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Deddington Primary School

What's new this month?

All the Festival events
More facilities for our young people
Wilful damage at the Holly Tree Club
and the Windmill Centre
Can YOU help the Police?

DIARY June

- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am – noon
- Wed 4 Photographic Society: *Oxford and Nepal*, Clive Jones, Deddington Arms, 7.30 pm
- Fri 6 Deddington Fire Station Open Day for Safety 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, p11
- Sun 8 Colts end of year presentations and awards, Windmill Centre 2.00 pm
- Tues 10 WI: *Katharine House Hospice*, Bernadette Ross, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
- Wed 11 History Society summer event with picnic, Burton Dassett Park, p15
- Thu 12 Friends of Deddington Festival, pre Festival Reception, 6.30 pm, Parish Church
- Sat 14 Deddington School Fête, 2.00 pm
- Mon 16 DOGS meet at Burford Golf Club
- Mon 16 History Society: Guided visit to Adderbury, p15
- Wed 18 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm
- Thu 19 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm
- Fri 20 Tennis Club: Free open evening from 6.00 pm, BBQ, families welcome, p13
- Sun 22 Mothers' Union, Parish Church
- Thu 26 Monday Morning Club: Warwick races, bus leaves Town Hall at 12.30 pm
- Thu 26 Book Club: For venue ring 338094
- Thu 26 –
- Sun 29 Deddington Festival Events, p6
- Sat 28 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
- July**
- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Outing to Banbury
- Wed 2 Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00 pm
- Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am - noon
- Tues 8 WI: Outing to Chatsworth
- Wed 16 Parish Council meeting, 7.45 pm
- Thu 17 Deddington Players: summer barbecue, venue to be confirmed
- Sun 20 –
- Mon 21 DOGS weekend at Hill Valley Hotel and Golf Club, Chester
- Sat 26 *Illumination* Concert, Parish Church

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 21 May 2008

Present: Cllrs Squires and Flux [Chairman see below] Alton, Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Westbury, Wood and County Cllr Jelfs, the Clerk, Minute Clerk, two members of public and the DN correspondent.

PC Chairman

At the April meeting Cllr Squires said he did not wish to stand for re-election as chairman; to handle the handover Lorraine Watling as Clerk assumed the chair and asked for nominations. Cllrs Flux and Anderson were elected as Chairman and vice, unopposed.

Open Forum

Mary Robinson informed the meeting that, following the previous evening's Annual Parish Meeting, an anonymous £5,000 donation had been made to the Windmill project. Cllr Collins was nominated as liaison co-ordinator. The proposal was now to seek planning approval from CDC for the project. Charles Barker reported that an approach had been made to OCC for some adjustment to prevent light nuisance from the street lights in the Stile but had been informed that this would have to be approved by PC/Highways. There was also some concern about health and safety and maintenance of the lights.

Highways

- Hempton line painting should be completed by end July
- Mobile speed cameras are now being deployed in Parish
- Earls Lane parking, no resolution to problem yet
- New Street southern crossing point, alternatives to be reviewed
- High Street northern crossing point *request button* on east-west traffic lights suggested.

Finance & General Purposes

General discussion about cash flow in line with forecast, budget allocations and location of funds. Cherwell DC legal dept are investigating the title of Stonepits. Public liability insurance to be increased to £10 million.

Special Projects

The millennium tree planted on the green was in fact an oak, a protective guard was not considered

necessary but when tree was established OCC may consider installing a circular seat. A *styraciflua acalycina* or *liquid amber* was recommended as a suitable tree for the other green to be planted in early 2009.

Hempton Seat: no volunteers to sponsor the replacement. Cost of £500 to come from PC budget.

Planning

PC no objections [1] Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, removal of front tiles and replace with rendering; [2] 3 Hudson St, single storey extension; [3] 4 Walnut Cl, conservatory; [4] Pear Tree Cottage, St Thomas St, rebuild garden room and other works with conditions; [5] 11 Hempton Rd, improve access to highway; [6] 4 Hempton Road, 2 storey extension with conditions; [7] 14 High St, ground and 1st floor extension; [8] 23 Gaveston Gardens, single storey extension.

CDC approvals: [9] Applewood, Castle St, sunroom/orangery; [10] 3 Hudson St, single storey extension; [11] Bunkers, Philcote St, 2 trees to fell; [12] 2 Murdock Close, installation of 2 roof lights.

Environment & Recreation

- Deddington Colts to use Castle Grounds pitch
- Castle driveway overgrown restricting access, needs trimming
- Teen Scene benches installed
- Teen Scene opening a great success
- Bowls Club estimate needed for gate installation
- Deddington Town FC to take responsibility for practice goal frame
- Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers have cleared the ring path at the Castle Grounds. Consideration to be given to a Swiss exercise trail in village.

Notices

The weekly play bus service has been rescheduled and is now from 10.00 - 11.30 am on Thursdays at the Windmill Centre.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment £7,470.62. Investments totalled £555,462 at W Brom BS, Barclays & Birmingham Midshires BS.

Next Meeting; Wednesday 18 June 2008.

Official Opening of the Deddington Teen Scene Facility

Parish Council chairman, Martin Squires, and teenagers, Kayla Petti, Florence Spencer and Ben Teare, who worked with the PC on the project, opened the new Teen Scene facilities at the Windmill Centre on 18 May. These comprise a multi-use games area (MUGA), pod swing and

aeroskate, and are provided for the teenagers of the parish.

This exciting new facility has been funded by a Big Lottery Fund award from Cherwell District Council and Deddington PC. It is already being well used by local young people and is proving to be a big hit.

SCHOOL NEWS

May has been the most incredibly busy month that I can remember for quite some time. The real hotspot of the term came with our OfSTED inspection. This went extremely well and we were delighted with the comments made by the inspection team. It was great to get acknowledgement for the hard work put in by all the staff and children. The children showed how fantastic they are and were very proud of their school when speaking to the inspectors.

May is also assessment time for many of our pupils and, yet again, they did their very best and we are looking forward to some great results when the year 6 papers come back in July.

Year 4 are busy preparing for their residential visit at Youldbury Scout camp just before half-term. They are very excited and are looking forward to all those outdoor activities and camp fires. Let's hope the sun shines for them all.

The first week in June marks our celebration of British Food and Farming with many classes on visits to various farming establishments such as The

Warriner School Farm, Cotswold Farm Park and Hatton Country Park. We hope also to do a lot of cookery in school that week using the best of British produce. This has been made possible by the financial support of Hamish Stoddart and Peach Pubs who regularly provide us with resources to encourage healthy eating.

Year 4 hope to get our new garden plot going that week too, with the help of Mrs Haselgrove and F1 children who have been growing lots of plants.

Our big fundraiser of the year is almost upon us again in the form of the School Fête. We are aiming for £13,000 for the year as we are planning to build a new adventure playground. This is a wonderful community event and good fun for all the family so please come along on 14 June if you can and help support our fundraising.

Judith Tinsley
Deddington CE Primary School
338430

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB is looking for more boys and girls to join their Under 11 squad, playing on Wednesdays through June and July, matches starting at 6.30 pm. They must be under 11 on 1 September 2007. If you're interested, please contact Derek Cheeseman on 338609.

Deddington Primary School
Annual Summer Fete
Saturday 14th June 2008 from 2 – 5pm

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Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

June

Sun 1 10.30 am All Age Morning Service
with Baptism
6.30 pm Evensong
Wed 4 10.00 am Eucharist
Thu 5 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
Sun 8 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
Wed 11 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 15 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
with Healing Prayer
Wed 16 10.00 am Eucharist
Thu 19 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
Sun 22 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Matins
Wed 25 10.00 am Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Sun 29 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Eucharist Patronal Festival

St John's Hempton

Sun 1
and 15 9.00 am Eucharist
Sun 22 6.00 pm Evensong

From the Parish Registers

Funerals: 15 April John Francis Ballard
1 May Kathleen Joyce Berry

Service of Thanksgiving: 25 April
Doreen Joan Smith

Interment of Ashes:

2 May Ivy (Peggy) Irene Johnson

Baptisms: 11 May Samuel John Tooth and Lucy
Tallulah Durand

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the Rev John Dane (337403), or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or Judy Ward (337187).

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 22 June - Geoff Lee
Bible Study/Fellowship every Thursday at 3.00 pm at 3 Castle Street

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Church
Sunday services at 3.00 pm at the Chapel, arranged by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.
Details announced from week to week.

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Masses at Holy Trinity, *Hethe*: every weekday except Wed at 9.30 am, and Sun at 10.00 am.
St George's Church, *Adderbury*: Mass Wed 7.00 pm and Sun at 8.30 am.
Confessions at Hethe on Sat 5.30 to 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass. The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, Banbury is celebrated on Sat at 4.00 pm to enable Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus. As the Feast of SS Peter and Paul on 29 June falls on a Sunday, there is no separate Holy Day of Obligation.

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Well Remembered

Doreen Smith grew up in Croydon and was spotted by Ken in his first year at Ashburton School beginning a friendship which lasted 75 years. Wartime saw them in the WAAF and RAF. Their wedding during an air raid in 1944 sealed the marriage of a blithe spirit and the salt of the earth. Doreen worked in the valuation department of Croydon Council, but then devoted herself to family life: the care of Ken, Peter and Michael, both of whom were senior choristers at Westminster Abbey. When Ken retired, they moved to Clifton and then to Deddington, where Doreen enjoyed the WI and retail therapy. She travelled widely in the Americas and across Europe, once even being arrested in Moscow on suspicion of a black-market deal.

Christopher Hall

Kathleen Berry was born in 1924 at Hanwell to parents of a farming background. She was one of eight siblings, four girls, four boys. There was also a half-brother and a half-sister. She went to Wroxton School then into service. During the war Kath worked as a bakery van driver and after at Lampreys store in Banbury. She married Ken in 1946; they had four children: Sue, Mary, Thelma and Paul. In 1961 the family moved to Deddington where Kath was caretaker at the Health Centre. She enjoyed her garden, wildlife, her dogs and her pet birds; she was a TV sports addict: football (especially Chelsea), snooker and motor-racing (having been a hands-on banger racer). But her main focus was her family, to whom, down the generations, she was devoted.

HW

Jeremy Richard Philip Vallender, Jerry, was born on 28 September 1949 in York where his first years were spent. He was the only son and second child of Philip and Mary Vallender. After Jerry had finished school the family moved to Colwell, Malvern. In 1986 Jerry met Agmara Hering, a beautiful German girl, and they married in September 1987. They moved to Barford St Michael in 1988. During this time, Jerry and Agmara set up their business of JAV Consultancy. Agmara died in 2000. In Deddington Jerry was a regular at the Unicorn where he was known for his good humour and kindness to strangers. He is also remembered for his love of motoring and how his cars were always in pole position in the Market Place.

John Dane



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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Barnyard Family Fun Day on 10 May. The sun shone and the families came out and over £1,000 was raised towards these two worthwhile causes. Particular thanks must be extended to organiser Sinead Wilby and her team and to all those who helped out on the day.

Our next major fundraiser is our '80s School Disco on Saturday 12 July at 7.30 pm at the Windmill. Among other things the evening will include live band *Indigo Child*, disco, fancy dress competition and auction, plus the best school dinner you've ever had! Save the date and watch out for tickets available soon.

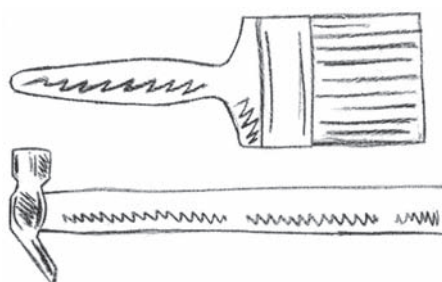
Thank you to Hayward White for donating a chair and a desk for the office at the Village Nursery.

The children have been enjoying our minibeast topic. Amongst other activities we have done minibeast hunts around the school field, made clay minibeasts and decorated spider biscuits. Both the Nursery and PFSU have had new children joining this term and we welcome them all and hope they enjoy their time with us.

We have said a sad goodbye this month to Amanda Mawby who leaves us after eight years on the staff team. We will miss her greatly and wish her well with her future plans.

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Deddington Festival 2008 promises to be yet another great community event. Under the patronage of Brian Kay and artistic direction of Janet Lince, the Festival offers a high calibre series of cultural events, including A Night at the Opera, the 'short-back and side-splitting' Demon Barbers, Celebration of Summer, contemporary jazz by Stekpanna, Poetry Please, the Farmers' Market, Art Workshop and Art and Craft Exhibitions, Open Gardens and Village Walks.

New for 2008 are Deddington FUN and Deddington ROCKS, two events to take place on Saturday 5 July in the Market Place. Live on stage will be Phil King, Twisted Coalition, Brass Bits, a Ceroc dance performance and Ballet show, as well as a fashion show by Little Princes and Princesses. There will be an exciting range of stalls, village games and activities for all the family, as well as a varied offering of food and drink throughout the village. In the evening, Fontaines, The Sirens Call and Cantaloop will play a variety of rock, funk and indie music on an open-air stage. There really is something for everyone this year. Visit www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk for ticket information and further details or call Eileen Anderson on 338325.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

June

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| Thu 26 | 7.00 – 9.00 pm An evening with crime writer, Adrian Magson, The Library |
| Fri 27- 29 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church |
| Fri 27 | 1.30 pm Primary School Concert, <i>A Celebration of Summer</i> , Parish Church |
| Fri 27 | Guided walk by Deddington History Society |
| Fri 27 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church |
| Sat 28 | 9.00 am - 12.30 pm Farmers' Market |
| Sat 28 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church |
| Sat 28 | Flower Festival Parish Church |
| Sat 28 | 7.30pm Opera Gala, Parish Church |
| Sat 28 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Art Exhibition, Holly Tree |
| Sun 29 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Art Exhibition, Holly Tree |
| Sun 29 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church |
| Sun 29 | Guided walk by Deddington History Society |
| Sun 29 | 6.00 pm Concert by The Demon Barbers, Parish Church |

July

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| Tue 1 | 6.30 pm DWG reception, Parish Church |
| Tue 1 | 7.30pm Stekpanna Concert, Parish Church |
| Thu 3 | 3.30 - 4.30 pm Children's Storytime, The Library |
| Thu 3 | 7.30 pm <i>A Celebration of England</i> , Windmill Centre |
| Fri 4 | Guided walk by Deddington History Society |
| Fri 4 | 7.00 pm <i>Poetry Please</i> , Upper Room, Unicorn Inn |
| Sat 5 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Sue Cave's Adult Art Workshop |
| Sat 5 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Art Exhibition, Holly Tree |
| Sat 5 | Carnival Day |
| Sat 5 | 10.00 am – 6.00 pm Open Gardens, Teas in church |
| Sat 5 | pm Deddington Fun, Market Place |
| Sat 5 | evening Deddington Rocks, Market Place |
| Sun 6 | 10.00 am – 6.00 pm Open Gardens |
| pm | Teas in church |
| Sun 6 | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Art exhibition, Holly Tree |
| Sun 6 | 12.30pm Daeda's Wood walk |

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

We shall meet frequently from 26 June to 5 July when a year of planning and hard work culminates in the 2008 Festival. As usual there is much that is new, from the high octane Fun Day in the Market Place to the more contemplative pleasures of the Open Gardens and the Daeda's Wood Walk.

Thank you to all who have returned the forms promising help during Festival events, an invaluable contribution and appreciated as such. We still need

more stewards for the Open Gardens on 5 and 6 July. The gardeners have dug and delved since February, leading to comparable rewards for both visitors and helpers.

The pre-Festival Reception is our, and the Festival Committee's, chance to say thank you for your support, so we hope that as many of you as possible will be there on 12 June at 6.30 pm in the Parish Church.

Kristin Thompson
FDF Publicity



Green is the colour of her kind ...

A lovely line, whatever Pink Floyd meant by it. And what a lovely time of year – so many shades of green in the gardens and countryside. In fact there have been some green buds locally that I really hope will blossom. One has been Tony Baldry doing his parliamentary bit for allotments (he has his own allotment near Banbury station). Then there's Cherwell District Council publishing its Environmental Strategy *'to drive forward its priority for a cleaner, greener Cherwell. The Council aims to*

lead by example, by committing to reduce its own carbon footprint', (see Deddington OnLine Forum).

CDC dished out free compost recently – to those who got there early enough before it ran out! A new tree has been planted in the Market Place and a shop has opened in Hudson Street selling organic and ecologically sound products. As I write, a meeting is planned to discuss whether Banbury can become a Transition Town, in preparation for life after peak oil. There's the presentation to the parish meeting to explain the case for a wind turbine at the Windmill Centre, North Oxfordshire's first such community project (also available via Deddington OnLine Forum). Finally, you'll be pleased to know that I am putting used cooking oil in my car's fuel tank; more on that later. [Thinks: Was the primaeval soup green?]

Colin Robinson

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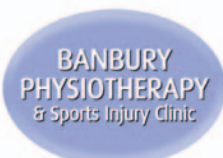
New Car Share Scheme for Chiltern Railways

Chiltern Railways has recently launched a car-sharing scheme to allow passengers to reduce travel costs, as well as congestion and pollution.

Passengers can access the scheme at www.chilterncarshare.co.uk and register their journey details free. The system will then tell them if anyone else is going in the same direction, leaving it to them to make contact through a secure email


connection, and arrange to share both the journey and the costs of travel. If three rail passengers travel together to a Chiltern Railways operated station (eg Banbury or Bicester) in the same car at any time of the day, there is no charge for car parking. Ask the car park attendant when you arrive at your station for a '3 go free' voucher.

The software behind the system has been provided by the specialist car-sharing company, Liftshare, which has established more than 900 car-sharing schemes for communities across the UK.



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WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6.00 - 7.30 pm
 Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00 – 9.00 pm
 Mon: Bellringing practice, Parish Church
 Tues: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00 – 4.30 pm
 Tues: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10.00 am
 Tues: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7.00 – 9.00 pm
 Tues: Youth Group, Parish Church, 7.00 - 8.30 pm
 Alt Tues: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2.00 – 4.00 pm
 Alt Wed: Friendship Club, Windmill, 2.30 pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor, Windmill, 5.00 pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill, 5.45 pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Church, 7.00 pm
 Thurs: Life and Portrait Art Group, Town Hall, 10.00 - 12.30 & 1.30 – 4.00 pm
 Thurs: Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6.00 – 7.30 pm
 Thurs: Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30 – 9.00 pm
 Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10.00 am – noon
 Fri: Babies & Toddlers', Windmill, 9.30 – 11.00 am
 Fri: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2 – 5.00 pm

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM KEN SMITH, DAEDA COTTAGE, DEDDINGTON

I wish to thank very sincerely all my relations, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, THE KNOWLE, DEDDINGTON

The anomaly remains that the Cherwell over-60 bus pass cannot be used on the 59/59A service until after 9.30 am, but the West Oxon pass can be used after 9.00 am. So passengers to Oxford from the Bartons

can get a free ride on the 9.06 am from Deddington but not from Duns Tew. One solution is to buy a £1.10 single ticket to Steeple Aston and ask for a

further ticket, using the Cherwell bus pass from there. This doesn't help travellers on the 9.04 am to Banbury. Cherwell DC is reconsidering the 9.30 am rule in September. Letters to Bodicote House can do no harm. Free off-peak bus

travel to London and on the Oxford - Cambridge service can be useful.

Please address all letters to:
KRISTIN THOMPSON
5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

Book Group

Last month we met to discuss *Kempton's Journey* by Valerie Blumenthal and here is our review: This rather contrived story provoked a very jolly evening of discussion. The poor hero is faced with all manner of personal calamities, but there is no real depth to any particular crisis and we struggled to feel engagement to him or any of the other characters. On the positive side, it is light and readable, features a few humorous situations and made us all chuckle.

The book for June is *Letter from America* by Alistair Cooke and the next meeting 26 June. Please call for venue.

Sally Lambert
338094



WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE



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BOOKINGS SECRETARY

initially to shadow
Joyce Minnear and
then to take over the job
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smooth running of the Windmill

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Please contact
Joyce Minnear, 338529
Jim Flux, 338153
jimflux@tiscali.co.uk

Deddington Players

A successful AGM saw us making plans for the coming year. We intend to put on a pantomime next year (22 - 24 January - it's never too early to put the dates in your diaries). We may also put on a show in the autumn and members and supporters are invited to a summer barbecue on Sunday 13 July (early evening), venue to be confirmed depending on numbers, to discuss these plans in more detail.

Lucy Squires
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IT'S ALL GROW

On the Farm

The warm weather at the start of May set things off with a real buzz and has given the bees just the boost they needed to get over the set-backs of last summer and autumn. Despite all the doom and gloom merchants' predicting the demise of British bee-keeping, the bees at Home Farm are hard at work. We have already had to artificially swarm all our colonies on to new wax foundation (thin sheets of beeswax on which they build their brood cells) to prevent them from buzzing off. By the time this falls off the printing press I shall have split each of the strongest hives down into three nucleus boxes, each headed by a new queen. If the summer turns out as good as 'the oak before the ash' predicts, these nuclei will have expanded into full colonies before harvest and will give us some late season honey.

The ewes and lambs are now back in the river valley with plenty of grass in front of them, which is the way I hope it will stay after last year's flooding. The problems on the ovine front are still a long way from being resolved, as Defra has just extended the Blue Tongue protection area to cover all of Oxfordshire, so it's back to movement restrictions

and we shall have to vaccinate all the ewes and lambs, so it will be a case of filling the syringe and then filling out the paper work.

After the cold wet April the wildlife front is showing a considerable improvement. All our summer visitors have returned, with six pairs of swallows taking up residence in the buildings. We have also seen an increase in the numbers of curlew, redshank, lapwing and snipe looking for breeding sites on the river meadows, and we can now add the barn owls to the list of breeding birds on the farm as a pair of them has taken up residence in a box put up two years ago.

With the cold spring the first butterflies were very late, with brimstone, orange tip and the blues not emerging until early May. The moth situation in the early part of the year was giving some cause for concern as, unlike other years, very few were coming to the light traps, but that too is beginning to improve. With the right weather conditions we could see an improvement in the 173 different species of moth identified on the farm last year.

George Fenemore
338203

The Allotment

Sadly I failed to follow my own advice last month about covering vulnerable plants in the event of frosty conditions and suffered the consequences with young runner beans on that one frosty night we had in May. They are, however, still alive, if only just, and I promise to publish the outcome. A number of Hempton allotment holders quite unexpectedly suffered a similar fate with frostbite on potatoes and French beans.

A little on pests and diseases might prove helpful for those growers planning to sow a second crop of carrots when the carrot fly is least effective in mid-June. Carrot root fly is the commonest and worst pest; the maggots, which are about 8mm long, eat into the lower layers of the carrot and leave unsightly lines and cracks that can be the starting point for rot. The leaves of mature plants infected by carrot fly tend to take on a reddish colour. The fly is very hard to control. Sowing carrots in mid-June provides a better chance of avoiding attack. The variety 'Sytan' is particularly resistant.

Parsley, parsnips and celery can also come under attack by the carrot fly. All, of course, may be

covered with fleece (see May DN for details).

Other methods of control are placing barriers 60 - 80 cm high around the rows and planting sage or onions among the carrots. They tell me the smell confuses the fly. Another option might be a soil insecticide worked into the upper layer of the soil before planting.

Carrots can be left in the ground over winter, especially if the soil is sandy. If the soil is heavier or slug infested, you might be well advised to store them in boxes of barely moist sand in as cold a place as possible. Young carrots are excellent when frozen whole.

The Parish is organising a Fruit and Vegetable show on 6 September and I wondered how many had thought about growing some carrots in drainpipes. The pipes should be filled with finely sifted sandy soil and kept well watered, thus enabling the bottom of the pipes to remain moist to encourage the root downwards. I am told you can grow a carrot, using this method, to a length of 1.5 metres. May I wish you the best of luck!

Tony Campion



Erratum: Old Toms email address should read:
marymlloyd@hotmail.co.uk
DN apologises for this mistake

Limited spaces available at an evening with local crime writer Adrian Magson on 26 June at 7.00 pm. Tickets £2 available from the library. A chance to listen to and meet the author, to buy or borrow his latest book. Refreshments available.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley. He was away in France with his wife Susan for about three weeks in June 1858 visiting Amiens, Paris and Dieppe with little in the diary, so I have included some of the entries for July.

26th June - Widow Owen came to ask me to bury Widow Castle of Clifton which I consented to do with Mr Burgess's permission.

28th June - I paid Bonner for the poor's coal – and part of our own recently laid in.

30th June - A man named Owen came for another summons which I granted – against a farmer here for non-payment of wages.

6th July - An Inspector came to determine certain matters as to the future management etc of the Union House and its inmates – and to hear the merits of a proposition for the creation of a new Union House at this place – Deddington being 10 miles distant from Woodstock, a great hardship and injustice to the poor especially. Col Piggott however

held out no hopes that the Board would sanction or agree to such an arrangement, but thought that it might be more practicable to apply to be detached from Woodstock and removed to Banbury. This remains to be considered by us, whether we should eventually, if it were conceded to us, be materially benefited by the change.

7th July - Attended a Church meeting when it was agreed to commence a part of the Church work *immediately* at the East End, and to pull down the gallery under the South Aisle – and to pay for the Faculty. Mrs Busby, the carpenter's wife, came for a summons against her husband's sister for threatening to do her serious injury and otherwise abusing her. I said if she could conscientiously take an oath that she apprehended danger to her life from her sister-in-law I would grant it.

8th July - Agreed with H Franklin to commence pulling down the South Aisle gallery on Monday next, the 12th instant.

Buffy Heywood

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925 – 2007

DEDDINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: THE 1950s

There was change in the air, and like most conservative (with a small c) organisations, resentment to change took its time to be conquered. Discussions on whether to move meetings from afternoon to evening occupied members, was tried out one summer season and towards the end of the decade defeated by two votes! Membership stood at a healthy 60 and expected to increase. This formidable force of women must have had quite a strong influence on village matters. They pestered the Parish Council to supply rubbish bins, boldly wrote to Chesham & Brackley Brewery Ltd when the sobriquet 'Dirty Drunken Deddington' became rather too actual in one of the pubs. The death of King George VI in February 1952 plunged the nation into deep mourning leaving WIs uncertain about the propriety of holding their meeting that month. The Committee decided in favour of carrying on as usual.

In the previous year, 1951, members dressed up to run their stall at the grand Blenheim Pageant. *The glamorous Grannies* were obviously a great hit and gladly gave permission to have their

photographs taken by Blinkhorns of Banbury and printed in *Home & County* magazine. Strangely, a gramophone (record player and wireless) bought, with all members' agreement, in January 1951 was sold again in 1955 and the reason why is not mentioned in the Minutes! I just hope they were able to make a small profit.

Various crafts flourished throughout the decade. Quilting, basketry and patchwork classes were held, Mrs Howse passed her A test for knitting and three members entered work for the Oxfordshire Exhibition in April 1959. It never ceases to amaze me how cleverly a kaleidoscope of crafts, the never missed opportunities to help others at home or abroad, and the gift of fun and fellowship was exploited by our Deddington members of yesteryears. I must finish the 1950s with the shortest, and to my mind most startling, entry in the Minute book:

'November 1953. The winner of the Potato Growing Competition was Mrs Brent with 7 lbs 14 oz for ONE potato'. Is this really possible? No doubt readers will let me know!

Ruth Johnson



Have you looked at Deddington News' website?

A new page, *Deddington in Pictures*, is going on the website and there will be several pictures of the Teen Scene opening and the PTA walk.

From the Fire Station

Shouts

Fourteen calls received since my last report, bringing the total this year to 86. We attended three road traffic collisions all with persons trapped, three house fires, one false alarm caused by a wasp in a light fitting, a haystack fire and a large fire in an industrial unit, a petrol spillage and a few calls to give cover in Banbury & Bicester.

Community Safety Event

Fancy a visit to the fire station, tea and biscuits provided? Everyone is welcome to join us any time from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm on Friday 6 June. Advice will be available from our safety team on all aspects of staying safe, and you can find out more about signing up to the 365 pledge.

**Anne Waters, Watch Manager
Deddington Fire Station
338281**

PTA

As you read this, the 4th Annual Deddington Walk will have come and gone. Hopefully the run of beautiful warm sunny weather we have been enjoying will last through the weekend and, once again, we shall be basking in sunshine after the exertion of the morning's walk! Whatever the weather, I am sure everyone will have enjoyed themselves and thanks to our actors from Cherwell College, Alan Rampley our First Aider, all those businesses who generously sponsored us, and everyone else who has helped make it a successful day once again. A huge thanks also to all those who turned out on the day and to those who kindly sponsored our children – it is you who make the event happen – we could not do it without you.

The next date to ensure you have in your calendar is our annual Fete which will be held on the school field on Saturday 14 June. This is promises to be an exciting event with exotic reptiles and creepy crawlies visiting us. There will be plenty of chances to show your friends how brave you are by handling some of these creatures! Also returning by popular demand is the Jousting Horse. Budding boy (and girl!) racers can try their skills on our new attraction – Lane Change digital Scalextric racing where they can experience the thrills of motor racing with Scalextric cars. Each class will be running a stall as usual so do come and support our children and have a fun afternoon. There will be delicious cream teas, a licensed bar and, weather permitting, we will be setting up the barbeques towards the end of the afternoon and running into the early evening for those who want to sit around watching the sun set whilst eating, drinking, chatting to friends and listening to music. What a fab way to end the day!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Fete and thank you all for your continued support.

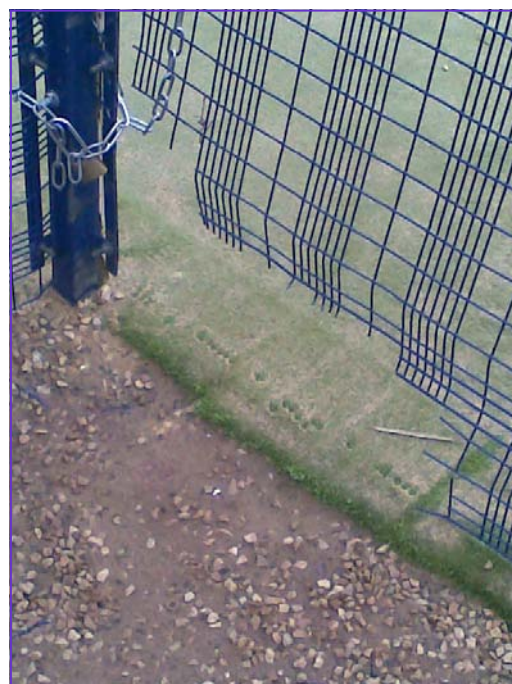
**Janet Watts
PTA Chair 337135**

Police

Hello, I am PC Phil Morris. I work in the Banbury Rural area with PC Gerry Doyle and I am pleased to announce that we have three Police Community Support Officers helping us cover the beat.

I am writing this to appeal for information following a burglary at the Holly Tree Club. This happened on 30 April 2008 overnight. (For the sports fans amongst you it was the same night as the second leg of the Chelsea v Liverpool Champions league semi-final which Liverpool lost.) This was a despicable act of mindless, pointless vandalism in which a club used by many of the local senior citizens has been targeted. There was also minor damage to a rubbish bin along the Hempton Road, leading to Gaveston Gardens, on the same evening and I believe that the the incidents may be linked.

If you have any information regarding these incidents, please make contact with PC Doyle or myself at Deddington Police Office, tel: 01869 338444.



Damage recently done to the all weather court fence

Visitors to DoL

How popular do you think Deddington OnLine is? Where do you think most of the visitors to our village website come from? Which parts of the site appear to be the most wanted? And what have the 317,000 visits to Deddington OnLine and over 1,000,000 pages downloaded in the last year been for?

Looking at the web statistics tells some interesting tales. It would appear that we get a steady stream of visitors all day and night, but with more during our waking hours. This is slightly at odds with a third of our visitors coming from the United States, but we get over 800 visits a day.

We can tell that one of the most popular items looked for is 'coat of arms', followed by search terms related specifically to Deddington, which is

good, because that's what we are here for! Even now there are a significant number of searches for 'phoning the UK'. When DoL first went on line ten years ago this was the most popular search that directed visitors to our site.

Nowadays favourite pages within DoL are the Forum, with over 8,000 visits a month, and the photo gallery, with nearly 3,000 visits per month. Don't think that your posting on the Forum isn't being read. Several postings that were made about a year ago but have got no replies at all have been read about 1,000 times!

Have you something to say about Deddington? Post it on the Forum, the whole world is reading you!

Paul Drawmer

News from Clifton

An inaugural Sunday night quiz at the pub last month saw a team made up of two local and two friends from across the county beat a team of three locals. The shocking insight into the workings of Robert's mind didn't detract from a fantastic event. There will be more including a village fete and the start of an Aunt Sally team!

Last month's appeal for wheels for the soap box challenge yielded great results, with young Harry Collins and Linda Davies donating various retired children's toys and bikes. The result is a magnificent machine made entirely from garage scrap donated by the team. John 'Mario' Catania, the intended pilot, was speechless when he saw the amount of attention paid by the build crew to his safety and well-being. However, it was only at the actual roll out ceremony in late April that John realised he had a diary clash that would preclude his participation. Harry stood up to the mark again and will now pilot the craft in the Under 15s category (if the team can re-enter him in time). I was present at the press roll out and I was deeply affected by the leather upholstery, so it's not only green and recycled but it's organic!

As I write this, many of the village are off on the Deddington walk where they will meet a huge number of fellow parishioners and a growing number of visitors as this event starts to reach national recognition. This reminded me of the moment at the Clifton book club many years ago when Kevin Mayo told us of the Belvoir (pronounced beever!) challenge and he thought Deddington could host a similar community walking event. So he started to raise a team of organisers and his dream has become reality.

Martin Bryce

STOP PRESS: John Catania was the first 12 miler in on the Deddington walk, but even more impressive is the career best bowling figures of 12 overs 4 for 15 by John Stiff. John got his historic haul in the first game of the newly formed B team.

News from Hempton

It is good to be able to start this month's column with something other than church news. So it is congratulations to Sarah and Tony Roche on the birth of their second baby, Francis Louis, a brother for Evelyn. The family lives at Top Thatch, which is close to the church.

The table tennis team finished the season fourth from bottom in League 2, thus avoiding relegation. But they lost in the final of the cup to Mollington by 329 pts to 312 pts. The match was played at Chacombe on 6 May and they received their runners-up trophies at a presentation evening on 9 May.

Having reported in an earlier edition that the Parish Council was going to replace the seat outside the church, I now understand that they wish someone to sponsor a seat, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Also the Council has cleared out the planters at each end of the village. Some years ago I appealed in this column for people to look after them, and one gentleman in particular was not pleased when plants he had put in were removed. I understand that the Council is refurbishing them. But it would have been nice to have been told.

The weather was lovely for the Ladies' Tuesday Club day out at the Katharine House Spring Fair at Aynho. There were numerous stalls with plants outside and designer goods inside, and refreshments were available.

Thanks go to Leah and Jim Calcutt for hosting the Rogation Day service in their barn. It was well attended, with refreshments afterwards. Leah's horse and her daughter's pony were on their best behaviour throughout.

Les Chappell
338054

Ed - We note that the PC have now agreed to pay for the cost of the seat

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The first golf event of 2008 took place at Cotswold Hills Golf Club on 2 May. It was a resounding success with 24 taking part with a good mix of men and women.

The winner was Peter Milner, second went to Nigel Oddy, and Ralph Stewart took third place. At the evening meal our Rule Infringement Judge, Peter Blackburn, adjudicated fines assessed to those who strayed away from the guidelines. The fines were given to the club staff who looked after us so well. A full report can be found on Deddington Online.

Our next event is scheduled for Burford Golf Club on 16 June. This is always a popular event and early booking is recommended.

David Darst
Secretary

Photographic Society

At the May meeting, Alan Wolstencroft gave a presentation on the Banbury Rotary Mission Challenge to Sierra Leone. His involvement started in 2005 when he volunteered to participate in the Mercy Ships Charity that provides a hospital ship to alleviate medical suffering in third world countries. His role was to help build a 25-bed extension at the Aberdeen West Africa Fistula Clinic, a deprived area of Freetown, then later the building of a covered community market for the Aberdeen Community. He also contributed to building an additional classroom for the Christian Hope primary school at Kissy, another deprived area.

In January 2007, on his own initiative, Alan undertook to raise £25,000 to build a further six classrooms at the school, which has over 100 children on its waiting list. This resulted in a major fund raising activity by Alan and the extension is now well advanced from the charitable donations received so far. Also supported are the Salem church community in Aberdeen and the Susu shanty community (again, both deprived areas) with clothing, stationery and toiletries, and the build-out of the six classrooms with blackboards, desks and benches. An absorbing and sometimes harrowing presentation, bringing great credit to Alan for his perseverance and commitment.

Philip Rigby
01295 812481

Deddington Tennis Club

The club has had a good start to the new season with well-attended club nights despite the April weather. We welcome new members so, if you enjoy a game, why not come along and join us on our club night on a Wednesday evening at the Windmill Centre. We play from 6.00 pm until it's dark. The standard is mixed – we really just want people to play.

For anyone interested in joining, the club is holding an Open Evening, which includes a barbecue, on Friday 20 June from 6.00 pm onwards.

We have an experienced qualified coach, Steve Ashby, who provides regular group coaching courses for juniors and adults throughout the year (individual coaching is available on request).

This year we have once again entered four teams in the Banbury Summer League and matches are already underway.

For further details see our website at www.deddingtontennis.com.

Sue Watts
01295 722229

1st Deddington Brownies

This month the Brownies' report is written by Holly, aged 7, who is working towards her writer's badge.

St George's Day

I would like to tell you about St George's Day parade. Which was on the 27 April, we met outside of Argos. We marched to the St Mary's church where we had a service with Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts, and Beavers. And we marched back through Banbury.

Brownie Promise

My name is Holly. I am 7 years old and I am taking my Brownies' promise Monday 12 May, in Daedas woods. We sing twist me and turn me, and show me the Elf. I looked in the water and saw myself. After you finish singing that song you do the Brownie sign and say your Brownie promise in front of Brown Owl, and after you say your promise to Brown Owl you do the Brownie sign and shake Brown Owl's hand and you get your certificate and badges.

Brownie Uniform

Brownies wear brown trousers with a yellow and brown zip up jacket with Brownie at the front.

Brownie badges

I want to take writer's badge and my artist badge, and I've started doing my writer's badge. And this article is the second part of it. I wrote a short story for my first part. I like Brownies because it is fun, and the games we play. And I like doing different things and learning things.

By Holly, age 7

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Bishops Itchington Res (h)	Lost 1 - 3
KEA (a)	Lost 4 - 6

The 1st team completed their fixtures losing the final two games of the season. Luckily, enough points had already been accumulated and the team narrowly avoided the relegation places and will remain in Division 1.

75 Club Winners

18.4.08	P Cox	£100
25.4.08	P Keys	£50
2.5.08	M Walker	£50
9.5.08	D Keys	£50

CALLING MORE CLUBS

DTFC Presentation Evening

The club recently held its end of season presentation evening. Many thanks to the British Legion for hosting the event. Individual awards went to the following players:

1st Team leading scorer - Julian Pearce
Reserve Team leading Scorer - Sam Rollason
1st Team players' player of the year - Rob Bradford
Reserve Team players' player of the year - Paul Franklin
1st Team Manager's player of the year - John Flemming
Reserve Team Manager's player of the year - Jason Timms

Well done to all the winners.

Steve Plumbe
01295 278258

Editorial note: Steve Plumbe is standing down as DTFC correspondent after 20 years. We would like to thank him for his regular and timely contributions.

Deddington Colts

Our under 11 Colts' team has had a very successful season and won promotion to the prestigious A league in the Witney and District Football League this year. This team of lads will stay together until they are 16 and we are currently looking for a new sponsor for the boys. The team is frequently featured in both written word and photographs in the *Banbury Guardian* and other local papers.

Ideally we are looking for a sponsor to contribute around £300 for the boys to be able to purchase a new kit for the coming season. The sponsor's logo will have pride of place on the front of the shirts and there will be opportunities for photo promotions throughout the year.

If you are interested and able to help in any way I would appreciate hearing from you.

Ian Roberts

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We are looking forward to our newest member Toby joining us this month. He is our twenty-first Cub and we will not be accepting any more until December, so please add your name to the waiting list if you have a boy or girl approaching eight years' old. We try not to turn anyone away.

The cubs have been to camp, and what great weather, seamless blue sky all weekend and dry tents at the end! The weekend started with a 'wide game' arranged by the local Explorer Scouts, which seemed to consist of a lot of running around and shrieking. On Saturday they spent the day trying various crafts, games and skills, followed by campfire and marshmallows. Sunday started with a demonstration of kung fu and a chance to join in with some exercises and meet some Chinese visitors. Thank you to the boys for making the camp very enjoyable, to the parents who shopped and catered and to the three scouts who helped out.

Next, the adventure badge and a trip to the Oxfordshire Quest.

Jo Churchyard
338071

Scouts

Our newest member is Jake who has joined us from Cubs and has settled into Scout life already.

The Scouts have been working towards their Navigator Badge and are looking forward to the camps in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to Sam, Jordan and Ben who gallantly helped out at Cub camp; they were invaluable and entertaining and we couldn't have managed without them.

Pete Churchyard
338071

1st Deddington Guides

It's good to be meeting outside again – we had a beautiful evening when we hiked the circular walk from Adderbury to Bodicote past the windmill and back. The guides even enjoyed a paddle in the stream at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Last term 15 guides learnt to knit! Some gloves turned into blankets and egg cosies into scarves, but we had a brilliant time. Some guides sewed various creations, including plate bags for camp. We celebrated St George's day by joining other guides, scouts, brownies, cubs, rainbows and beavers from all round the area at a parade in Banbury. It was quite an experience.

Well done to Lizzie M and Emma B for their brilliant entries in the photo competition. We've had a lot of fun with a wide variety of activities often involving food and also those using creative skills and a lot of energy.

The village quiz brought surprise rewards with hidden Easter eggs in the market place.

We look forward to a lively summer term. Our first attempt to cook out was a washout, but I'm sure we'll have better luck next time.

Our numbers are well over 20 now. The more the merrier!

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marion Trinder 01869 340806

Youth Club

A beauty evening and a trip to the bowling alley bring us to the end of our year long activity project funded by the Lottery. Members have benefited from, and greatly enjoyed, the many extra activities we have been able to provide. We have also all gained lots of ideas and equipment for the future.

We are obviously delighted that the youth club is such a lively and successful enterprise and feel that now is a good time to bring in some new and younger people on to the committee to help build on this. If you are at all interested in the welfare of youth in our community then we would very much like to hear from you; please contact Maureen Forsyth on 338384.

Pam Axten

MUSICAL NOTES

In the last two months Deddington church has been host to a feast of concerts in the church, which suggests it is becoming a favourite venue for choirs.

On 15 March, Akeman Voices directed by Martin Quinn performed a sequence of baroque masterpieces starting with Pergolesi's haunting setting of the religious poem *Stabat mater doloroso*. The scoring for soprano and alto soloists and female chorus created an ethereal atmosphere, which the singers captured beautifully. Two Magnificats, one allegedly by Buxtehude and the other indisputably by Vivaldi made up most of the second half with probably the best known piece of the evening, Monteverdi's exquisite, *Beatus Vir*, forming a most delicious jam in the sandwich.

A very different choir entertained us two weeks later. These singers were from Sophia Parish, Jonkoping, Sweden, and they produced a medley of unison, two part or hymn-like settings including Swedish folk tunes, psalms, seasonal songs and traditional African melodies. Mostly with piano accompaniment, a notable feature was the additional use of hand drums or organ. The choir were clearly very well trained, sang from memory with evident enthusiasm and knew how to smile and sway with the music.

The last Saturday in April brought back regular visitors in the form of Janet Lince and her choir Choros in a choral and orchestral concert. It was a return visit too for young Korean violinist, JooYeon

Sir, who captivated the audience at last year's Deddington Festival. She opened the concert with a magical performance of Vaughan William's ever popular, *The Lark Ascending*. The instrumentalists of the Oxford Sinfonia, leader Olivier Bonnici, then gave a spirited rendition of Ravel's orchestration of four movements from his own piano suite, *Le Tombeau de Couperin*. The pinnacle of the evening was Mozart's, *Mass in C minor*. This magnificent work, containing some of the composer's most profound and original music was originally started at the time of his marriage to Constanza, but the need to please his patrons and finance his family meant that it remained unfinished to the end of his life. The choir, some of the time divided into two, and the four soloists (Helen Morton, Lorna Perry, Hugo Tucker and Jon Stainsby), coaxed by Janet's skilled baton, rose to the occasion with all the expressions of joy, tenderness, and devotion demanded by the music: a truly memorable experience.

And finally on 10 May, the Warriner Choir, under Martin Quinn, performed another choral masterpiece in Rossini's *Petite Messe Solonelle*. Neither small, nor particularly solemn, this work is a crowd puller. Unfortunately I was unable to be among the crowd myself, but my spies report that it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, with the choir and soloists making the most of their opportunities.

If you like to read about these sort of events in the DN, tell the editor or me. If not, why not write about your sort of music.

Donald Lane

DAEDA'S BREAD BAKED FOR FARMERS' MARKET

The Baker's Basket customers at the April Farmers' Market were able to buy a new bread created by stallholders Sally and Ian Forster



especially for Celebrate Bread National Bread Week which was launched that day. Sally named it Daeda's Bread as it was created exclusively for Deddington Farmers' Market, but such was its popularity (it sold like hot cakes!) it is likely to become regularly available. For those of you who did not manage to get any, you might like to know it is a fruity, spicy, wholemeal loaf and was very tasty.

Geoff Todd

Deddington and District History Society

Due to a blunder by the Chairman we were left speaker-less at our meeting in May. In the circumstances, there was nothing for it but for the Chairman to deliver a talk himself. He spoke about his work as a professional local historian in Oxfordshire, using slides to illustrate some of the places whose history he has investigated. Members were remarkably tolerant and the speaker was only lightly pelted with vegetables.

On 11 June at 6.30 pm we shall have our annual picnic and visit. We shall provide refreshments for members, including the usual strawberries and cream, before commencing our tour of Burton Dassett Country Park. Anyone who would like to take part should contact Moira Byast (below). We shall provide full details to everyone who expresses an interest. On 16 June we have been invited to enjoy a guided visit to Adderbury led by members of their history society. This will be an opportunity not to be missed. Again, please let Moira Byast know if you are interested.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

Deddington Annual Parish meeting 20 May Windmill Centre

A well attended meeting with some 57 people to hear four speakers. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Martin Squires. He outlined the highlights and achievements of the PC year and, after dealing with questions, opened the meeting and introduced the first speaker, Rob Forsyth. RF addressed the meeting to talk about Deddington OnLine which has now been running for 10 years. The first objective of DoL was to put Deddington on the tourist map and there was good feedback that this is being achieved. The second aim was to give local clubs and societies a platform, and a recent innovation was that a software improvement means it is now possible for users to update their own copy online. This software was expensive and RF was keen to thank everyone who had generously supported their appeal. When the DoL software is installed which will allow everyone to access and write their own copy, RF is anxious that the facility is explored and used for the benefit of the Parish.

The second speaker was your correspondent Charles Barker, who wanted to gauge the meeting's reaction to the idea of turning street lights off when not required. Apart from saving money, and being good for the environment and wildlife, there were indications that it reduced road traffic accidents. CB talked about the trial that is underway in Buckinghamshire where they are turning off 1700 street lights between 2.00 am and 5.00 am, and Deddington should consider doing the same. Oxfordshire CC who are responsible for street lights have said they would cooperate if the PC and the community agree. On a show of hands about 80% of the meeting supported the idea of investigating a trial.

The final speaker was Mary Robinson who wanted to promote the idea of a wind turbine at the Windmill Centre. In a carefully and thoroughly researched presentation MR covered location, viability, environmental impact and economics. The wind turbine would be 18m high and would be economically viable if a grant could be secured for 89% of the estimated £55,000 gross cost. The shortfall could be funded by a combination of PC, Windmill Committee and other local benefactors. The payback in these circumstances would be about seven years based on the committee's calculations. There followed a discussion and it was obvious that some residents of Mill Close were concerned, particularly about potential noise impact. On a show of hands, apart from the residents of Mill Close, the meeting was enthusiastic about the proposition.

[The presentation can be seen at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/turbineatparishmtg.pdf> – Ed.]

An account of those sentenced to be transported from Deddington to the colonies

by Rob Forsyth, following research carried out in conjunction with Buffy Heywood, Richard Broadbent and Terence Talbot (Deddington, Tasmania)

Several people within this village - and one in Tasmania - have spent a lot of time trying to find out how we came to have a namesake on the opposite side of the world. It is, as far as we can establish, the only other one. Sadly, despite much research, we have been unsuccessful.

In the process, however, we became aware of an exhibition in the Oxford Records Office (ORO) about those people who had been sentenced to transportation at the Oxford Assizes. Perhaps this was the place we would find our person? After all, many convicts remained in the country to which they had been so unwillingly conveyed, if only because returning to England was near impossible. They were also often granted (or purchased) some land and many had 'married'* and had a family. One of these might well have named his local area after their home parish.

We already knew, courtesy of our local resident in Tasmania, of a Thomas Waite and his son William who was transported there in 1827. The ORO directed us to some useful sources from which we were able to record the names, dates, offences and sentences of some 22 people who were either residents of and/or committed offences within the parish. We were also able to obtain quite a lot of detail as to what happened after they arrived at their destinations from a researched publication called *Banished!* These records provided us with a fascinating slice of history of our parish of which we felt many would be unaware. We are delighted that the DN has agreed to publish one or two of their stories in subsequent editions as space allows.

My complete article, of which this is a brief version, can be seen on DOL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>. For those without a computer, copies can be printed off via the internet terminals in the library or please contact me for a copy. *Banished!* is a 'must read' source for information on *all* those sentenced to transportation from Oxfordshire. It can be borrowed from our library or read at, or purchased from, the ORO at St Luke's in Oxford.

I have made every effort to trace any descendants by writing to anyone with similar names living in the parish now and by advertising for namesakes in this magazine. If you think you might be a descendant, or know anyone else who might, please contact me.

* *Marriage was often carried out by a process in which men walked down a line of new convict arrivals and dropped a handkerchief in front of a woman they considered suitable. If she picked it up this was enough for them to be considered married – a very early form of speed dating?*

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