an essential stopgap.

BYHP is keen to promote its services to everyone in the Cherwell area. We are also looking to recruit more volunteers to become Nightstop hosts. For further information please ring 01295 259442 or <byhp@freeuk.com>.

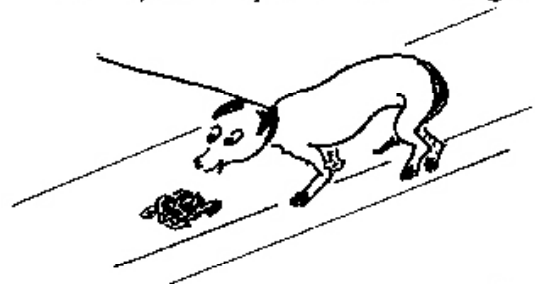
**KEEP DEDDINGTON CLEAN**

Unfortunately there are one or two people who abuse the use of the skip placed in Cosy Lane by Cherwell District Council.

For the last two weeks household rubbish has been dumped outside the skip, on one occasion covered by an old carpet, making the area unsightly and an eyesore for people who live nearby. Please respect the area and ensure items are placed in the skip. The skip is supplied for garden rubbish and larger items that will not go into the regular green wheely bins. If the skip is misused it is probable that the facility will have to be withdrawn.


*Clerk to the Parish Council*

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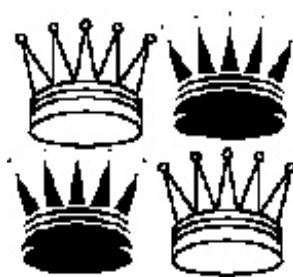
## OCTOBER DIARY

- Wed 2 Friendship Club : Harvest Lunch, 1 for 1.30 pm. → p.7  
 Wed 2 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.  
 Wed 2 Monday Morning Club: bus for *The King & I* leaves the Market Place at 6.15 pm. → p.7  
 Thu 3 Age Concern tea party, Windmill Centre, 3.30 pm. → p.14  
 Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am~noon. → p.7  
 Tue 8 WI: Harvest Supper, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. → p.8  
 Wed 9 Deddington History Society: Tim Porter on Medieval Women, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.  
 Sat 12 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Race Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 p.m. → p.6  
 Tue 15 Deddington Gardeners: Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. → p.8  
 Wed 16 Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. → p.8  
 Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30 pm.  
 Fri 18 Deddington Original Golf Society: Golf at Kirtlington & dinner at Deddington Arms. → p.8  
 Tue 22 Copy Date for November Deddington News.  
 Wed 23 *Jack and the Beanstalk & Billy Goats Gruff*. Clyde-built Puppet Theatre, Windmill Centre, 3 pm  
 Fri 25 Photographer visiting Deddington Babies & Toddlers at Windmill Centre. → p.8  
 Sat 26 Deddington Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9 am~1pm. → p.12  
 Sat 26 Attik Dance: an evening of dance drama at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.6

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

## LONDON PREMIERE FOR DEDDINGTON'S CHORAL FANTASY

Remember **4 Great Queens**, the choral fantasy by Donald Lane and Norman Stone? It was sung in Deddington Parish Church during the Jubilee Concert in June. The work, in an orchestrated version, gets its first London performance on **Sunday 6 October**, in Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, Kensington (near the Royal Albert Hall). It's part of a no-ticket concert



by the Prommers Orchestra and Chorus, starting at 7pm. A month later, on **Saturday 9 November**, **4 Great Queens** will form part of a Radcliffe Orchestra concert at the John Radcliffe Hospital (more details next issue). If any Deddington singers would like to take part, please contact Donald Lane on 337199.

## CRIMESTOPPERS FOCUS ON BOGUS CALLERS

One crime which causes huge distress and is becoming more common is 'distraction burglary'. A person posing as an official, usually from one of the utility companies (water, electricity, gas, telephone etc), calls at the door. They start chatting to the owner and gain entry to the house "to read the meter" for example, or "to do a safety check". Once left alone, they can help themselves to purses, wallets, handbags, jewellery and other valuables. Sometimes there is even an accomplice who sneaks in while the first criminal is talking to the owner and, unseen, has free rein to wander around the rest of the house.

These conmen usually choose to call at the houses of elderly, often single people, who will often be very welcoming and happy to pass the time of day with the caller, even offering a cup of tea and a biscuit. Their hospitality is returned by this horrible act

of burglary.

Many victims of this type of crime never report it to the Police. They believe that they were in some way responsible for the crime, since they let the stranger into their house. They feel stupid and hurt, and too distressed

to talk about it. So the criminal walks free to work the same trick on another vulnerable person.

This is where Crimestoppers comes in. Anyone with information about any crime can call Crimestoppers ANONYMOUSLY on the Freephone number 0800 555 111. They will not be asked their name, the call will not be recorded or traced and they may be eligible for a reward should their information lead to an arrest and charge. In the Thames Valley last year, over 1,000 people called Crimestoppers

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