

No **DN** in August gave me space for my other major preoccupation, allowing me to go to attend the General Convention of the U.S. Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. Even there I met a Deddington connection: Edmund Newell's friend Sabina Alkire was a key speaker on *Global Reconciliation* in St Mark's Cathedral. We had last met in May when she came here with her sister Hannah, the cellist half of *ACOUSTIC IDOLON*. Sabina told me she had just returned from North Wales where she had met Jenny, the wife of a Czech potter, and one of my sister's rota of carers in Essex. It is a Small World!

In Minneapolis I witnessed the debates which led to the confirmation of the openly gay Canon Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire - the controversial decision was widely reported here. This is not the place to explore that issue (though I am willing to do so elsewhere if asked about it), neither was that the preoccupation which took me to Minnesota.

Florence Li Tim-Oi was the first Anglican woman priest, ordained by my father 60 years ago next January. She had been tutored in Canton by Bishop Geoffrey Allen, in whose

house we now live. I was asked to be present to testify to Tim-Oi's Christian character in support of the proposal to commemorate the Anniversary of her Priesting in the Calendar of the Episcopal Church in the States. This was happily accepted.

My presence there gave me the opportunity to recruit support for the **LI TIM-OI FOUNDATION**, of which I serve as secretary, and of which it is appropriate that Deddington should be the hub, as it was through Bishop Allen that we are here. In Li Tim-Oi's memory in ten years the Foundation has helped 126 women in 66 Anglican dioceses in Africa, Brazil, Fiji and Pakistan train for Christian work - empowering them as role models in heavily male-dominated cultures. Her story and that of the Foundation are to be found on the website [www.litim-oi.org](http://www.litim-oi.org).

This is just one way in which Deddington creates ripples reaching out across the world. Lest we become too parochial, please alert me to other such stories to tell in future editions. *CH*



### SEPTEMBER DIARY

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Wed	3	Monday Morning Club: Bus for <i>Cymbeline</i> leaves Market Place at 6 pm.
Sat	6	Deddington Town FC: start of new season → p.12
Mon	8	Brownies: start of new session, Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
Mon	8	Windmill Committee meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Tue	9	WI: Bridget O'Connor, <i>My Journey in Patchwork</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. → p.12
Tue	9	Deddington Badminton Club: start of new season, Windmill Centre, from 7 pm.
Tue	9	Deddington Badminton Club: Junior coaching 6-7 pm
Wed	10	Deddington History Society: Paul Booth, <i>Roman Oxfordshire</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.12
Wed	10	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Sat	13	Historic Churches <i>Ride or Stride</i> , 10 am~6 pm → p.6
Wed	17	Boys' & Girls' Brigade and Anchor Boys' meetings recommence. → p.11
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm. → p.2
Sat	20	Fair Trade Christmas Market, Parish Church, 10am~noon → p.15
Sun	21	Happy Circus, Deddington School, 2 pm → p.3
<b>Tue</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Copy Date for October <i>Deddington News</i></b>
Tue	23	Deddington Pre-School: AGM, 8 pm. → p.3
Wed	24	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Fri	26	Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Bouncy Castle, Windmill Centre, 9.30~11.30 am → p.11
Sat	27	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9 am~12.30 pm.
Sat	27	Fashion Show & Disco, aiding Guides, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6-8 pm → p.12

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

### **Deddington News** - Copy please to the relevant editor by next copy date: **TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

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**Meeting in Town Hall, 16 July 2003**

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

**STEWARDS**

Comprehensive review of Village Stewards' responsibilities - including terms of reference, job descriptions, pay and hours, work for reimbursement, employment law and budget implications - will be undertaken. Clerk to present paper at next PC meeting. (Cllr Rollason declared interest as member of Windmill Committee.)

**PLANNING & PROPERTY**

PC no objection: (i) Sylvan Cottage, Clifton - egress door to garage roof. (ii) No 31, The Daedings - first floor extension. (iii) Woolgrove House, Hempton - detached garage/workshop/ store. (iv) Unicorn Hotel, Deddington - insert steel lintel and replace timber-framed sash window. (v) No 2, County View, Clifton - 2-storey extension. (vi) No 65, St John's Way, Hempton - single-storey extension.

PC no objection in principle: (vii) Windmill Stores, Deddington - change of use to hot food takeaway and erection of external extraction ducting. PC expressed concern about appearance and position of ducting.

CDC approvals: (viii) Hoopnins, Manor Farm Barns - garage conversion to residential. (ix) Stone Lea, Hempton - new slate roof and barn repairs. (x) Clifton Mill - replace west windows. (xi) Brock House, Earls Lane - replace single garage with double.

CDC refusal: (xii) No 44, Mill Close - single and 2-storey extension to rear, and 2-storey side extension. PC noted that Environment Secretary had rejected North Oxford Consortium appeal to build up to 5000 dwellings on the Upper Heyford airbase site. Development will be restricted to 1000.

**TAKE NOTICE**

The new noticeboards are for community, not commercial, use. Notices by retailers and other profit-making enterprises will be removed, as will the large "unofficial" board on the Market Place green.

**HIGHWAY PRIORITIES**

PC's Working Group will focus on 3 key responsibilities. 1. Hempton Road - safety and speeding. 2. Clifton Road - safety and pedestrian path. 3. Deddington Parish - completion of traffic calming programme. Until these priorities have been carried through, other matters must wait their turn.

**BMX TRACK ON TRACK**

Free topsoil has been obtained from Bryant Homes by Richard Spencer, and delivered free by Walkers of Deddington. Mr Spencer has offered free use of a digger. (Cllr Spencer declared an interest.) Construction should start on 26 July. PC thanked all concerned for their help. Because of grant aid, and also changes in the track, a budget surplus of at least £2,000 is expected. PC to decide how this is

to be re-allocated - for example, on providing a water supply to the Hempton Stonepits allotments.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

- PC to keep all-weather pitch in good repair and free of loose chippings.
- Former Cllr Linda Davies continues as PC-nominated School Governor until January 2005.
- Deddington Colts and PC share responsibility for safety of goalposts at Castle Grounds.
- CDC Annual Review is available now to Cllrs at Clerk's office.
- Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2001-2016 will be published by OCC in September 2003.
- Changes proposed in the Oxfordshire Periodic Electoral Review do not affect the parish.
- PC and PCC to share cost of church lighting 50/50 - thus saving parish £50 per year.

**LICENSING**

1. Co-op has applied for change of Licence Holder, from Bowley and Hope to Harper and Hope.
2. Hearing on Royal British Legion application has been adjourned for a further month. PC to keep in touch with Trustees. Cllr Harvey declared interest.
3. If/when new Licensing Bill gets Royal Assent, responsibility shifts from Magistrates to Local Authority. CDC to be invited to address PC on implications.

**VANDALISM**

PC expressed concern about continued vandalism at the Windmill Centre and, most recently, in the cemetery. PC Middleton has issued informal warnings, and will take further action as needed.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices totalled £5,168.48, including £1,591.92 imprest (wages etc), and £2,082.69 grasscutting (T Fox, A E Burgess).

Investments totalled £534,897.69, of which £7,523.72 Barclays (£1,590.00 imprest + £5,933.72 current) @ 0.1%; £1,000 Bradford and Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £526,373.97 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight. The Clerk reported that these balances had been obtained on the day of the PC meeting, via the Internet.

Those authorised to access PC's accounts, using a password, are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of F & GP Working Group and the Clerk.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17 September, Town Hall, 7.30pm**, as there was insufficient business to require an August meeting. In addition to Stewards' responsibilities, items to be discussed will include Right to Roam, the new Disabilities Discrimination Act, PC accounts 2002/2003 and internal audit.

*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)*

Another school year ended with a very busy but successful summer term. Our Year 6 children left with memories of a mixture of hard work and play. Having worked hard for their end of year tests, all the children in the school enjoyed such events as "Grounds Day", organised by Miss Sampson, our Year 2 teacher. This was an extremely enjoyable and educational day when every activity was planned to take place out of doors. Children took part in creative arts, science and sporting events throughout the day and I am sure that this event will become a regular in our school calendar.



In addition to this we held the traditional Sports Evening and our Year 5 and 6 children entertained parents with a play entitled "A Holiday and a Half".

Those who took part in the community production of "Noye's Fludde" will also have memories of being part of a wonderfully exciting and worthwhile event.

Of course none of these things could happen without the tremendous efforts of the staff and children at school and the support of you, the parents and wider communities of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and the Barfords. So I thank you all for that continued support and I look forward to working with you all again in the year now starting.

*Lynne Stephens* 338430

### DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We enjoyed a very successful Wild West night towards the end of term at the Windmill Centre, raising just over £1,000. Thank you to all those who supported us and to the tireless team who helped to decorate and clear up. During the summer break Kathy Bradburn (from the Primary school), Michelle Walker and Hannah have run seven days of Holiday Club. These days have been an outstanding success and all credit to the staff who have worked so hard. Thirty-five children joined us for one or more of the days to make Fizz bombs, cook, and face paint and a whole host of other activities. Watch this space for more holiday clubs in the future.

We have recruited a new Supervisor, Anna Justice for September and she brings us much needed Early Years experience. Special thanks go to all the staff for coping so well this year and to all the Mums and Dads who helped, to ensure we could continue to offer all our sessions.

We've said a very sad and reluctant goodbye to Amanda Munson who has decided not to return from her extended maternity leave. Amanda has worked extremely hard for Pre-school for many years and she will be sadly missed. We send her all our good wishes and thanks.

Term begins on Monday 8 September, with an extra session on Wednesday afternoon now available.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 23 September, 8.00 pm at Pre-School. All are welcome.

*Julie Westley* 338964

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**CIRCUS**  
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**DEDDINGTON  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2003**

The show starts at 2 pm. Tickets are available from Deddington School office and Deddington Post Office. Family tickets (2 adults 2 children) £16, single - £4.50, under 2's are free.

In the Circus Ring there'll be Clowns, Magic, Roller Balancing, a Contortionist, Escapology, Puppets, Costumed Characters, Music and Song. Watch in amazement as Dan Daw our stuntman allows six children and two adults from the audience to have a tug of war using chains held together with his teeth! Happy the Clown and Little Nick, one of the famous Zippo's Circus Clowns will be sure to raise the fun and Laughter! Happy and Nick took part in launching the New BBC 3 channel in February 2003 appearing on the Johnny Vaughan Show in "Clowns across the Pennines"

**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**

Wed	3	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs	4	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels (Toddlers and Prams)
Sun	7	10.30 am	Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong BCP
Wed	10	10.00 am	Eucharist
		7.00 pm	Parish Forum
Sun	14	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS 10.30 am Sung Eucharist and Baptism & Childrens Church	
Wed	17	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
Wed	24	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	28	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Childrens Church
Mon	29	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 6.30 pm Eucharist	



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**St John Hempton in September**

Sun	7 & 21	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	28	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong

**From the Parish Registers**

**BAPTISMS:** 13 July - Oliver Jago Davis & Jasmine Sophie Norris  
10 August - Laura Catherine Burland & Teya Rose Munson  
**WEDDING:** 9 August - Andrew Bond & Victoria Scouse  
**FUNERALS:** 18 July - Violet French; 8 August - George Pursglove  
**THANKSGIVING:** 30 August - Bill Dickinson  
**CONFIRMATION:** 23 June - John Michael Liebrecht, Sally Ann Haslam,  
Victoria Louise Bolduc, Lynetta Avril Humphries

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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)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street**

*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am  
Sunday evening service and fellowship 6.00 pm, & Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month  
Speakers: Sept 7 Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion)  
14 Richard Wilson  
21 Andrew Cotton  
28 Harold Puttick

**WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square**

*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am  
Sept 7, 14, & 21 Pastor Isabel Walton 28 Margaret Goulder  
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**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.

**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.

**September** : **MERCY SHIPS** [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

**THE LIVING ROOMS PROJECT - Coming Events :**

- \* **BARN DANCE** Windmill Centre - Saturday 4 October - 7.30~11.30pm
- \* **ARTS FESTIVAL** Deddington Church - Saturday 22 November - *see insert for details and entry form*
- Dawes Kingpin 3-speed folding bicycle - as seen: £10 for the Living Rooms - phone 338225 •••

One fine weekend in June, two concerts in the parish church, a one-day art exhibition at the Holly Tree, and a particularly colourful Farmers' Market, together made up the first Deddington Festival in recent times. On the Saturday, Janet Lincé and Choros joined with the Oxford Sinfonia in an evening of baroque choral and instrumental works. Handel's Dixit Dominus filled the church with glorious sound. Vivaldi's Gloria was by turns stately, gentle and exuberant, most thrilling when orchestra and chorus were at full throttle. Soloist and Sinfonia gave a skilful account of Telemann's Viola Concerto in G Major. The art exhibition showed a range of paintings and prints by five Deddington artists and raised over £188 for Katharine House Hospice. The Farmers' Market was busier and more successful than ever. All this was good, but the best was yet to come.

Sunday afternoon, 29 June 2003, was extraordinary. Those who were privileged to be there will long remember Noye's Fludde, Benjamin Britten's musical setting of one of the mediaeval Chester Miracle Plays. Nearly half a century after its first performance, Noye's Fludde still has a freshness and simplicity, comedy and drama, that in Janine Elton's and Janet Lincé's fully realised production was totally involving for performers and audience alike. First Janet persuaded us to rehearse - I almost said 'audition' - for our rôle as congregation. That put us in the right frame of mind. What followed was utter delight.

From the opening "Lord Jesus think on me, And purge away my sin", while Noye walked slowly the whole length of the aisle, to the Voice of God at the end promising "For Vengeance shall noe more appeare, And nowe farewell, my darling deare", amateurs and professionals, singers and musicians, adults and children, gave their all. And we, the audience/congregation responded. We laughed when Mrs Noye's cronies got their comeuppance. We marvelled when before our very eyes a bolt of blue cloth was transformed by a handful of manic manipulators into the Fludde itself. We smiled with sheer pleasure as the children's chorus of animals twittered and hooted their refrain. Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison! We quaked during the storm. Our hearts went out to the Raven and the Dove. We beamed at the rainbow, sun, moon and stars - such simple and effective staging. Musical Director Janet conducted with her whole body. Producer Janine was a star act in her own right. Memorable, magical, Noye's Fludde was, indeed, something like a miracle.

*Norman Stone*



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Cover  
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Competitions

- for the December 2003 issue: to capture the mood of the season - to be submitted by **30 September**.
- for 2004: to depict "the Parish Now" - to be submitted by **31 October**.

Each A4 design to be suitable for monochrome reproduction, using the *DN* title [as above] at the top.

There will be prizes for the winning designs, and each design used will earn a fee for the designer.

Entries to be delivered to The Knowle, Philcote Street by the relevant dates.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Each Thursday morning in August 37 children on average shared the Parish Church Summer Fun Holiday Activities - with at least 20 adults, including teenagers, to entertain them. Perhaps "entertain" is not quite the right word because both children and adults worked and played hard. This year we added tennis and sewing to our menu, and both were very popular. Local talent introduced the children to a wonderful range of craft activities, painting on glass and fabric, and designing pictures with lentils and coffee beans and much else. Do go and see the marvellous exhibits on display in the Church until 7 September. Cooking was as ever a favourite producing chocolate cookies, animal bread rolls, mini-quiches and finally brownies and fruit salad to be served to parents, siblings and one and all at the picnic on the last day. And every week there was a serious group playing chess beside the medieval tomb and a slightly noisier group playing bagatelle, pub-football, jenga, and other games in the choir vestry. None of this could have happened without the very hard work and imagination of numerous adults and 3 teenagers, to whom we owe very many thanks indeed. *Jane Green*



**Jo, Anne, Lynette, Sajid and Peter say, "Come and join us!"**

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FROM DEBBIE DRYLAND, ROGER & KATH HARVEY, JOHN & BELLA KNIGHTS, DUNCAN & CAROL MAYALL, PETER & JENNY SODDY, HIGH ST. DEDDINGTON

As Ray Morris said in the July DN, the 'rumour factory' has been working overtime. Despite what you will have heard, neighbours are very much in favour of the Legion Club remaining in the village. When we learnt that the 'old' Club was folding and that it was to change into a commercial organisation, we presented the Trustees with an alternative plan to retain a Legion Club.

The new management tells us that they intend to save the Club for the good of the village. If that is so, why: a) change the licence? b) change the name? c) change the rules? d) change it from a club run for the members to a commercial club which will have to generate profits?

Our objective is to see a well-supported club which is professionally run, with consideration for its neighbours, as is the case with other drinking establishments in Deddington. This should be reflected in the Club rules.

Unfortunately we, who are long-time residents of the village, suffer from excessive noise and disturbance generated at Legion events as others do too.

In recent years the Club has regularly made a loss. The new management has to make their business viable and, as a private company, they will have to make profits or at least get their £12,000 back! So they have to encourage a huge increase in membership fees and bar takings, with more events and licence extensions. Unless reasonable steps are taken to control the noise which overflows from the Club into the neighbourhood,

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

the increase in usage and events is bound to result in increased disturbance.

Our objective is to have a Legion Club which is professionally run. We have no desire to see it close due to the lack of a licence. We are trying to agree reasonable terms and conditions of a licence, which would not prevent the Club from operating, but would respect residents' rights and quality of life.

FROM PHILIP CHARLES AUSTIN PEDLEY, OLD MANOR FARM, FARNSFIELD, NEWARK, NOTTS

My mother, a daughter of W.H. Austin (see: Great Deddingtonians, June DN) lived with her father's large family at Manor Farm, Hempton Road, though she was born, I think, at his previous farm, Aynho Grounds. During a nostalgic visit to your delightful village earlier this year, my daughter bought your June issue and was overcome at the coincidence of finding an article about my grandfather. The material for this, I see, was supplied by my cousin, Mildred Keffler. To round out the story I enclose a photograph of an old painting of W.H. Austin which I have, together with details of his family and farm in 1881, sent to me by Mildred. I hope these will be of interest .....



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<small>Census Place: Aynho, Northampton, England</small>			
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<b>William H. AUSTIN</b>	<small>Marr</small>	<small>Age</small>	<small>Sex Birthplace</small>
	<b>M</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>M Deddington, Oxford, England</b>
<small>Rel: Head</small>			
<small>Occ: Farmer Of 650 Acres Employing 20 Men 8 Boys</small>			
<b>Annie Jemima AUSTIN</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>F Souldern, Oxford, England</b>
<small>Rel: Wife</small>			
<small>Occ: Farmers Wife</small>			
<b>Frederick AUSTIN</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>M Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<small>Occ: Scholar</small>			
<b>Thomas AUSTIN</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>M Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<small>Occ: Scholar</small>			
<b>William H. AUSTIN</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>M Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<small>Occ: Scholar</small>			
<b>Annie Florence AUSTIN</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>F Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
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<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<small>Occ: Scholar</small>			
<b>Ernest AUSTIN</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>M Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<small>Occ: Scholar</small>			
<b>Horace AUSTIN</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>M Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Son</small>			
<b>Elizabeth AUSTIN</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>F Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Daur</small>			
<b>Ellen Augusta AUSTIN</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>m F Aynho, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Daur</small>			
<b>William MANDER</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>M Wardington, Oxford, England</b>
<small>Rel: Servant</small>			
<small>Occ: Farm Servant Indoors</small>			
<b>James GREGORY</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>M Deddington, Oxford, England</b>
<small>Rel: Servant</small>			
<small>Occ: Farm Servant Indoors</small>			
<b>Ethel WALKER</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>F Chipping Warden, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Servant</small>			
<small>Occ: Domestic Servant</small>			
<b>Jane ADAMS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>F Croughton, Northampton, England</b>
<small>Rel: Servant</small>			
<small>Occ: Domestic Servant</small>			

Another coincidence is the similarity of my house name with that of what is now called Old Manor Farm-house in Hempton Road.

... **GIVING PLACE TO NEW**  
**The Market Square - part 1**

For the first time in perhaps 100 years and more, all that was once Tucker's Stores, that is the premises into which the ex-General Store was divided, is empty and closed to business. Let us hope that life will soon return to one or both of them.

Tuckers' Stores was run by Sylvia and Peter Cannell - known as the "Harrods of North Oxfordshire". The 1860 photo [in the December 2002 *DM*] shows it as John Dean's food store; it was at one time run by the Hayward Family. In the 1980s Mr & Mrs Cannell ran it as a general village shop, but its special appeal lay in the food department. The nickname comparing it to the Harrods Food Hall came from the legend (probably true) that they stocked 37 different types of cheese. When the Cannells eventually found it all too much (or was the competition from supermarkets too much?), the main shop became an antique shop owned and run by the Gregory family, retaining the name of Tuckers. The other, smaller, half became an excellent delicatessen and tea room under the name of Horn of Plenty, eventually renamed Foodies. This enjoyed a reputation all over Banburyshire and Deddington was the envy of many a place where only more pedestrian food could be bought.



Tuckers Antique Shop became the new Dexters when Jamie Dexter decided that he had to either expand or move out of Deddington. This it remained until last year when it was acquired by the entrepreneurial Councillor Martin Ellis who reopened it as a restaurant and brasserie under the name of Bowler's, an old Deddington name which pioneered a new form of man's hard hat and which is still remembered in the name of a house in New Street. Alas there seems to be an interruption in the operation of both Foodies and Bowler's, but there are hopes of reopening for both.

In this group of buildings is the shop which provides our post office and still a stationery and newsagents business - now up for sale. Before the Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester Co-operative Society bought the Post Office, it was owned and managed by S. & G.K Smith, but when the post mistress found it an excessive work load, it was sold to the Banbury firm of B. & S. Hughes, who had also bought the former small Co-op shop and merged both into their chain of Acorn Stores. They demerged its newspaper-delivery part, which has remained in Smith ownership and now operates from the back of the premises. In the 'old' shop we are very glad to have Mrs Sheena Hughes still as our hard working postmistress. Meanwhile Mr Hughes too has retired, and has sold the whole of his business including the P.O. to the Co-op, which provides the village with a Mini Market and wide-ranging general store.

*Frank Steiner*



**WELL REMEMBERED**

**BILL DICKINSON** was born and educated in London, but his family roots are in Devon. He studied architecture at London University, a 7-year course interrupted by 2 years National Service in the Royal Engineers. Work took him to the North-West of England where he was in private practice, an early specialist in homes for the elderly and disabled. He was a keen sportsman, particularly tennis and squash. He used his architectural knowledge to benefit several churches, and gave much of his time to church affairs. It was on retirement that he took up watercolour painting, joining the Deddington Holly Tree Artists, started bell-ringing and joined in many village activities.

*Liz Dickinson*

**VIOLET FRENCH** died in her home in Mackley Close on 10 July, aged 75. She, her twin sister Barbara and two other sisters grew up in Oxford but Vi met her husband Gerald whilst she was in the Land Army during the War. For most of their married life they lived in Clifton and were able to enjoy their enthusiasm for Country and Western music and dancing. Following Gerald's death she moved into Deddington and latterly shared her life with David. Often to be seen at bingo or car-boot sales, her pride was in her ever-growing family of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*Hugh Marshall*

**WILLIAM F M HUNT** MBE was born at Drayton near Banbury in 1913, and died peacefully at home on 21 July 2003. He married Anne Gardner who predeceased him. They had two daughters, Jane and Anne. During the Second World War he served as a major in Europe and was awarded the MBE. Bill was company secretary to Newport Pagnell & District Co-operative Society. He busied himself in local affairs besides acting as motoring correspondent for veteran car and vintage motorcycle meetings at Silverstone. As clerk to the Deddington Charity Estates he took a conscientious interest in the almshouses and their occupants.

*Bob Stevens*

**GEORGE PURSGLOVE** was aged 78 when he died on 3 August. Born in Rugby but growing up in Epwell, he had lived in Hempton and then Deddington since his marriage in 1952. Sadly, his wife Pam died in 1961. George loved driving and spent his working life as a lorry driver where he was 'a small man in big lorries' until retirement in 1980. He was well known for his friendship to many people and would always offer a helping hand and even when kidney failure made him less active, his ready smile and happy disposition remained. He was laid to rest in the Churchyard alongside Pam.

*Hugh Marshall*





Friends of Daeda's Wood

What fantastic growth of all kinds despite your arid summer (ours in the American West was even more so, but that was less unexpected). I actually managed to lose my way on my first visit to the wood on our return. This was in the process of evasive tactics round bramble and thistle, which eventually brought me back whence I had begun. But it did confirm that increased tree cover does effectively discourage the spread of thistle as hopefully predicted by John Brown of the Woodland Trust. What to do with open wildflower areas will be another consideration.

Kristin Thompson, who has been 'doing' Daeda's butterflies this summer reports that these at least have flourished on the thistle spread. For July she lists: Common White, Meadow Brown, Large and Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock all numerous; at least two Painted Ladies; a Common Blue male; Small Heath; Fritillary, possibly Spotted; a variety of day-flying moths and skippers. Please let Kristin known (337052) if you can add to these.

Sadly this summer a stalwart pair of Daeda's Friends Jackie and Mike Williamson have left Deddington for Wales. We wish them well. They were a great support, not least in the preparation of our displays and now we have the Woodland Trust to thank for generously providing us with a new set of display boards. We hope to put them to use in the Parish Church soon.

*Sylvie Spenceley 338995*

### Parish Hedges

The pleasures of nature are medicinal, but there is no proportion between them. The tiny wren, acting alone with cocked tail and brown coat, wins our affection. It seems too small to fly! Yellowhammers race along the hedge tops, and stay away from the garden. Charon the crow shades every field, always at a distance. We turn each time passing the kestrel by the highway, stationary hunter hovering in mid-air. Such beauty is



inexplicable. Hedgerow shrubs lace the landscape and come into flower in succession, as if their entrance on to the stage of spring had been carefully timed, first blackthorn, then hawthorn, then elder. Oak

trees stand erect in the hedges, usually in irregular ranks, as if they are the only ones left from the original planting, and yet young in their age.

Newcomen's atmospheric engine and Arkwright's spinning machine arrived before most of England's hedges were planted. By 1808, the year of the Parliamentary Enclosure award for Deddington, the parish had been farmed on the open-field system, introduced by the Anglo-Saxons, for perhaps eight centuries. Open fields are the main feature of the two earliest maps of the parish, the first prepared by Thomas Jefferys (1766), the second, more often used for documentation of Deddington parish before enclosure, by Richard Davis - 'A New Map of the County of Oxford', published 1 August 1797. On Davis, 'Open Fields' is written across the map, below the central village, but it is unclear where and to what extent ridge-and-furrow cultivation was practised in this space.

From 1808, hedges radiated across the landscape forming compact rectangular divisions. Field sizes - many small, some large - varied more than they do today because there were small landowners as well as substantial farmers. Over time, small fields were sold, and today they are rare. Waggoner's Halt, on the north side of the Milton Gated Road, is a relic of times past. Small fields were added to others, and the hedges that had bound them were dissolved. Hedges may be seen as an impediment to the rational use of the land, for in agriculture, as in other businesses of the late 20th century, farmers were urged to seek economies of scale.

Changes in the agricultural economies, rather than malice toward the countryside, prised open hedges, permitting passage of great combines from lane to field. Hedges are not a 'natural' formation. They are a feature of a man-made landscape, designed to serve practical needs. They need to be set and kept. Following its own bent, a hedge grows into a mini-wood; if it is not re-laid, its threads unravel. But we have grown fond of hedges on their own account, and luckily, there is a dispensation for goodness in every farm. Throughout the parish there are hedges tall, wide, and robust. Visit Jerusalem Lane: it gives public access to rich hedges. One will be sure to see apple, ash, buckthorn, field maple, Midland hawthorn and privet, as well as common hawthorn, elder and English oak.

*Walter L. Meagher*

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### The Flower Garden

The season for Open Gardens has just finished and I have a few thoughts about that form of entertainment.

An "Open Garden" means an enormous amount of work. The planning and planting has to start really early, and the allocated month is not always ideal for your particular patch. Also, a garden can change overnight. What looked super yesterday, could look faded and tatty within a space of hours. I don't know why this happens, but we all know how it feels. Gardens are always at their best the week before ("you should have seen it last week!") A garden is after all a living thing and it responds to all sorts of factors of temperature, moisture and your own mood. So after all the hard work there might be disappointment.

None the less it's fun to stand and admire, just as long as I am not responsible, and I am not discouraged when I come home and survey my untidy plot. I garden because I like it, for me it is rewarding and relaxing for its own sake. So, I don't pretend that Her Majesty is coming to look round in two days time, or that prizes are offered for the best garden. I just get out there and enjoy myself. And, very fortunately, I have never been asked to take part in an Open Garden day, mine isn't that sort of patch, not enough of interest I expect \*, but good luck to those brave souls, who go in for raising money for charity in that way, and they deserve all the prizes and fine weather they can get. *Marianne Elsley*

\* *It's a far better view than the one over the fence from her bedroom window. Ed*

At last the forecasters are speaking of rain and soon we shall again be complaining about "the dreadful weather". The hard ground will be soft and workable and weeds as well as crops will be racing to grow before the winter frosts begin. The dry, hot summer with all those seemingly endless trips carrying water cans or moving the sprinkler, trying to keep the hard soil broken up and watching fruit ripening on trees and bushes weeks ahead of the normal time, has been unusual. Perhaps it has also been a reminder of just how much we depend on a good supply of water for the garden or allotment. Full marks to Thames Water for keeping supplies going all summer without even a suggestion of any need to economise. In the Cosy Lane allotments the provision of cattle troughs was made many years ago and could be the envy of the newer (but neater) allotments in Hempton, where it appears water is less easily accessible. It is also a reminder of the value of a good compost in the soil to provide nutrient and help to retain moisture for the roots. As the summer crops are gathered the ground will soon be dug over again - what better time for those with small gardens to consider taking on a starter allotment and having the satisfaction of home-grown, organic food. Contact the Parish Clerk (337447 Mon & Wed) for details.

*Hugh Marshall*

**Lost & Found** - walnuts lost by squirrels are found when they take root. Does any reader have a good use for some? Ed

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**ON THE FARM**

Well, that's it. The 2003 harvest is in the barn and the green goddess has been put away until she is needed next year.

We started this year's campaign with the winter oil seed rape on 26 July, moved on to the winter wheat for bread-making, and finished with the spring oil seed rape on 14 August, with just a short stop at the start of August due to rain. This is the earliest finish date since the drought of 1976. The '03 harvest will go down as one of the easiest for some years. The machinery has all worked well with few problems, the hot dry weather meant that only 3 loads of oil seed rape needed to be dried at the start of the season, with all of the other crops coming in well below the maximum 15% moisture needed for sale. The downside of this is that every 1% below the maximum is a loss of 1 ton of weight for



every 100 tons sold, but better that way than having to dry everything, which would have made for a very slow harvest. With the long hot days the grain was coming into store at over 90°F and it will take some time for the fans to bring it down to a safe storage temperature. The yields are down on last year but the sample looks to be very good, however only a lab test will tell us if it will make the grade for bread making.

Now that this year's harvest is over, we must get on with the work of putting in next year's crops. All the stubbles have been cultivated to give a false seed bed in which any weed seeds will germinate. We shall then spray these off before ploughing, which will reduce the amount of green stuff going under. This should in turn reduce the amount of slug damage to the following crop, and so reduce the need for extra slug pellets - well, that's the theory anyway. We shall just have to wait and see if it works.

The bees were all inspected in mid-July by a Government bee officer and all the hives passed with flying colours, with no disease or Varoa mites being found. It has been a good honey year and the expansion programme has gone well. The experimental head land flower strips seem to have worked quite well although we have a weed problem in them which will need sorting out. The strips were planted with a mixture of Phacelia and Melilotus, or sweet clover, but the resident deer population seem to have taken a liking to the sweet clover - better they eat that than the wheat. The bees must now be prepared for the winter. Each hive will be fed 3 gallons of sugar syrup before the end of September, given a treatment against Varoa, have guards put on to stop the mice from getting in, and a wire mesh covering to stop the woodpeckers.

So, all in all not a bad summer but we still have many more weeks of tractor work to do and then it's back earth with a bump when the bank manager comes to review the accounts and cash flow. I wonder what I can fob him off with this year.

*George Fenemore* 338203

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**Windmill Thursday Club**

The Windmill Thursday Club continues to thrive and we have room for a few more people. If you are aware of any of the more frail members of our community, who would enjoy a day out with companionship, an excellent lunch (kindly prepared by the Unicorn) and interesting events, then contact Jennie Fernbank on 01295 250083 or Jim Flux on 338153. The club held its AGM in June when our secretary Kenneth Holt retired after sterling service since the club started. This means we are in search of someone to help us. If there are willing volunteers for the job of secretary or to help on Thursdays please contact ...

*Jim Flux* 338153

**Monday Morning Club**

Please think about supporting the performance of *Messiah* in aid of Katharine House on 4 October. If we can raise enough interest, we will arrange a bus to facilitate the journey. One of the participating choirs, The Warriner, has quite a few members from this parish as well as some who belong to our club. In addition to all the projects mentioned last time, we have tickets on reserve for the National Ballet production of *Cinderella* on 27 November. The October coffee morning is on the 6th, usual time.

*Jean Flux* 338153

**1st Deddington Cubs**

The summer term is a busy time for the cubs; a group went to Gilwell, the headquarters of Scouting, for a day of fun activities. Some Cubs went to the county activity day at Wallingford, which had a Roman theme, and they had fun cooking, marching and playing, as the Romans would have done. The day finished with a fight (not between cubs!), definitely the best part. A team of cubs represented the pack at a district football event, where, although they didn't win, they showed great sportsmanship. The pack spent the last half of the term working towards their local knowledge badge. We toured the castle grounds, many thanks to Moira, studied the village arms, and prepared maps of the village after a fact-gathering walk. We invested Seb as our newest cub and welcomed Emily to the pack. Next term we shall be looking at 'airborne' activities with a trip to a museum, organising a play, and solving a heinous crime!

*Jo Churchyard* 338071

**1st Deddington Scouts**

In May a group of scouts attended the county Aqua Camp at Stanton Harcourt: the weather was stupendous and the activities marvellous. They spent the whole weekend on the water, choosing between canoeing, windsurfing, kayaking, sailing, rowing and raft building. The rest of the term was spent making the splendid planter that is now outside the centre. The scouts built the box and the cubs grew and planted the flowers, have a look next time you visit the Windmill. We tried some fire-lighting and cooked sausages and baked cakes in our cardboard oven, the cakes were OK, but we set

light to the box. Next term some scouts will attend County Patrol Camp, a competition weekend, and we will practice our camping skills before they go.

*Jo Churchyard* 338071

*Cubs and Scouts meet every Thursday during term time at The Windmill Centre 6-7.30pm, 7.30-9.00pm*

**1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company**

We welcome Oliver Mayo as a new member. In July the Anchor Boys hosted the district sports day at Deddington School, and on 16 July the BB with the GB held a family Bar-B-Q at The Windmill Centre. Over 50 young people, together with many parents, enjoyed an evening of games and activities. A big thank you from the BB/GB goes to Graham and Rosina Rackley for their help in cooking all the food. Also we would like to thank the army of parents who helped to make the event a huge success! The Anchor Boys meet in the School Hall on Wednesdays from 3.15pm and are led by Nick Westbury. This section is open to boys aged 5-7. Activities include team games and crafts and there will be competitions with other BB groups. At the end of the last session there were 18 boys in the section.

The Junior Section meets at The Windmill Centre on Wednesdays from 5.15 pm and is lead by Brian Bushell and John Osborough. This section is open to boys aged 8-11. Activities include figure marching, team games, badge work, sports, camping and, from January 2004, a marching band. At the end of the last session there were 15 boys in the section, including 4 'Leading' boys.

The BB starts its third session on Wednesday 17 September. If you could help us with our activities, or if your son would like to join the BB, please contact ...

*Nick Westbury* 337059

**Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group**

The toddlers have enjoyed meeting throughout the summer - in particular the recent teddy bears' picnic was a great success. To get the autumn off to a 'flying' start, we have booked a bouncy castle for our session on 26 September. The toddlers group meets every Friday morning, 9.30-11.30am at the Windmill. If you are new to the area, at home with a new baby, or just want to take your young children along to something new, then why not join us?

*Lucy Squires* 338442

**Deddington Players**

Don't miss our forthcoming play and supper evenings on 10 & 11 October. The one-act play to be performed is *Murdering at the Vicarage*, the story of an amateur drama group rehearsing for their tribute to Agatha Christie. Put the date in your diary and join us for a great evening's entertainment.

*Lucy Squires* 338442

**Tennis**

We had mixed results from our 3 teams in the Banbury Tennis League and 1 weekend ladies team, but everyone has enjoyed it (probably!) Some matches continue through the winter in the floodlit league. Children's tennis seems to be blossoming: lessons continue



throughout the year, but after autumn half term numbers will be very limited. We hosted a 3-day tennis camp for Cherwell's sports summer programme in August, which was hot work for all concerned but well attended. By the time you read this, we hope the netting around the courts will have been replaced. With the fence in such bad repair we have lost endless balls and gained ghost players! We hope those of you who have enjoyed playing tennis (and got very good at it) by climbing through the holes, join the club next season. Our fees are less than neighbouring clubs (£14/year for 10-16 year olds), but we all have to pay to play in order to meet huge bills for court and net repair. Non-members are welcome to hire a court; the key is now kept at Cyclogical in Hudson Street. *Katie McGovern* 338771

### **Deddington Youth Club**

Tracy, our leader, has decided not to continue this autumn. Yet again, this leaves us without a leader, so the management committee will meet on 8 September to discuss the future for the club. In the meantime, we are putting the word around for a replacement. The ideal would be two people from the parish, as it is easier to have contact with the young people and their parents. There is payment available for these positions. Our present members are a nice group, helpful and keen. We have good equipment, help from Cherwell District Council Sports Team and Oxfordshire Association for Young People. Anyone interested, please contact ...

*Gay Brewer* 338097

### **1st Deddington Guides**

A small group of us had a super time at camp: we hiked on a beautiful afternoon and later explored an old water mill. We had a chance to look round a farm – our thanks to Mr & Mrs Stilgoe – where we stroked ferrets, saw swallows nests, met an MBE, and cooked our own breakfast backwoodswoman's style. We also built bivouacs, which seemed to stand the test in the

rain! We held a special promise ceremony for Elenya McGovern and are pleased to welcome her into the unit. Thanks to those who supported the bookstall and please look out for the fashion show coming up: we feel we are getting a little closer to getting our new tents. Next meetings: Tuesday 2 September 7-8.30 pm senior guides and Tuesday 9 September 7-9 pm normal meeting. Girls 10 and over – come and join us – there's plenty of fun and activity to suit everyone!

*Maggie Rampley* 01295 810069

### **Deddington Town F.C.**



Preparations for the new season are in full swing, with regular training sessions and friendlies being played at present. The big kick off for the season is on Saturday 6 September. All home matches take place on a Saturday afternoon, kick off time is 2.30pm, and your support would be very much appreciated by the club.

75 Club Winners: J. Plumbe £100; L. Scarrott, J. Gaw, W. Brain, T. Howard, R. Berry, C. Cox, J. Boyd, J. Hiron all £50

*Steve Plumbe* 01295 278258

### **Deddington & District History Society**

We took full advantage of the fine weather this year to organise a number of visits and events, including a trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum, an exchange visit with the Charlbury Society, a walk in the Windrush Valley, and a most enjoyable garden party at Castle House. We begin our programme of talks on Wednesday 10 September when Paul Booth of Oxford Archaeology, co-author of *Roman Oxfordshire*, will talk on '*Roman Oxfordshire – some new thoughts*'. We shall meet as usual at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. Existing members will have the opportunity to renew their membership that evening. Anyone interested in joining the Society, or in attending particular talks, will always find a warm welcome.

*Chris Day* 337204

### **WI**

In August members and guests enjoyed visiting the Black Country Museum, Dudley. On 9 September Bridget O'Connor talks about *My Journey in Patchwork*. On 14 October Neil Harvey's subject is *Restoration of Artwork*. He will be bringing an old painting and engraving with him and will demonstrate how he cleans them. Members are allowed to bring artwork in need of cleaning with them and he will give them free advice.

*Maureen Cox* 337486

### **Deddington Art Group**

If you are interested in painting in oils, acrylic or water colour, come to the Holly Tree on Thursdays 7-9pm. If 9 attend, £3 will cover the cost of rent and tea. A Christmas exhibition is planned - no hanging fee, but 9% of sales and contribution to a party. Bring your own materials.

*Ken Wilkinson* 337256

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**News from Hempton**

The annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 13 September 2003. St John's church will be open to welcome visitors from 10am to 6pm. One or two people will be riding for our church - so let's hope for a nice day.

The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 27 September at 6pm. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and can be brought to the church on the Saturday or Sunday. Following the service they will be auctioned for a worthy charity.

The allotments on the Duns Tew road have proved a great success - well done to everyone who has worked on them - the produce looks really good.

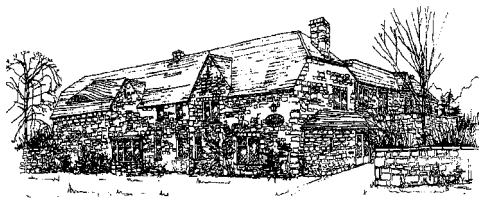
The Friends of Hempton Church annual general meeting is on Tuesday 29 September at 8pm. If anyone wishes to stand for the committee, please let me know as additional members are needed.

It is hoped once again to arrange a wine tasting evening on Friday 24 October at 8pm, subject to the availability of S.H. Jones of Banbury - I will have definite news in the October issue. People must obtain tickets from me prior to the event and they will be £10 per head (refreshments included).

The Christmas bazaar will be on Saturday 6 December at 2pm.

I have had reports from people who walk the Hempton part of the Deddington circular walk about dogs fouling the footpath and the same could be said about the footpath over the farmland in the village. Let's, please, clean up after our dogs.

*Les Chappell* 338054

**News from Clifton**

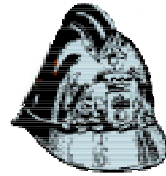
The caring professions don't stop for Bank holidays, summer or weekend breaks. St Anne's Home is no exception. The summer edition of St Anne's News tells of the completion of the new East Jay training building, funded by the families of two former residents. This has made possible training courses on site in First Aid, Medicines Administration, Food Hygiene and Social Care using outside trainers. The new Madge Pearson Fund has both extensively equipped the building, and helped to send staff on other courses. Beverley Chevis is the new craft co-ordinator, and not only doing wonders in the garden, but also asking shops such as B&Q and Boots for materials. The visits of music makers are much appreciated - join Mick White & his Music in the Horlicks dance on 13 November at 6.0pm. Volunteers to share interests or hobbies are most welcome, and simply to chat as some visitors from Deddington have done regularly for many years. Phone Jan Walsh 338295 to explore what would be helpful.

*Carol Drawmer*

**News from Deddington Fire Station**

Since the last report we have received 23 calls: 3 car fires, one of which spread to an adjacent garage, 12 calls to stand by at other stations, 1 fatal accident on the M40 which lead to an HGV fire, 2 rubbish fires which spread to adjacent fields, 5 further field fires, and one false alarm due to electrical failure. Total calls for the year to date is 109.

The glorious weather we are having means that we all have to be extra vigilant: the countryside is extremely dry and a carelessly discarded cigarette could cause acres of devastation. Some of the field fires we have attended have developed from domestic bonfires, a few sparks travelling on the breeze can easily ignite a field of crops. Please take care.



Congratulations to Peter Taylor, who has been promoted to the rank of Leading Fire-Fighter at Deddington. Fire-fighter Rachel Lewis and I recently completed the 5km Race for Life in Chipping Norton, to raise money for Cancer Research - not quite the Triathlon, but it's a start!

We are still desperately short of crew, especially during the day, so if you live or work in the Deddington area and are interested in joining us, please give me a call.

*Anne Waters*, Sub Officer  
Deddington Fire Station 338281



Of the 44 crimes recorded within the Parishes of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton up to 31 July 2003, 20 were solved with the persons arrested - almost a 50% detection rate, well above the average across the rest of the country. Only 4 cars have been attacked and had property removed. So the advice given in the past (remove your personal belongings), is starting to work.

10 recorded assaults against the person. This biggest rise in crime this year is a result of Police now taking an active role in domestic disputes within the family unit. Even if there is no arrest, the details of the dispute are passed onto the Police domestic violence unit in Banbury, who offer advice to the families.

Criminal damage: 8 offences recorded, and so far 4 persons arrested. - all teenagers wrecking their own neighbourhood, getting themselves a criminal record, which will go against them in the job market. Most of the damage recorded continues up at the Windmill Centre.

Burglary to homes and outbuildings: 4 cases with 1 person arrested. Theft, fraud and drug offences make up the rest of the recorded crime - 14 persons being arrested and appearing before the Courts on these offences.

If you require any advice on crime prevention, we have booklets at the Office.  
*PC Clive Middleton*  
Local Officer for Deddington, 338444 (non urgent)

**LIVING HISTORY.**

In the *DN* issue Sept '02 I recall, from an entry in the *Deddington & District Magazine* 1891, that some local families opened their homes to children from the Walworth District of London. The Walworth Children Holiday project was, over the years, repeated many times and was still in progress in the late 1930s. Imagine my surprise when, through the good offices of Sue Goddard and her son Giles, Rector of St Peter's Walworth, I was shown a letter from Betty Cotter, née Norwood, a long-term Walworth resident. She vividly recalls her 'Holiday in the Country' in the summer of either 1937 or '38. With her permission I quote some of her recollections of over 60 years ago:

"Sometime before the 1939 war there was a scheme 'The Country Holiday Fund' designed to give London children a week in the country's fresh air. Living as we did in Walworth and my parents being unable to afford holidays, they thought this a good thing and I was enrolled. I believe my mother paid a nominal sum towards the cost. When the time came to go, I was told I was going to the country near Banbury to see 'the Cross'. I remember my first impression which was arriving at a wide open space in front of a row of houses and the sun being very bright. I stayed with a young couple, but I spent a lot of time wandering about and playing with the local children. I also remember quite plainly objecting strongly about 'the privy' which was out of the house over a path and definitely had NO CHAIN! I was also told very firmly not to go into the field behind the 'privy' because of the snakes. I naturally spent some time there looking for the snakes until the local children explained just what a CESS PIT was! All in all it seemed to be a happy time, and when it was time to go home the lady very kindly gave me a bag of Banbury cakes for my mother. As an extra thought, when the time came for me to be evacuated, I was told I was going into the country for a little while and assumed that too was a holiday! How dreadfully wrong a child can be!"

*Ruth Johnson*

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**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

*The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of July and September 1853: -*

9th July - High Sheriff's Dinner at the Town Hall, Oxford, 250 persons present, the Band of the 2nd Dragoons played. Turtle soup, fish, venison and every delicacy of the season; champagne, hock, port, sherry and claret.

15 July - I started by the morning train from Aynho to London to meet E. Barrs at the office of Messrs. Liddell & Gordon, Civil Engineers, Westminster, to pay to them John's (his second son) apprenticeship fee of £300 and to sign the articles usual on such occasions. I paid the money into Mr. Liddell's hands - £100 in Bank of England notes, £100 in Gillett & Co, Banbury's notes, and a cheque or order on Messrs Martin & Co. for another £100, at Lombard St, London, my Bankers. £200 still remaining to be paid, £100 at the end of the 2nd year's apprenticeship and £100 at the end of the 3rd year's. (*The family were away in the Isle of Wight during August.*)

22nd September - After lunch we visited the Bazaar and were present at the Treat given to the School children of cake and tea in the new school rooms - 243 being present from the town and the hamlets of Hempton and Clifton.

27th September - The policeman came and I signed 25 summonses in cases under the Weights & Measures Act, and one or two assault cases and an orchard robbery.

*Buffy Heywood*

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So Far!! ... The scheme has been going for over 6 months and is doing well. Over 70 people (mainly beginners) of the 90+ who responded to the 'Opportunities for All' questionnaire last October have been to sessions, and we are still seeing new people. Many have become regular attenders; others have gained the confidence to use, independently, the library computers or their own home computers. Many thanks to our volunteer tutors Martin Ince, Richard Broadbent, Neil Good, Tansey Keyes, Ann Barlow and (newcomer) Ted Andrews. If you still haven't taken the plunge, just contact our Librarian (338359) and she will sort out a session for you.

Next Steps! ... The insert in this *DN* asks you with what more specific uses of computers you would like help. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your ideas, please contact one of us:

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deddlib@hotmail.com

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On 9 September Deddington OnLine will present the Deddington Library with a collection of CDs electronically archiving 25 years of the *Deddington News* from its first edition in 1976. This archive is also on the DOL website at [www.deddington.org.uk/dnarchive](http://www.deddington.org.uk/dnarchive). The hand over will be marked by a small evening gathering of all those who have collaborated on the year long project. These include *Deddington News*, Deddington & District History Society, Granary Publications (who generously provided considerable time and expertise over and above the grant-paid work), and of course Deddington OnLine. Previous *DN* editors will be present and the Oxfordshire County Library Service, Parish Council and members of the press will also attend. The project was partially funded by the National Lottery "Awards For All". Work on archiving subsequent editions and the many inserts that have been included in *DNs* over the years starts soon. For anyone interested in researching information contained in back copies of the *DN* this will be an extremely valuable village asset. Free internet access to view the archive is available via the terminals in the library.

**Colin Clark** 338064 or [colin.clark@deddington.net](mailto:colin.clark@deddington.net)



## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Is it too soon to start to plan for Christmas? Although Deddington Fair Traders will be offering Christmas cards and gifts from the Traidcraft catalogue on Farmers' Market Saturdays each month through to December, they believe that many people will value an opportunity to order cards and gifts early on - and before the more attractive goods sell out.

On Saturday 20 September this year's extensive range of Traidcraft Christmas cards will be on display in the leisurely atmosphere of Deddington Parish Church. From 10 am to 12 noon, there will be a special Christmas Market and an opportunity to order cards and gifts with some for immediate purchase, as well as a bargain box of discontinued designs at special prices.

Complementary coffee will be served (with those special Traidcraft cookies!) whilst visitors peruse the new catalogue of gifts from many parts of the world. Orders for cards or gifts can be placed for early delivery; a selection of Traidcraft foods and confectionery will also be on sale.

Everything ordered will be delivered, post free, early in October giving plenty of time to write the cards or pack the gifts before even the earliest 'last posting dates' for Christmas. Why not get ahead this year and at the same time support the work of the many small producers in the developing world whose products are sold at fair prices to ensure that they can support a decent standard of living.

**Hugh Marshall** 337761



**Traidcraft**



## Deddington Map Group



Is it too early to mention Christmas? There are people, here in Britain and abroad, who have links with the parish of Deddington - former residents, children now at college or university, relatives who have visited here, descendants following up the family tree - who might appreciate a book, or map, or prints. Map Group products are attractive, value for money and easy to post. Surplus revenue goes back to the parish.

Come and see for yourself at the Farmers' Market - only four more of these before Christmas. Meanwhile, we are pleased to report that all the recently re-discovered Coat of Arms spoons have been sold, and a cheque for £210 is on its way to the Parish Council.

**Norman Stone** 338019

**October Diary**

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm
Sat	4	'Living Rooms' Barn Dance, Windmill Centre, 7.30~11.30pm → p.4
Sat	4	<i>Messiah</i> , S Mary's, Banbury, 7.30 pm in aid of Katharine House Hospice → p.9
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, 10 am-noon → p.11
Wed	8	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	8	Deddington History Society: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm → p.12
Fri	10	Deddington Players : <i>Murdering at the Vicarage</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm → p.11
Sat	11	Brass Bits concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Sat	11	Deddington Players : <i>Murdering at the Vicarage</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm → p.11
Mon	13	Windmill Users' meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Tue	14	WI: Neil Harvey, <i>Restoration of Artwork</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm → p.12
Wed	15	Parish Council meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm → p.2
Sat	18	Art Auction in aid of ROSY, Windmill Centre, 5-10 pm. → p.8
Wed	22	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
<b>SAT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b><u>Copy Date for November <i>Deddington News</i></u></b>
Fri	24	Friends of Hempton Church: Wine Tasting, St John's Church → p.13
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9 am-12.30 pm.

**Weekly Meetings**

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

**Reminder:** If you are planning a village event, consult Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153], before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.



Upton House (near Banbury), built in 1695 of mellow local stone, was purchased and remodelled 1927-29 by Walter Samuel, 2nd Viscount Bearsted, Chairman of Shell 1931-46 and son of the founder of that company. Upton contains his outstanding collection of English and continental Old Master paintings, tapestries, French porcelain, Chelsea figures and 18th-century furniture.

There are opportunities from April to November for more 'people friendly' volunteers in a number of roles, but in particular we need people to welcome visitors and provide them with information on the history and human stories of Upton House. Ideally you will be able to join us one afternoon weekly or fortnightly on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. So if you enjoy meeting people and have a bit of spare time, why not give us a call? No experience is needed, as training will be given. All are welcome and age is no barrier !!

**Car Park Attendant:** To help on Sundays and Bank Holidays with visitor car parking.

**Restaurant Assistants:** To help in the new restaurant.

**Room Stewards:** 4 hours an afternoon, not less than once a month through the season. No specialist knowledge required, training provided, there currently is a particular need for Room Stewards at weekends.

**Produce Pickers:** To help pick garden produce in season.

**Buggy Drivers:** To transport elderly and disabled visitors from the car park and to the lower garden. 5 hours an afternoon.

**Gardeners Assistants:** A few hours a week or more, working alongside gardening staff.

**Shop Volunteers:** 12 to 5.00pm on open days.

**Garden Tour Leaders:** With horticultural knowledge to introduce the garden to visitors. 4 hours an afternoon.

**Wildlife Surveying:** Volunteers experienced in survey work to carry out survey of invertebrates in the Bog Garden and Lower Pool.

If you would like more information on volunteering opportunities at Upton House, please contact Julie Lynch at our Birmingham Office on: 0121 753 7752 or Email: julie.lynch@nationaltrust.org.uk