

My neighbour Marianne lost her greengage tree to a recent gale, and, if the end of February keeps it up, March will come in like a lion. Donald Welford and his mother before him have kept a record of Clifton's rainfall over the last 35 years - local evidence of the vagaries of the weather. The UN panel of 300 international scientists has agreed that global warming is causing the climate to change. Evidence from antarctic ice-cores shows that the concentration of CO² in the atmosphere is higher now than it has been over the last 400,000 years, with a 30% increase in the last 100 years - and the record of average temperatures mirrors the changes. These global trends have local effects, and individual life-styles have global consequences - consequences we may yet live to see, and our grandchildren surely will. CH



Deddington News is the product of a large team of volunteers - joined as collators last month by Louise and Joe in the 6th year at Deddington School.

MARCH DIARY

- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon.
 Mon 4 "Golden Jubilee" open meeting: Town Hall, 8.00 pm. → p.8
 Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm
 Thu 7 Monday Morning Club bus for *Relative Values* leaves the Market Place at 1.15 pm.
 Sat 9 Cornelius & Jones present *The Diary of a Nobody*, Windmill Centre, 8 pm → p.6
 Tue 12 WI: Annual General Meeting and auction: Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
 Tue 12 Deddington Guides present *Jack and Jill in Fairyland*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
 Wed 13 History Society: David Mander, *The Bletchley Codebreakers*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.7
 Tues 19 Deddington School present *Spacey Tracy*, School Hall, 6.30pm [also on Wed 20] → p.3
 Wed 20 **OCC meeting about imminent Market Place Resurfacing:** Town Hall, 10.00 am → p.12
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 Sat 23 Friends of Hempton Church: Wine Tasting, Church Hall, 8 pm. → p.9
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APRIL DIARY

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holy Tree, 10 am-noon.
 Wed 3 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm
 Tue 9 WI: Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
 Wed 10 Deddington History Society: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
 Sat 13 Deddington Colts FC: General Knowledge Quiz, Windmill Centre. → p.5
 Wed 17 Parish Council meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
 Sat 20 Friends of Hempton Church: Cake Stall, Deddington Market Place.
 Sat 27 Farmers' Market in the Market Place: 9 am-1 pm.
 Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12.
 Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
 Fridays: Bridge Club: The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
 Fridays: British Legion, Prize bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm

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

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Meeting in Town Hall - 20 February 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Flux, Hart, Haslam, Hill, Newey, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 4 members of the public.

CLARIFICATION

(i) PC would support Clifton Mill footpath proposal only if other landowners affected are in agreement.

(ii) BMX track project is for Windmill Centre, not Castle Grounds

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2002

All 14 councillors stand down. Nomination forms from Clerk or CDC from 25 March, returnable by 5 April. Polling Day 2 May, at stations in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. There will be special arrangements for postal/proxy voting.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held before elections, on 24 April, 7.30pm, Windmill Centre. Annual General Meeting of PC will be held after elections, on 15 May, 7.30pm, Town Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cemetery gate needs scraping, oxalic acid treatment and 3 coats of Danish oil, to be carried out in dry weather.

Brambles to be removed (£200 cost limit) from Satin Lane allotments, and ferrets used to clear rabbits.

Millennium yew not yet ready for transplanting to churchyard.

Deddington Colts Football Club have yet to sign Castle Grounds agreement. Parking problems to be sorted out.

RESURFACING (AT LAST)

Bullring will be resurfaced 2 and 3 April; Town Hall area 4 and 5 April; outside Co-op 6 April. **PLEASE** park elsewhere during this period. Vehicles left in the way will be removed.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

PC voted to enter this year's competitions (village and war memorial) and approved £500 expenditure, from Recreation and Grants £6,000 budget, on preparations. In addition, PC would like to see more hanging baskets and window boxes, especially in the Market Place.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC no objection (i) 47 Mill Close, Deddington - reposition garage and add 2-storey extension (Cllr Cox declared interest.). (ii) 39 The Daedings - 2-storey extensions. PC noted that neighbours might object to being overlooked (Cllr Bell declared interest). (iii) Long Barn, College Farm, Hempton - single storey extension. (iv) The Byre, Pound Court, Earls Lane - additional Velux window in roof.

(v) 18 Hempton Road, Deddington - reposition garage and add single-storey extension. (vi) 22 St John's Way, Hempton - single storey extension.

In all these cases, PC 'no objection' is conditional on neighbours agreeing.

CDC approvals (a) Castle View, Goose Green, Deddington. (b) Weeping Ash, Clifton. (c) The Finches, Old

Plough Walk, Hempton. (d) 14 High Street (retrospective). (e) 3 Gaveston Gardens. (f) Monks Court - fell silver birch, making 3 trees in all. (g) 2 Castle End, Castle Street, Deddington - fell sycamore.

PC encourages planting of replacement tree(s), not necessarily in original location(s).

GREEN PAPER ON PLANNING

Main points of this Government paper are :

- Abolish County Structure Plans
- Develop Regional Spatial Strategies
- Consult widely on local plans
- Cut planning consent duration from 5 to 3 years
- Set up planning-free business zones
- Speed up compulsory purchases
- Review compensation levels
- Shorten decision times
- Refer major infrastructure projects to Parliament
- Widen scope for planning-gain agreements

Consultation period ends 18 March 2002. PC to respond to questionnaire and also attend OCC meeting with Town and Parish Councils, 27 March, 7.30pm, Exeter Hall, Kidlington.

JUBILEE

Planned events include school party, market, treasure hunt, flower festival, art exhibition, church service, concert, parish street party. Next meeting 4 March, 8pm, Town Hall.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Meeting on *Awards For All* at Bodicote House, 6 and 12 March, 7pm. Grants event with local MP at Windmill Centre, 12 April.

PARISH FINANCES

Investments total £534,895.21, of which £9,648.21 Barclays (£9,113.09 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £35.12 @ 0.1% overnight + £500 @ 0.1% current); £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days (notice given); £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 4.05% overnight.

Invoices passed for payment £1,979.62.

Imprest (tax, wages etc) £1,673.14

MEETINGS: all at 7.30pm Wednesdays

Parish Council 20 March, Town Hall

Annual Parish Meeting 24 April, Windmill.

Parish Council AGM 15 May, Town Hall

REMINDER

Parish Council Elections **Thursday 2 May**, 8am-9pm. Polling in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

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

Recycling... ?



Leave the lid OFF, but PLEASE put a stone or brick on the paper to stop the contents blowing away

It hardly seems possible that we are already half way through the Spring term.

Despite having been back at school for only five weeks since Christmas, the children and staff continue to amaze with their achievements.

Already children in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two have been visited by travelling theatre companies, Year Three children have been to the

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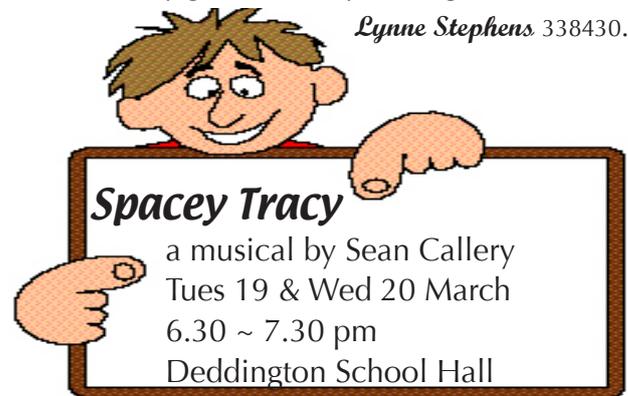
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Ashmolean museum in Oxford and rehearsals are well underway for our end of term musical "Spacey Tracy", once again written by our own very talented Mr. Callery. The show will be held in the school hall at 6.30~7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March. We would love to see some of you there.

Sadly this will be Mr. Callery's last performance for the school as he has been successful in gaining promotion at Southwold School in Bicester. I am sure that all who know him will wish to join us in wishing him every success in his future career.

In the meantime if there are any talented musicians hiding out there in the community who might be able to help us with a guitar club or the school orchestra I would be very grateful if they could give me a call.

Lynne Stephens 338430.



Spacey Tracy

a musical by Sean Callery
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- Sun 3 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
- Wed 6 10.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Talk: **Iona Spirituality** - Dr Tony Phelan, Iona Community & Keble College
- Thu 7 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels (Pram and Toddlers Service)
- Sun 10 10.30am Service for Mothering Sunday, with Baptisms
- Tue** 12 7.30pm Talk: **Spirituality of the Northumbrian Community** - by its members
- Wed 13 10.00am Eucharist
- Sun 17 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP)
- Wed 20 10.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Talk: **Eastern Orthodox Spirituality** - Bede Gerrard, County Ecumenical Officer
- Sun 24 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms (Palm Sunday)
- Mon 25 & Tue 26 8.00pm Compline
- Wed 27 10.00am Eucharist 8.00pm Compline
- Thu 28 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Washing of the Feet Preacher, the Rev. Dr Michael Pinet, Magdalene College, Oxford, followed by Agape and Watching until Midnight
- Fri 29 9.30am Hot Cross Bun Service
1.00pm Good Friday Procession of Witness - all Christians are warmly invited to join
2.00pm Service of Devotion
8.15pm Sequence of Music and Readings for Good Friday
- Sun 31 10.30pm Sung Eucharist (Easter Sunday)
- April** Wed 3rd 10.00am Eucharist
- Thur 4 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels (Prams and Toddlers Service)
- Sun 7 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

St. John Hempton

- Suns 3 & 17 9.00am Eucharist
- Sun 24 Palm Sunday 6.00pm Evensong (BCP)
- Sat 30 Easter Eve 8.00pm Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERSFeb 16 **Memorial Service:** Arthur SelmesBIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS

Mondays 4 & 18 2.30pm at 12 The Daedings (Derrick Wincer 338002)

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 13 7.30 for 8.00pm at 2 The Leyes (Bill and Liz Dickinson 337050)

The Church Club meets every Monday in term time at the Primary School from 3.15 to 4.00 pm

If you wish to enquire about baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital and home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr. Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869) or the Churchwardens, George Fenemore (338203) or Ray Sones (338027)

CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Friday March 1, Women's World Day of Prayer - Connie Falstead

On Sunday mornings in March, the Congregation will worship with the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Sunday evening services will be at 6pm : on the 3rd - Mr and Mrs Baton; 10th - Mr Cliff Elbourne;

17th - Rev. Norman Bonnet; 24th - Mr John Hine; Easter Day - Mr Ross Adkins

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH Chapel Square

Pastor Issy Walton 337157

We are sharing the Lent course in the Parish Church on **Christian Spirituality**.

On Sunday morning : Mar 3, 10 & 17 - Pastor I. Walton; 24 - Faith Sharpe; Easter - John Goulder

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A.J. Burns 277396

Hethe (Holy Trinity, Hardwick Road): Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am.

Confessions: Sats - 5.30-6.00pm

Adderbury (St George, Round Close Road): Mass is said on Sundays at 8.30am;

Wednesdays at 7.00pm; Confessions before Sunday Mass

March 24 (Palm Sunday): **Hethe**, Blessing of Palms and Procession before the 10.00 am Mass**Adderbury**/ Blessing of Palms 8.30amMarch 28 (Maundy Thursday): **Hethe**: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching at the AltarMarch 29 (Good Friday): **Hethe**: Liturgy of the Passion and Holy Communion 3.00 pm. Stations of

the Cross, 7.30pm. Parishioners may wish to join the Deddington Procession of Witness at 1 p.m.

March 30 (Holy Saturday): **Hethe**: 8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

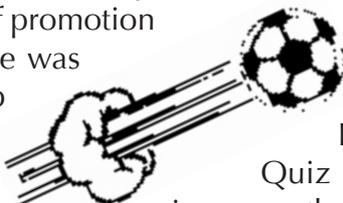
March 31 (Easter Sunday): Masses as normal



DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 1st Team Results :- Charlton (a) Lost 3-4 B.Durrant, M.Hewitt, C.Smith. Fenny Compton(a) (Geoff Wilson Cup) Lost 2-6 M.Hewitt, S.Colley. Kings Sutton (h) Won 2-1 B.Durrant, M.Hewitt. The 1st team have had a difficult month winning just the 1 match. This came in the league game against Kings Sutton, the goal scorers were Ben Durrant & Michael Hewitt. This keeps the team in with a good chance of promotion to the Premier Division. There was disappointment in the cup semi-final against Fenny Compton where a poor team performance resulted in a heavy defeat, the bright spot was for youngster Sam Colley who scored on his 1st team debut. The other defeat was against bogey side Charlton. Reserve Team Results :- Chasewell Park Res (h) (Supplementary Cup) Won 2-0 S.Colley, J.Rowland. Brady (a) Drew 2-2 J.Rowland, P.Kirsopp. The Reserve side have only played twice, both producing encouraging displays. The cup game against Chasewell was an excellent result as they are currently 3rd in the division, once again Sam Colley popped up with a vital goal. This gives the team an outside chance of progressing from a difficult group. In the league a Phil Kirsopp equaliser earned the team a point against a tricky Brady side. Currently the side are set for a mid table finish. 75 Club Winners 25/1/02 - V.Reason £50, 1/2/02 - J.Gaw £50, 8/2/02 - W.Brain £50, 15/2/02 - M.Walker £50

Steve Plumble 01295 278258

DEDDINGTON COLTS FC The going was officially 'fun' at the recent Gold Cup Challenge 'Race Night'. Jockeys initially struggled to come to terms with the quarter furlong Windmill Centre course but grew in confidence as the night wore on. The 'Tote' did a roaring trade and unlucky punters found solace at the bar whilst comforting themselves that their support of the evening swelled the coffers and helped to raise over £500 for the Colts Development fund. The Course Correspondent reports that the attendance could have been bigger but it is thought that next years 'meeting' will do even better as a result of word of mouth. A big thanks



to all the Race sponsors, Nikki Preece and her team of helpers and those who did make time to come along and support this event. This year's Grand General Knowledge Quiz is being held on the 13th April at the Windmill Centre and the questions will undoubtedly be better than this example! "Can you name three fish that have names beginning and ending in 'k'?" [*p.7] Tickets are only £5 each including a ploughman's supper. Team tables may be booked through David Rollason.

DIARY DATES. General Knowledge Quiz is taking place at the Windmill Centre on the 13th April. The provisional date of the Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, 11th June. The Annual Awards Evening is confirmed as the 15th June. As at the 18th February the Witney & District Boys League positions of the Colts' seven teams were as follows:

Position	League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
9th out of 10	Friendly North	18	2	5	11	12	47	11
6th out of 8	Under 9 B	14	3	2	9	10	36	11
10th out of 12	Under 10 B	17	3	1	13	16	49	10
8th out of 12	Under 10 C	17	4	4	9	26	40	16
5th out of 10	Under 11 A	17	7	2	8	39	53	23
12th out of 14	Under 12 B	18	4	2	12	29	49	14
7th out of 10	Under 13 B	15	6	0	9	47	49	18

Congratulations to the Under 8s, our youngest team. They have just completed their first season in the 'Friendly North' league. Several of the team are young enough to still be eligible to play for the Under 8s next season and will by this stage be seasoned campaigners.

David Rollason 337351

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DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP Firstly a big thank you to the Deddington Players, for their contribution to our funds. The gift is much appreciated and will go towards new toys and equipment for the group. About 16 parents recently enjoyed a night out, at The Gate Hangs High, near Hook Norton. Good food and excellent company made this a night that should be repeated soon. The children have their turn for an outing in early March, when they will be enjoying a trip to Kinderkids in Witney. Watch the notice board for more details and to indicate your interest. As always, new members are welcome to join us - just turn up any Friday, 9.30 - 11.30 at the Windmill.

Lucy Squires 338442

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS Membership cards will be available from 1 March - annual fee £1. The Malvern Spring Show on 10, 11 and 12 May is the first of several shows. We are still waiting to hear from Highgrove. Would anyone like to take on the organising of visits and/or speakers?

Betty Hill 338850

DEDDINGTON W.I. On 12 February we were pleased to welcome firstly a visitor and then the well-dressed Pearly King and Queen of Deddington, Geoff and Joan Todd, and af-

ter a short business meeting, Geoff and Joan took over. They were so entertaining, not only with anecdotes of their experiences in France, which is where their interest in barrel-organs was first raised, but with music and songs, in which members were pleased to join. "Knees up Mother Brown" and such other well-known ditties heard at a WI meeting?! Well, really! Seriously, Geoff and Joan are to be congratulated on their successful charity fundraising, for which they work to such good effect. A good evening, enjoyed by all. Our Annual Meeting will take place on 12 March when plans for next programme will be discussed. No speaker, but an Auction and Wine and Cheese will follow.

Rene Mahony 338438

DEDDINGTON LIFE AND PORTRAIT ART GROUP We continue to meet in the Town Hall every Thursday from 10 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 4pm and each session costs £5.

We are looking for clothed models for portraits so if you are interested please contact Frank. As always, a warm welcome to newcomers of any ability.

Annette Murphy 337318

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE

We will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month even though we no longer have an accompanist/teacher. If you would like to join us, please ring ...

Annette Murphy 337318

ANCHOR BOYS The 1st Deddington BB Company is a part of a worldwide organisation which is active in over 70 countries. In the UK alone there are over 2,000 other BB companies. The Boys Brigade was founded in 1883 and is proud to be the oldest uniformed youth movement in the world. In February a team made up of older members representing Deddington took part in a games event in Witney. As the 'newcomers' our team performed admirably against experienced competition and



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even managed to win a couple of the games. Our usual weekly meetings included an 'away-day' when we had an enjoyable joint meeting at Kings Sutton. To enable us to extend our activities the company needs more volunteers.



If you can help us in any way, by becoming an officer, helper or occasional instructor please do contact us. If your son is in years 1,2 or 3 and would like to come along and take part in our games and activities please remember that the Anchor Boys meet each Wednesday afternoon between 3.15 and 4.30 in the hall at Deddington School.

Nick Westbury 337059

DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY On 13 February a packed audience heard David Vaisey talk on the *Treasures of the Bodleian Library*. No-one is better qualified to do so than David, who was Bodley's Librarian for eleven years. As he told us, he was the only employee in that extraordinary (eccentric?) library actually to have the title of librarian! David concentrated on 'treasures' that have developed a particular meaning for him, and the result was a talk that was fascinating, instructive and often hilarious. We shall all remember his rare combination of scholarship and sheer infectious enthusiasm. We kept him well into the evening, asking questions, and we might easily have been there still. On Wednesday 13 March David Mander of the Bletchley Park Trust will speak on the wartime role of the codebreakers there, a subject that has been on all our minds recently following extensive television and cinema coverage. We meet at the Windmill Centre at 7.30, and all are welcome.

Chris Day 337204

MONDAY MORNING CLUB We now have the tickets for *Relative Values* on March 7th. You may collect your ticket at the coffee morning on March 4th, or from me at my house before that if you wish. The bus will leave the Market Place at 1.15 pm that day. There are other tickets on offer for later in the year, so do come along to reserve your place.

Jean Flux 338153

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES It was good to get outside at half term for a hike. We all enjoyed the walk from Adderbury to Deddington - across country via Hazel Hedge Farm. Although it was a bright dry day, some soup warmed over a fire was very welcome. We are looking forward to more activities out of door as Spring approaches. We are busily writing our Spring Extravaganza - Jack and Jill in Fairyland. This production will be on 12 March in aid of charity. We hope to see you at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 pm. Aside from games and patrol activities we have been busy planning for Thinking Day - a time to reflect on the lives and cultures around the world of Guides and Guide Scouts, and try to understand the differences and similarities we have.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Glynis Eastwood 337021

* Three k.....k fish? : killer Shark, king
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DEDDINGTON MARKET

At a time when many farmers' markets are feeling the pinch and closing down, Deddington market continues to be one of the great successes of the movement.

Twice howling gales and torrential downpour have proved that the community-run market can take whatever the weather throws at it, and not only survive but still attract the crowds. This month's market will be held in the Market Place between 9am and 1pm on **Saturday 23 March**.



As well as all the regular meat, veg, produce, crafts and home cooking there is also an opportunity to buy home-made ice cream, hot soup, free range eggs, farm honey and plants.

If it rains there will be a number of stalls in the parish church, where visitors will also be able to buy teas and coffees - rain or shine.

To herald the Market, the bellringers plan to ring a touch to ensure that those who oversleep do not miss the best things on offer. Any interested are welcome to take the opportunity to visit the ringing chamber to see what bellringing involves. AND don't forget to visit

DEDDINGTON GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The meeting held on the 18th February was well attended by over 20 members of the parish and a plan for the parish to join in to celebrate the Golden Jubilee has been created!!



Working groups have been established and they are working on the events (see below for details) but anyone wishing to support any of the groups or ideas should contact Rick Haslam.

As previously stated it is planned to have a calendar of events over the weekend:

31st May School Party for the children at the school

1st June Local Themed Market followed by a family activity (treasure hunt in the parish)
Art exhibition from local artists and children

2nd June Church events including a flower festival, songs of praise service and an evening concert

3rd June Themed street party for the parish
Additionally we are aware of picnics and other events occurring in the parish.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or helping with the celebrations please get in touch as soon as possible as the clock is ticking.

The next meeting is planned for **Monday 4th March** at 8pm in the Town Hall.

Rick Haslam 338216

ART EXHIBITION
Saturday 23 March - 10~4
Holly Tree Clubhouse
Horsefair, Deddington
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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

How does Clifton want to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee? Does the village want to organise its own events or is everyone happy to join in whatever goes on in Deddington? Should we have a picnic on Welford's Piece for the whole village, or do you want to organise individual street parties? A number of events are now in the pipeline for Deddington for Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June. They include proposals for fund raising, a street party, disco, fancy dress, floats, an art festival, gifts for the children, a community market, a magazine and a family treasure hunt. Ideas, opinions and offers of help are all welcome. Let me know what you think and I'll pass your views on to Rick Haslam, the co-ordinator or, if you prefer, call him direct on 338216.



Donald Welford and his late mother have kept a record of Clifton's rainfall since 1967 and the figures make interesting reading. The driest year over the past decade was 1996, when only 17.39 inches of rain fell in the village and the wettest over the same period was 2000, with 34.63". Last year the total rainfall was 29.04". The wettest month was

October, with 4.4" and the driest was December, with only .89". The year of the great floods, 1988, produced 33.63" of rain and April, not surprisingly, was the wettest month with 6.25".

And finally, work is due to begin on the fishermen's car park at Boulderdyke Farm during April.

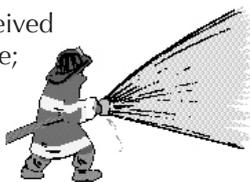
Please call me with your news and views or email jackie.williamson@deddington.net

Jackie Williamson 337128

FIRE SERVICE

In the last 4 weeks we have received 16 calls: 2 car fires; 1 factory fire; 1 office/workshop fire; 1 cooker fire; 2 chimney fires and 9 calls to stand by in Banbury. The total for the year to date is 30.

CREW: Sadly we must say goodbye to Richard Barron who is leaving due to pressure of other commitments. This leaves us with 9 crew members and we struggle to keep the fire engine available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The next selection day for people interested in joining is **Tuesday 26 March**. If you would like to find out more, please give me a ring.



Anne Waters 338279

TO ALL ARTISTS

A JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION will be held on 1 and 2 June at the Town Hall, Deddington, as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. An opportunity to display your work - paintings, photographs, ceramics, crafts etc. If interested, please contact

Rosemary White 338363.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Friends of Hempton Church are holding a Wine Tasting evening on Friday 22 March at 8.00pm in the Church Hall by kind permission of S.H. Jones of Banbury. Contact me for tickets which will be £10 per head to include refreshments.

The Easter Church Service will be on Easter Eve, Saturday 30 March at 8.00pm. This service will be the Vigil and Service of Light.

Nice to see the snowdrops and daffodils coming up in the grass verges. This time of year always reminds me of the late Mr Dennis Washington who had most of these planted many years ago.

If you have any news for next month's issue, please let me know.

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Les Chappell

NEWS FROM DEDDINGTON POLICE OFFICE

Reported crime for Deddington, Clifton & Hempton has increased - 61 in 2001, compared with 56 in 2000.

The number of houses broken into has doubled to 6. The number of motor vehicles attacked is still very high - 20 vehicles either having property stolen from within or taken and driven away.

Criminal damage has also stayed high with another 11 offences committed; the majority of the damage is caused at the Windmill Centre but there have been cases of car mirrors and aerials being ripped off while left parked in the street.

5 arrests were made during the year for possession of drugs (cocaine and cannabis).

Other offences committed included a robbery at the Co-Op, possession of offensive weapon, and obtaining goods by deception. Thefts and assaults accounted for the remaining offences reported to Police.

In total 26 persons were arrested during the year, which resulted in 15 crimes being detected.

We still need to reduce the crime within our community. The Police need your help to do this, so please do not give the thief the opportunity to make you a victim of crime. The Police Office will be open on Market days between 9am and 12 noon so you can call in or telephone. However, we reserve the right to close should an emergency occur elsewhere.

PC Bob Donahue Deddington Police Office,
Market Place: 338444; FAX 337931

ATHLETICS -

Hook Norton Harriers run a coach for participants in the London Marathon from this area on Sunday 14 April. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Alan Upstone on 01295 256347 as soon as possible, so that he can work out what size coach is needed.

Dee Hailey, of the Harriers, plans to run in the Marathon and is hoping for sponsorship. She will give any money she raises to Frank Wise School. Her number is 338942.



FROM MIKE O'BRIEN,

HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

I have read with growing concern the correspondence relating to parish monies. It seems to me that the facts about the original size of the Fund, interest gained and monies expended are a matter of record. Audited accounts will exist for that period. My real concern is the selective memories recalling the events surrounding the sale of parish land when I was a relative newcomer to the Parish in the mid 1980s. I was retained in a professional role, working for the Action Group prior to 1990, and I then served on the Parish Council during the early 1990s. During this time I was Chairman of the Windmill Committee overseeing the refurbishment of the Centre. As I recall, the main issues and events were:

That the PC did not retain access to parish land when the first development deal was completed, despite letters from parishioners pointing out the risk.

As the developer controlled access to parish land, the District Valuer set the price for the second land deal at around £120,000.

The Action Group, using their own money, gained planning permission for an alternative access, thus breaking the developer's monopoly. Members of the Action Group met with the District Valuer to persuade him to re-visit his evaluation. Shortly after this meeting, the price was raised and a net amount of about £770,000 came to the Parish from the deal. Following a public meeting, some £300,000 was spent on refurbishing the Windmill, including rectifying building defects in the original development carried out under the control of the original PC.

It's time that the commitment to community service by people like Terry Clinch was recognised by all in the Parish. Thanks to Terry and the Action Group, we have the luxury of arguing about the best way to spend a large sum of parish money. I for one do not want to see a return to the style of the pre-1990 Parish Council.

Please address all letters to: KRISTIN THOMPSON, 5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON

E-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk

The DN does not publish unsigned letters. Please include your name and address, even if they are not for publication.

FROM NIGEL ODDY, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

Mr. Fenemore asks why funds raised from the sale of the Windmill land are not being administered by the elected Trustees. As one of those elected in 1989 under the chairmanship of the late Sir Brian Kellett, I and my fellow trustees were disbanded when informed that the funds could only be administered by the PC and could not be legally placed in a trust.

With regard to expenditure over the last decade, I think you will find that most of the money was spent on repairing and refurbishing the Windmill Centre. I also seem to remember funds being allocated for the Hempton footpath, the Church loos, Hempton Church

Hall, the Coat of Arms, the Village Steward, flower planters, three children's play areas – all fully debated and publicised. I suggest that the PC publishes a full list of expenditure on special projects over the last decade or so.

We should be grateful to Mr Martin Hayward and Mr Fenemore if their DN campaign is aimed at highlighting evidence of mismanagement by the PC, but I suggest they should be more specific, so that matters could be reported to the District

Auditor. If their efforts are not to highlight mismanagement, what point are they trying to make ?

Personally, I think it's time we spent more of the money. There are loads of things needed – more facilities for the successful Colts Football, footpath to Clifton, Castle Grounds Nature Reserve, Town Hall Museum, traffic calming – to name just a few. Don't hoard it! Spend it!

E-MAIL FROM DAVID ROLLASON, DEDDINGTON

Congratulations on a new look DN. The February issue had a crisper, fresher appearance (a combination of layout and typeface) whilst still containing all the old favourites. Definitely a case of evolution not revolution. One question: Will current technology allow the DN to feature a group photograph on the front cover ? It would, in my view, be good visually to reflect the rich diversity of the Parish's many clubs and associations. Perhaps a touch more 'flesh and blood' to complement the 'bricks and mortar'.

[As the cover is printed normally for several months at a time to save costs, a group photo there would seem inappropriate. We want to include photos in the editorial pages, but the subjects need to be simple, as definition is lost in the reproduction and space means that photos are necessarily small. Ed]

E-MAIL FROM COLIN COX,

MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON (BELLRINGERS)

Thank you for publishing our letter in the February issue of the DN. This was much appreciated. As a direct result, you may have noticed the photographs and articles in both the BANBURY GUARDIAN & CITIZEN. We have so far recruited one beginner, with a strong possibility of a second, so things are beginning to look a bit brighter. Come and visit the Tower next Market Day.

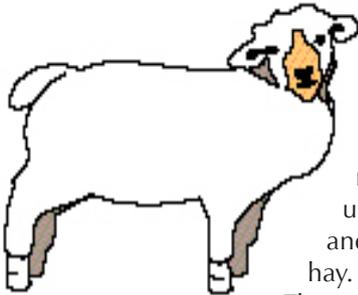
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ON THE FARM

The sheep came in on the last Saturday of January, that very wet market day. We arrived home from the market to find the meadows under water and the ewes stranded on one or two small patches of higher ground and looking very miserable. The buildings were ready



for them and once they realised the gates were open they took off for home and by the time we had got the stragglers up together the main flock had taken up residence in the barns and were tucking in to the hay.

The crops are very 'forward' for this time of the year with the wheat starting to tiller and the oil seed rape starting to 'run' so once the ground is dry enough to take the tractor we shall put on the first dressing of fertiliser. The grass will also get a dressing to bring it on for the ewes and lambs in April.

As I pen this we are approaching the first anniversary of the start of the worst outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth ever recorded. Despite the many inquiries, all of which were held behind closed doors, we seem to be no nearer to finding out where it came from. We know where the first reported outbreak was and what happened from then on but the one thing that all the inquiries have not or dare not tell us is how a strain of Foot-and-Mouth that has never been seen outside a laboratory in this country got to Heddon-on-the-Wall in the first place and I don't expect we shall ever know. But what I do know is that after the loss of an estimated 10 million animals (Meat & Livestock Commission figures) it will take many years for the livestock industry to recover. The traditional ways in which we bought and sold our livestock have gone forever. We have lost many of our livestock markets and those that are left will find it difficult to get enough stock to sell to stay viable. Despite all the transport and animal welfare regulations, we now have to send our livestock on long journeys to market or to an abattoir. The sad fact is that if you farm in Essex or Kent your nearest abattoir is now in France.

Over the years farmers have been blamed for the rise in the level of food poisoning cases, but a recent survey by the new Food Standards Agency has shown that almost all cases originate from badly stored or prepared food in the home, pre-prepared and fast food or restaurant meals. Some fast food and catering outlets have a lot to answer for, as much of what they use is imported. One restaurant in Oxford uses only cheap beef from Namibia, a country that has endemic Foot-and-Mouth! At the start of the outbreak last year our exports were banned and yet we as a country still imported £6 billion worth of food from around the world and our masters used tax payers' money to buy up healthy livestock and burn it because there was no market for it.

George Fenemore 338203

GARDENING NOTES

I thought we had got away with it. There seemed no obvious damage after the recent storms, bar one Camellia pot. Then we ventured into the top garden, and there was our nice Greengage tree uprooted and lying across the lawn. We shall miss that, not only for the fruit, but for the pretty early blossom.

In January Elizabeth Tothill wrote about her drifts of Narcissi in Gozo and they sounded wonderful. But now we are just about ready for our own annual miracle. We suddenly have a ring of bright yellow Aconites round the base of the Walnut tree, the Snowdrops are out and some yellow Crocus are in bloom. We are so lucky to have a long Spring, so with little effort and expense we can enjoy Daffodils for weeks. I think it's a good idea to pop in a few new ones each year. I now go for the low growing ones as they stand up to the wind better and have the advantage of a longer flowering time. There are some really delightful ones, some with two or even three heads. All the nurseries stock Tete-a-Tete.

It's time to wash out and refill the pots.

I am hoping to change my planting this year and instead of the variety of bright colours like Busy Lizzies and Petunias I am going to try more greenery. We already have a Hosta, a Fern, some grasses and a Cordyline (the brown spiky tall grass) in pots, so I wonder what the patio would look like with only one other colour, pink or white perhaps. That may be too dull and subdued; I know that Ralph will insist on the red and pink Begonias in the urns. So they will be there as usual. Paul has emptied the compost bin now and the mixture looks good enough to eat (no spoons or kitchen utensils this year). It will be used on the bed of perennials.

Marianne Elsley



Doesn't time fly," said the monkey as he knocked the clock off the mantelpiece. (I don't know to whom this should be attributed, but if he/she is still alive I could be in trouble.)

Have you noticed how busy the birds are? Catkins in the hedgerows. Fat glossy chestnut buds. Spring must be round the corner. There will be numerous allotmenters who have turned the soil ready for the earlies, pruned the fruit bushes, planted shallots,



ordered seeds - good! Their reward? Those lovely little new potatoes so welcome as we get tired of old potatoes. Bushels, or should I say kilos, of fruit, beans, cabbages... I have heard a whisper that the case of the rabbits is to be dealt with in a manner similar to that

being used in The Archers - watch this space. To those allotmenters who have not yet started (me), don't go too mad, we do not want the Health Centre overwhelmed with bad backs.

Thelma Dover



MARKET PLACE & BULLRING RE-SURFACING

The long awaited repair to the tarmac at the centre of Deddington is due to start on 2 April. This means that during that week parking in the Market Place and Bull Ring will be severely restricted.

Steve Bowden from the Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department would like to meet residents and those with businesses in this area on **Wednesday 20 March** at 10.00am in the Town Hall. He wants to discuss with them how the very necessary works may be carried out with the minimum of inconvenience, and what alternative parking arrangements can be made.

As a last resort vehicles which are obstructing the progress of the work will have to be towed away.

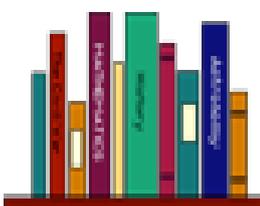
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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

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GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST

(Continuation of footnote to the NATIONAL ANTHEM taken from the book "BRITISH SONGS FOR BRITISH BOYS" by Sir Sydney H Nicholson).

Last month in the first part of Sir Sydney's notes, the question of authorship of the National Anthem, although not settled at the time of the above book's publication in 1903, rested on strong claims between JAMES OSWALD and Dr JOHN BULL. I now continue Sir Sydney's observations and quote: "The claims of Dr. JOHN BULL (1563-1628) are advanced in a work on the subject by Dr.W.H.Cummings, and the author is of the opinion that the tune, as we now have it, is derived from an air by Bull, contained in a manuscript dated 1619; and that the original Latin words were used in the Catholic Church Service". He adds, "of course, in the lapse of years. Bull's tune has been altered and improved by the vox populi, an inevitable and desirable process in the formation of a national melody."

The claim of JAMES OSWALD'S authorship, (as mentioned last month), and that of JOHN BULL "are the two most modern theories (in 1903), and though the question will probably be never definitely settled, they are at least interesting as throwing some light on an hitherto obscure subject. Beethoven, referring to the introduction of the air into his *Battle Symphony*, said, 'I must show the English a little, what a blessing they have in God save the King,' and it is universally admitted to be one of the very finest National Anthems in existence."

May I just add, very humbly, that I heartily agree with Sir Sydney's last statement. I felt very sad when this melody, which I sang "with heart and voice" during my childhood in Switzerland to the words of the Swiss National Anthem, had to give way to an admittedly equally fine and very solemn melody by A. Zwyssig. However, being "the Subject of a British Subject", it is my fortune and pleasure to sing that beloved melody again and again, and in particular in this year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee !

(With many thanks again to Topper Davis for lending me his book, British Songs for British Boys).

Ruth Johnson

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"Today is the first day of the rest of your life!" _Editors should check their sources before going into print. The Penguin Dictionary of Modern Quotations says this *graffito* was quoted by G Bellamy in *The Secret Lemonade Drinker!* Betty Hill remembers it as a bumper sticker in Virginia in 1974. Whether or not it was also quoted by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, it is worth recalling anew every morning.