



Easter takes its name from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. Eggs and buns are pre-Christian in origin. New life is what is being celebrated. Should we revive from the Middle Ages the game of catch played at Easter worship in church

- clergy and choir sat throwing a ball until all had been involved - and then retired for a feast ?!

Death has just removed from our sight the Queen Mother and Elizabeth Tothill, both of whom, as have others, celebrated the gift of life by sharing it without stint with others. We honour them by living up to their examples, and the **Deddington News** each month seeks to hold up a mirror to the many ways this is being and can be done.

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The Parish Council ends its current 4-year span of life this coming month. It reports on its stewardship on 24 April at 7.30 in the Windmill Centre. On 9 April it will be known who have been nominated for election for the next four years. The May **Deddington News** is to be published a week early to include 100 words from each of the candidates, so that electors can study them before patiently queuing up to vote on 2 May like the voters in Zimbabwe.

APRIL DIARY

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Wed	3	Friendship Club: Speaker, Mr. Ron Knight, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. → p.7
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm
Mon	8	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, The Holly Tree, 10am~noon. → p.7
Tue	9	WI: Mrs. Dorothy Adams, on <i>Tristan da Cunha</i> . Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. → p.
Wed	10	Deddington History Society visit to Hook Norton Brewery. → p.6
Sat	13	Deddington Colts FC: General Knowledge Quiz, Windmill Centre. → p.5
Sat	13	Concert by Steeple Aston Choral Society, Parish Church, 8 pm. → p.7
Sat	13	British Legion: Disco, 8.30 pm.
Mon~Fri	15~19	Market Place Resurfacing: Details on p.2
Tue	16	<u>Copy date for May Deddington News.</u>
Tue	16	Deddington History Society [2nd party] visit to Hook Norton Brewery. → p.6
Wed	17	Friendship Club: Whist Drive or Scrabble, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. → p.7
Wed	17	Parish Council: Town Hall, 7.30 pm. → p.2
Fri	19	Deddington School: Book Fair, 2.0~4.0 pm. → p.3
Sat	20	Chiltern Line closed from Banbury to Bicester - until 7 May.
Sat	20	Friends of Hempton Church: Cake stall, Deddington Market Place. → p.8
Sat	20	British Legion: Jumble Sale, 11 am ~2 pm. Evening disco, 8.30 pm.
Sun	21	Deddington OBs Golf Society: Club Night, The Unicorn, 7.0~9.0 pm. → p.6
Mon	22	Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Deddington School, 7.30 pm. → p.4
Wed	24	Annual Parish Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.2
Sat	27	Farmers' Market in the Market Place, 9 am-1 pm. Coffee served in the Holly Tree, not the Church.
Sat	27	British Legion: Disco, 8.30 pm.
Sun	28	Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre, 2- 5 pm → p.7
		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 in April: Bridge Club: The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm; in May: 6.30-9.30 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

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Meeting in Town Hall, 20 March, 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cox, Davies, Flux, Hart, Hill, Newey, Todd, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 3 members of the public.

MR JOHN SPENCER

Cllrs expressed appreciation of the late John Spencer and his contract work for the parish.

NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllrs exchanged strong views on the pros and cons of the new Code of Conduct, before voting 7-3 to adopt it. Cllrs to make their reservations known to the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. The Code comes into effect on 14 April. Parish and District Council Elections will be held on 2 May. Prospective candidates should make sure they fully understand and accept the Code, copies of which are held at the Clerk's Windmill Centre office (9am-5pm, Mondays and Wednesdays) and at CDC, Bodicote House.

LIBRARY

Building work has been completed and extra computer terminals are being installed. Thanks are due to Brian Carter and his working group, whose report has been the basis of action to date; to C/Cllr Matthews for his commitment and support; to the cultural services department of OCC; and to the Friends of Deddington Library whose drive, enthusiasm and fund-raising have been crucial. The Friends acted for the PC. [Parish Councillors can hardly praise themselves, but where would the project be without their support, including funds for new books? NS]. PC to consider what happens next, notably how to maximise the use by the whole community of the Library's resources and facilities.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC no objection (i) Renwick Cottage, High St. Deddington - 1st floor extension (this cottage is behind the Holcombe Hotel). (ii) Old Farmhouse, New St, Deddington - single storey extension and studio in garden. PC concerned that studio would include part of boundary wall. (iii) Bowler House, New St, Deddington - erect porch to rear and re-roof existing barn. (iv) Stonewalls, Hempton - 2 storey extension and separate conservatory. (v) Stile House, New St, Deddington - fell poplar which is destroying a wall. Install satellite dish. (vi) No 2 St Thomas St, Deddington - repair existing roof with Welsh slates.

All subject to neighbours' agreement and/or conservation requirements as appropriate.

CDC approvals Unit A, The Long Barn, Duns Tew; Dragon House, Bullring, Deddington; 47 Mill Close, Deddington.

PARISH FINANCES

Investments Total £533,997.10, of which £8,749.63 Barclays (£4,608.09 @ 1.5% on 14 days, £1,242.63 @ 0.1% overnight, £2,898.91 @ 0.1% current a/c); £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days (notice given); £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 4.05% overnight. A 'windfall' of £2,329 will be paid by Bradford & Bingley direct into PC's Barclays account.

Invoices passed for payment totalled £2,131.57 includ-

ing £864.43 stewards' wages and £515.24 for Town Hall electrics (fire regulations).

Golden Jubilee funds include £1000 CDC grant and £1000 donation from a private individual who does not wish to be identified. Jubilee finances to have a separate account.

Parish Finances will be a main theme at the Annual Parish Meeting, 24 April.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Grasscutting will cost £16,650, using 3 contractors. Frequency of cuts to be monitored.
- Clean-Up Day Saturday, 4 May. 10am start at Town Hall. Volunteers welcome.
- Daeda's Wood Dangerous tree to be felled by Woodland Trust.
- Cllr Davies is not seeking re-election to PC, but will continue as representative on Board of School Governors.
- X59 Bus PC to complain about the reduction in service, and about lack of consultation.
- Weedkilling in Deddington will cost £295 per spraying. Arrangements for Clifton and Hempton to be clarified.
- Welford's Piece, Clifton. Permission will be sought to fell an overlarge oak and plant a replacement.

PARKING

Parishioners are invited to comment on comprehensive recommendations displayed on Deddington, Clifton and Hempton noticeboards, and on the parish website. Copies also at Windmill Centre office and by e-mail from the Clerk.

DEDDINGTON COLTS

Misunderstandings persist. No lease agreement has yet been signed because the Colts' needs keep changing. The Club appears to expect, even demand, more than their low rent justifies. PC needs to see a full membership list, details of the Club's management structure, and financial accounts.

BMX TRACK

Interest in a BMX track has dwindled and a rethink of parish facilities and budgeting for young people is called for. Parents need to be consulted and take a more active part. There may be a case for joining forces with, for example, the PTA.

RE-SURFACING MARKET PLACE

Revised timetable: 15 April, Market Place south; 16 April, Market Place north; 17 & 18 April, Bullring; 19 April, Co-op area. Timings may vary, depending on progress.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Parish Council Wed 17 April, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24, Windmill, 7.30pm
Elections (PC and CDC) Thurs 2 May, 8am-9pm.
 Polling in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.
Parish Council AGM Wed 15 May, Town Hall, 7.30pm

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

It was a pleasure to be part of the recent Mothering Sunday Service at Deddington Parish Church. All the children who took part in the service had a wonderful time and, I'm sure, brought a tear to many a mum's eye as they read poems and anecdotes, performed plays and showed their paintings.

Children throughout the school have enjoyed many musical events this term. In line with our school policy for music we aim to give opportunities both to perform and to experience live music. Our Year Two children have performed "Tadpole Rag" and "Caterpillar Boogie" to parents and children at the school. They were joined in this by Year Two children from Adderbury and Steeple Aston. Early in March we welcomed "Brass Bits", a local Brass Band, who gave a very informative and entertaining presentation for all the children in school.

The school orchestra continues to thrive and played at our Easter Service. With the departure of Mr. Caltery, however, we are now desperately searching for

someone who might help us to continue our school Guitar Club. Please contact me at school if you feel you could help.

We should like to welcome you to our School Book Fair on Friday 19 April from 2.00~4.00 p.m. in the school hall. There will be a great variety of quality children's books for sale (ideal for birthday presents!) and there will be tombola and raffle prizes to be won. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

Don't forget to keep May 31st free to come along and be part of our Jubilee celebrations.

Lynne Stephens 338430

Deddington Pre-School News

We have had a busy term looking at Nursery Rhymes, Toys, Shapes and Easter for our topics. To finish our Easter term, we joined the Primary School Children at their Easter Church Service. The children worked hard at their rhyme and performed it beautifully for all to hear! Afterwards we all had a fun time at our annual Easter Bunny Hunt, luckily the weather stayed fine for us, many thanks to all who attended.

We say a fond farewell to: Elizabeth Mahon, Kristian Tyler, Jack Watling, Chloe Morrison, Alex Williams, Martin and Heather Thompson, Phoebe Homer and Goerge Wenman who are all moving on to 'Big School'; we wish them all well. We look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces next term at Pre-School. Happy Holidays to you all!

Amanda Munson, Sarah Wright 337383

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For Lost and Found, to swap anything, to air your views, try the FORUM on our website.

STOP PRESS - Deddington Primary School is going to make contact with its twin in Tasmania. The pupils' words and pictures from this will be accessible on DOL.

Colin Clark 338064 or Colin.Clark@deddington.net

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SS Peter and Paul, Deddington and St John, Hempton*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel***April - Parish Church**

Wed	3	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs	4	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Prams & Todd)
Sun	7	10.30 am	Family Service
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed	10	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	14	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	17	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Thanksgiving Service for Carers → p.13
Mon	22	7.30 pm	ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING with Election of Officers - in School
Tue	23	6.30 pm	Eucharist for St George
Wed	24	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs	25	6.30 pm	Eucharist for St Mark the Evangelist
Sun	28	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist

**- St. John Hempton**

Sundays 7 & 21	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sunday 28	6.00 pm	Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS March 10th Emma Lucy Halliburton & Cameron Joel Milner

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS

Mons 8 & 22 2.30 pm at 12 The Daedings (Derrick Wincer 338004)

Weds 3 & 17 7.30 for 8 pm at 2 The Leyes (Liz & Bill Dickinson 337050)

Weds 3 & 17, & May 1 7.30 for 8 pm at Boulderdyke, Clifton (Jean Welford 338539)

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

April Sunday morning services	10.30 am	with Wesleyan Church
April Evening Services at 6.00 pm	7	Pastor Isabel Walton (Communion)
	14	Mr Andrew Cotton
	21	Mr Harold Puttick
	28	Mrs Elizabeth Puttick

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 1st 2002

This year it was the turn of the Congregational Church to host this service - ***"Together in Prayer - Challenged to Reconcile - Romania 2002"***. Members of the three Deddington Churches took part and the speaker, Mrs Connie Falstead of Banbury spoke of the people of Romania and brought along some highly decorated eggs, which are sold by the women of Romania as a means towards extra income. The service was enjoyed by all the ladies and one gentleman.

The host church next year will be the Roman Catholic Church and Mrs Jean Welford [338539] would be pleased to hear from any lady from the Catholic church who would be able to act as co-ordinator for that service.

LESLIE GEORGE BURTON - The funeral service was held in Deddington Congregational Church on 22nd March and was led by Pastor Isabel Walton. Les was well known as the busiest plumber in the village and supported many village activities, especially Deddington Town Football Club. He was a regular member at the Congregational Church. We shall miss him greatly at the services and the fellowship we shared afterwards. Our prayers and thoughts are with Diana and their families.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH Chapel Square

Pastor Issy Walton 337157

April Sunday mornings 10.30 am : 7, 14 & 21 - Pastor I. Walton; 28 - Revd Alec Roberts

R.C. Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

The Revd A J Burns

277396

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL - Her Requiem service was due to take place at Hethe on Thursday 4 April. A Memorial Service at Deddington Parish Church will take place probably next month. Elizabeth and Frank were members of the Association of Interchurch Families. ***[see pages 10 & 13]***

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team Results:- Vodafone(a) Lost 1-4 M.Hewitt, Middleton Cheney(a) Won 2-0 M.Hewitt, B.Durrant, Chasewell Park(h) Won 3-2 D.Churchill, C.Smith, D.Clouston. Barford(h) [Coronation Cup] Lost 1-4 B.Durrant. Cropredy res(a) Won 5-1 B.Durrant(3), D.Clouston, o.g. The 1st team have enjoyed a good month. Three League wins have given the team an excellent chance of gaining promotion. A last minute goal from Dave Clouston secured a vital win against promotion rivals Chasewell Park. Ben Durrant's hat-trick helped the team to an emphatic victory over Cropredy reserves. Reserve Team

Results:- Brady(h) Won 4-2 P.Smith, P.Kirsopp(2), J.Rowland. Vodafone res(h) Won 6-0 P.Kirsopp(3), J.Rowland, P.Waller, M.Simons.

Bodicote res(a) [Supplementary Cup] Won 3-0 A.Bliss, D.Watson, G.Mitchell. Sinclair res(a) [Supplementary Cup] Lost 0-3. Sinclair res(h) [Supplementary Cup] Lost 0-1. The Reserve side have also had a good month; two more League victories against Brady & Vodafone should ensure a mid-table finish. Leading scorer Phil Kirsopp has been amongst the goals including a hat-trick against Vodafone reserves. The Reserve side still have a chance of success in the Supplementary Cup, despite the two Sinclair losses. At the end of the season the current secretary and treasurer will be standing down. Anyone interested in either role should contact me. 75 Club Winners 22/2/02 - L.Stephenson £50, 1/3/02 - M.Smith, 8/3/02 - G.Howard £100, 15/3/02 -G.Howard £50 - 22/3/02 Mrs C.Smith - £50

Steve Plumble 01295 278258

DEDDINGTON COLTS FC

Tables for the Colts' legendary General Knowledge Quiz on the 13th April are going fast. Tickets are only £5 per person and include a ploughman's supper and licensed bar. Team tables may be booked through David

Rollason.

The FA Charter Standard is a 'kitemark' for football clubs. No club in North Oxfordshire has yet achieved this standard but the Colts are in sight of goal and extremely hopeful that by the summer Deddington will be in receipt of this prestigious award. To achieve Charter Standard the Club has to fulfill exacting criteria both on and off the pitch. For example all Team Managers must have completed coaching, first aid and child protection courses. The Club must also have in place policies on anti-discrimination, equal opportunities and health & safety. In terms of setting the right example the Club must also publish a code of conduct. A code of conduct is particularly important in order to promote fair play not only for the players and team managers but also for parents and spectators!

Land wanted. Any agricultural landowners interested in discussing the sale or long lease of land on which the Club could develop additional pitches are asked to contact Ged Rhind, Club Secretary, on 340402. All calls will be treated in strict confidence.

Deddington Colts wish 'old boy' Sam Colley the very best of luck when he represents the Warriner School against Arrow Vale, Redditch in the semi final of the English Schools' FA Cup. The game is scheduled to take place on the 13th April.

As the days lengthen Friday Evening Training will, from the start of April, switch from under the floodlights of Banbury Rugby club to the Windmill Centre all weather pitch. Training is conducted under the watchful eye of Chris Priestley of Oxford United. Anyone wishing to join the Colts can come along and make themselves known to one of the team managers.

DIARY DATES. General Knowledge Quiz is taking place at the Windmill Centre on the 13th April. Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, 11th June. Annual Awards Evening is on Saturday, 15th June.

As at the 17th March the Witney & District Boys League positions of the Colts' seven teams were as follows:

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6th out of 8	Under 9 B	14	3	2	9	10	36	11
11th out of 12	Under 10 B	20	4	1	15	19	55	13
7th out of 11	Under 10 C	20	6	5	9	34	44	23
5th out of 10	Under 11 A	18	8	2	8	41	53	26
13th out of 14	Under 12 B	21	4	2	15	33	62	14
7th out of 10	Under 13 B	16	6	0	10	47	51	18

Congratulations to the Under 13s, our 'senior' team. Under the skillful leadership of team manager Martin Hovard they battled through to the semi-final of the Witney & District Knock Out Cup before going down to Banbury Athletic in a closely contested game at Bretch Hill.

The winter leagues are drawing to a close and the summer six-a-side tournaments are just around the corner. Most of the teams plan to take part in at least one event and managers will be passing details on to their teams in the coming weeks. This is a most civilised way to play (and watch) football. Typically comprising a field full of enthusiastic players from teams across the county and beyond each playing 5 or more games of football interspersed with burgers, cola and candyfloss.

David Rollason 337351

DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

In March David Mander of the Bletchley Park Trust told a large and fascinated audience about the wartime work of the codebreakers at Bletchley Park. We were privileged to have in the audience one or two of those very codebreakers, who contributed to a lively question and answer session after David's talk. Living history, indeed! It was a remarkable evening.

We have no meeting at the Windmill Centre in April. Instead we have arranged visits to the Hook Norton Brewery. Details have already been circulated, but just to remind those who signed up for the visits: those going on Wednesday 10 April should meet in the brewery car park at 7.15 pm; those going on Tuesday 16 April should meet there at 9.45 am.

On Wednesday 8 May Peter Edwards will give an il-

lustrated lecture (in the Windmill Centre, 7.30) about Wroxton Abbey. That will prepare us for our final event this season, the annual summer social at Wroxton Abbey itself on the evening of Wednesday 11 June. We shall have the rare privilege of a guided tour of the house, followed - weather permitting - by drinks in the grounds. We expect the all-in cost to be £7.50 per person. If you cannot get to the May meeting but would like to join us in June, please let me know.

Chris Day
337204

DEDDINGTON OLD BOYS GOLF SOCIETY

Sunday 17 March saw the second annual Greatworth Challenge day with Greatworth looking for revenge after last year's defeat. Added incentive this year was a handsome cup donated to the event by the Greatworth team, which is at present being shown off by the proud winners in Hayward & White's shop window.

The day itself went without hitch, with fine weather as booked by Mr B.Clark. The match was close run with Deddington emerging victorious.

The hard work done, we repaired to the Unicorn Hotel to join family and friends for Sunday lunch, with over 70 people enjoying the hospitality of Kathy, Anton and staff.

We would like to thank all who helped on the day: The Unicorn Hotel, Mr Mike Reed at Adderbury Golf Club, without whose support we would not be able to play weekend society golf and Greatworth for supplying the cup and helping organise the day.

D.O.B.G.S. is a non subscription society whose aim is to provide weekend golf for those who find it difficult to get time off work on week days. Should you wish to take part in future events please feel free to attend our club night at the Unicorn on Sunday 21 April (7 till 9) to find out more.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club to convey condolences to the family of Mr John Spencer, a valued member of the community who sadly passed on last month. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

Mike Mathews 337215

1ST DEDDINGTON BB COMPANY ANCHOR BOYS

In March we welcomed Nicky and Joe along to our meetings. On Mothering Sunday, nine of our boys formed a colour party when we paraded in the Church with our friends in the Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts.

After Easter our weekly meetings will move from the School Hall to outside. In the coming weeks we therefore hope to offer our members new outdoor activities such as 5-a-side Football, Cricket, Rounders etc. weather permitting!

Nick Westbury 337059

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES Hardly time to write: visits to the Gang Show in Oxford, helping at the Mothering Sunday Service, taking part in the 'Harry Potter' division patrol competition and rehearsing for Spring Show have all kept us busy. Our entertainment *Mystery in Fairyland* was a great success, raising



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£70 for charity. Well done to the Guides! Welcome to Kayla and Margaret who have joined us this term. Next meeting 9.4.02.
Maggie Rampley
01295 810069

Glynnis Eastwood 337021

CASTLE HOUSE GARDEN in the Bull Ring will be open from 10 am on the May Market Day with a Plant Sale, Tombola and day-long refreshments - raising funds to rebuild Oxfordshire Guides' holiday house near Beckley. Any spare plants (cuttings, seedlings &c.) gardeners may have will be most welcome. *Vivien Pleydell-Bowerie*

TENNIS CLUB

Now the clocks have gone forward we can start playing tennis in the evenings again. So Wednesdays and Fridays from 6pm will be the regular adult club nights. We'll stop for fish & chips on the last Friday of each month. If you're thinking about joining, come along one Wednesday for an informal game, or call one of us for more information. The tennis courts are available for general use if there are no matches in progress. The cost is £5 an hour paid at Windmill Stores. This season Deddington are entering 3 teams in the Banbury League plus for the first time a weekend ladies' team. We are in the process of applying for a serious grant to help with setting up a programme of children's/youth coaching. Finally we have an Open Day planned for Sunday 28 April 2-5, so do drop by for a game. *Katie McGovern* 338771

Peter Gough MEMBERSHIP 01295 810354

DEDDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On 6 March Mr George Spencely showed slides and spoke about many of his mountaineering exploits in various countries, we were all enthralled sitting there, looking at the marvellous scenery with no effort at all on our part. A donation was forwarded to Katharine House Hospice. On 20 March we held our Easter Lunch, lovely food and a most enjoyable competition was held afterwards. Our next meeting will be on April 3. If you are 50+, do come and join us in the Windmill Centre at 2.30pm, and every other Wednesday.

Joyce Minnear 338529

DEDDINGTON W.I. Our Annual Meeting took place on 12 March. After the business, an Auction of many items and Wine and Cheese followed. The past year, plans and outings for the current year were discussed. On 4 May our Annual Cake stall is to be held in the Market Place. At our next meeting on 9 April Mrs D.Evans will be talking about Tristan da Cunha. We are always pleased to welcome potential new members and visitors to our meetings which are at the Holly Tree Club at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Rene Mahony 338438

DEDDINGTON BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP

It is good to see so many new faces at the group - welcome to all the new babies in particular! The outing to Kinderkids on March 15 was enjoyed by everyone who

went. We will be thinking about plans for a summer outing at our committee meeting in April - if you have any ideas for this, or other comments on your group, please talk to one of the committee members before the meeting. Amongst other plans, we are thinking towards the Golden Jubilee weekend, when we hope to hold a teddy bears' picnic for the children. We are always glad to see new members at our meetings, on Fridays from 9.30-11.30am at the Windmill. Anyone looking after a baby or toddler is welcome to bring them along. We have toys, singing, refreshments and good company - all for just £1.50 per family per week.

Lucy Squires 338442 *Sarah Wright* 337383

MONDAY MORNING CLUB

Much Ado About Nothing on May 29th, *Antony and Cleopatra* on June 26 at the RSC, *Madam Butterfly* at the Apollo on June 21, *Edward 3rd*, a "new" play by Shakespeare, at the Swan on May 7, John Fletcher's *Island Princess*, also at The Swan on July 16, *The King and I* at The Apollo in October : all these are available to members of the Monday Morning Club. If you are retired, why not come along and join us. Transport is arranged from the Market Place for each outing, so once you have reserved your ticket, all you have to do is climb aboard. Our next coffee morning will be on Monday April 8th, not the usual first Monday of the month because of the Bank Holiday, at the Holly Tree, from 10 am~noon. *Jean Flux* 338153

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Wine Tasting evening on 22 March proved very successful. 35 people attended and enjoyed a large selection of wines presented by Brenda Du Boc of S.H. Jones Wine Merchants of Banbury. Refreshments were provided by Leah Calcutt and Janet Watts. The Friends of Hempton Church will have a cake stall under the Town Hall in Deddington on 20 April. Donations of cakes will be welcome.

People may recall that at last year's Harvest Festival the collection was going to help a garden project for Deddington School. Gina Mumford, who used to live in Hempton, has been in charge of this project, which is now complete. Plants and shrubs have been supplied by Nicholson Nursery of North Aston and the garden will be opened by the Bishop on 31 May. Nice to see a charity collection going to a worthy local project.

The Ladies' Hobby Club which meets every two weeks on a Tuesday is now two years old. There are now 18 members, so congratulations to them.

Subscriptions are now due from members of the Friends of Hempton Church. They are £5 per family or £3 per individual. All subscriptions go toward helping to maintain the Church. If you are not a member, why not join? I am circulating a letter to every house in the village with details.

Les Chappell 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Spring is in the air and birdsong is much in evidence again - Robins, wrens and sparrows in particular seem to have overwintered well and their numbers are definitely higher than last year. Has this anything to do with the change in the cat population of Clifton over recent months? The Woodland Trust is monitoring native and visiting birds this year and would be pleased to be notified of your sightings. To get a simple recording form go to www.phenology.org.uk or contact the Trust on 0800 083 7497.



Other unusual sightings in the village include several reports of trials and scramble motor bikes which have been ridden along the bridleway at the end of Chapel Close. Bridleways are strictly for horses, walkers, bicycles and essential farm vehicles - so motor cyclists are asked not to use this track.

Congratulations to Ian and Sarah on the arrival of baby Richard last month, a brother for Hugh.

And finally, a correction - last month's column referred to the floods of 1988. This should, of course, have been 1998. My apologies for the typing error. Please call me with your news and views. *Jackie Williamson 337128*
<jackie.williamson@deddington.net>



THIS MONTH ON THE FARM ...

**WARRINER CHORAL SOCIETY
30th Anniversary Concert**

**Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm
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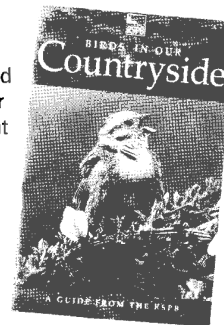
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The meeting held on the 25th March was again well attended and all plans are in place for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the parish.

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

31 May School Party for the children at the school

1 June Local Themed Market followed by a family activity (treasure hunt in the parish)

Art exhibition from local artists and children

Jubilee Concert in church

2 June Church events including a flower festival & Songs of Praise service.

3 June Themed street party.

The street party is planned to be held in the Market Square and children are to be entertained by a disco, magician, Punch and Judy shows plus bouncy castles etc...However we do need parents to help out with the refreshments!

In the evening the disco will continue and the parents can enjoy the celebration with a live band and other attractions!

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. A Jubilee Raffle will be held in May to raise money for the celebrations and the Jubilee Race Night to raise funds.

Please contact The Golden Jubilee organizers for further information.

Rick Haslam 338216



Please note **JUNE 23** in your diaries now. That's the date of our Family Picnic for Jubilee Year: 12 noon-4 pm, featuring a treasure hunt and tug-of-war as did our popular Millennium Picnic two years ago. We hope for a grant from the Parish's Golden Jubilee Fund, notably to cover the hire of two loos for the occasion. Fliers giving full details will be available in good time.

John Brown, Woodland Trust Officer for our area, has asked me to mention that a prominent mature sycamore pollard on Daeda's Wood southern boundary is to be drastically further pollarded for



Make a note in you diary for a really good night out **SATURDAY 11 MAY** at THE WINDMILL CENTRE 7.30. To raise funds for the Jubilee weekend festivities there will be a Race Night where you can place 50p bets on the outcome of a filmed horse race. Due to the enormous popularity of this event all the 64 horses have been "sold" (£5 each), most of the races have been sponsored (£50) but there are a few bottles of champagne for prizes still left to be donated (£12). The tickets for entry will include a finger buffet and cost £5. Beer, soft drinks and wine will be available to buy at reasonable prices. It is hoped that people will offer to provide a plate of food nearer the time.

Ferry Clinch 338711

BEST KEPT VILLAGE PREPARATION - CUP DAY III

As Deddington prepares to enter and retain the best-kept village for 2002 the parish are once again holding a Clean Up Parish day on the **4 May** from 10.00am ~12 noon.

All volunteers will be welcome to meet at 10.00am at the Town Hall.

If you are not able to help in the clean up perhaps you can get the floral baskets and pots out in the parish for the start of May as this is when the judges start their checks!

Please bring brushes or other utensils you feel will help in the clean up. We will provide bags and refreshments!!!

See you there and thanks for the support as we keep our parish clean!!!

Friends of Daeda's Wood



safety reasons. It may already have happened by the time you read this. Otherwise the wood is bursting with new life and will be an increasingly attractive corner of the parish over coming weeks.

Woodland Trust contractors will also be removing some sizeable branches that have fallen into the Swere in the teeth of recent gales.

Finally, in April our display is moving from the School to the Library, to both of whom our sincere thanks for according us valuable space.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

GARDENING NOTES

We have been remaking one of the perennial beds and the question of what to keep and what to compost arises. Ideally we require three things of the perfect garden plant. It should stand up on its own legs without staking, it should have a pleasing shape and it should flower from May to October without a pause. You could throw into that the matter of scent and colour. But life isn't like that, compromise is required.

Why, I used to ask, doesn't some grower develop a Geranium (perennial) which goes on blooming beyond a week or two? Well now they have. There is a delightful one which goes on and on until the frost comes. Why not a Lupin or Delphinium which starts early and flowers into the autumn? It will come, I'm sure. Until then we have to stake and tie up to get a good effect.

I don't suppose I can repeat my success with the enormous Thistle I had last summer. The seedling was given to me by Janet Bond and I doubt if I'll ever get one like that again, but a friend gave me a Cardoon which looks nice and healthy. So here's hoping. I have planted some more grasses at the back of the bed and a variegated Astartia in the middle. This is a most satisfactory perennial, no staking or watering required.

Meanwhile the bulbs have splashed the garden with yellow. What surprises me is the number of great yellow clumps of primroses. They are supposed to dislike our soil but I have never had so many here.

Marianne Elsley

'What we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from' T.S.Eliot

After seven years this is my last contribution to Gardening Notes. You must all be aware of the struggle I have experienced over the last few months to bring you real news of the allotments. Latest bulletin is that the brambles have been cut down, no rabbit holes found, so nowhere for rabbits to hide. Well, that should give Brer and his harem something to think about. I hear there are two new candidates ready to take up their spades - good luck. Must get down there to see if the rhubarb is growing (£1.99 for a few forced sticks in shops). I think if I look in the back of the freezer I will find a few bags from ages past: Lightly stewed and put in a raspberry jelly it will be fine! Best wishes to Jim Sokol who has decided to hang up his spade - he managed two plots and they always looked good.

Thanks to all of you who have made nice comments about my 'piece' and good luck to my successor.

Thelma Dover

[... and very many thanks to you, Thelma. Ed]

ART AT THE HOLLY TREE

Last year there was no exhibition, so it was a great pleasure to see the Group back at the Holly Tree on March 23. As always, the 58 exhibits showed diversity of style and media, with the innovation of limited edition prints.

Michael Baker works with pastels. His *Westonbirt Arboretum* contrasted a misty background with the vivid red of autumn foliage.

Peggy Baker's 14 watercolours included *Woodland Lake*, a fusion of birch trees and water, and a tiny picture *Cornish Mooring*, which stays in the mind.

John Cheney took his watercolours to France, and Italy. The small drawing *Haunted Battlefield - The Somme*, was extraordinarily evocative. He still remains faithful to the Oxfordshire countryside.

Bill Dickinson's architectural subjects continue to delight. A closer look at his watercolour, *The Hermitage in the Market Place*, revealed two perky human figures. Do they herald new directions?

Shirley Dutton, an 'honorary group member', showed four pictures, including *Rural Vineyard*, full of dusty Mediterranean heat.

Among Jo Mace's 9 oil on paper studies was *Summer Scene*, diffused with light, and she shared her pleasure in the survivor quality and brilliance of *Shirley Poppies*.

Norman Stone's pictures are immediately recognisable, with their strong colour and the imposition of form on subject. This year there were some surprises, including his faintly troubling, *Deserted Village*.

Apart from giving pleasure to the Parish with their talent, the Holly Tree Group raises funds for Katharine House Hospice. We all benefit.

KT

Financial Note from Peggy Baker:

The sale of our pictures raised £2,355.00 so we shall send Katharine House Hospice a cheque for £1,177.50, being 50% of the proceeds. The two hospice boxes raised £76.79. People have been so generous and helpful. Bluebells of the Market Place donated flowers. We would like to thank them all.

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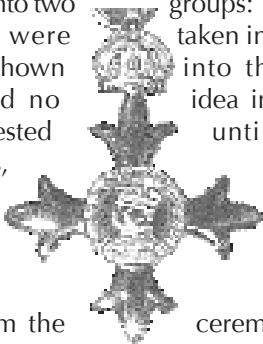
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My Investiture Day

On 13 March my wife, my daughter and myself were driven from Deddington to Buckingham Palace. In front of the Palace we were stopped and the vehicle was checked by the Bomb Squad. We drove through the forecourt to the Queen's entrance in the inner Quadrangle. The award recipients and their guests were separated, the guests being taken through to the Ballroom, given a programme and seated. The recipients were divided into two groups: the six receiving knighthoods were taken into one room and the other 85 shown into the Picture Gallery. We had no idea in what order we would be invested until Lt.Colonel Sir Malcolm Ross, Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, arrived to brief us on the ceremony and do and say.



At 11.00am the ceremony started with the knighthoods going first after which we were called ten at a time to wait outside the Ballroom. We were checked four times to ensure we were in the correct order. We entered the Ballroom one at a time to stand by an equerry waiting for our names to be called. This I found to be the most nerve-wracking time, albeit only a couple of minutes. Then the moment of truth! I forced my legs to move forwards four paces, turned to face Her Majesty, bowed and walked forward to be invested. The Queen asked me how long I had been in the Fire Service, where I had served, and was it always in the same place. Then she said 'Very well done' and shook my hand, and that was the indication that my time was up. I had to walk backwards, bow, turn right and leave the Ballroom.

In an annexe of the Ballroom my medal was placed in a case and I was taken to sit and watch the other 22 people receive their honours. When the Queen left, followed by the Yeomen of the Guard, my guests joined me. Official photographers took photos on the red-carpeted steps in the Quadrangle. It was a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime event.

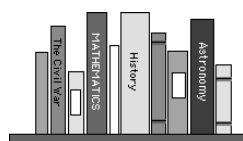
I would like to thank everyone who supported the proposition of my name going forward for an award, with special thanks to Anne Waters who was mainly responsible.

Albert Humphries M.B.E.

(Except for three neo-natal days in Banbury, Albert has lived [not yet!] all his life in Deddington. ED)

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Many thanks for the support of the many friends who put 25 man/woman hours into Library cleaning day. About 700 new books are now on the shelves. There are better facilities for all readers and staff. Computer facilities are in a separate room; additional VDUs will arrive shortly. Make a point of inspecting the improvements - opening hours are on the back cover.



Ripples

From the days of Cain and Abel communities have been made up of 'hunter-gatherers' and 'pastoralists'. Deddington is no exception. **Mamoun Hassan** is a hunter-gatherer: "I'm neither proud nor ashamed to be a permanent outsider," he says. 29 years ago, when a house agent's advert led him and Moya to the High Street, there were no traffic lights: "We were quickly on the scene with blankets when we heard the squeal of brakes and the crunch of metal."

Born in Jedda, he left Saudi Arabia in 1964 for a school in Khartoum, but he was much happier when his family settled in London, and he moved to King Alfred's School in Hampstead, "where I learnt never to keep my mouth shut!"

During an Engineering course at London University, much of his time was spent in the cutting room at the Slade School of Art, where film became his life blood. Since then there is no aspect of film production he has not fulfilled - on behalf, among others, of the BBC and the United Nations, and in every continent including three years in Zimbabwe.



As a last minute stand-in, he taught for a week in the Cuban National Film School outside Havana, and then became its Head of Editing. This has led to a stream of British tutors sharing their skills with its 400 students drawn from all over Latin America. The British Council welcomes the consequent spread of British cultural ideas into countries it cannot reach - ripples caused by an Arab with his air-roots in Deddington.

ARE YOU BETWEEN 21 & 26 ?

If you really were born between 6.1.1976 and 7.1.1981, you are entitled to a meningitis vaccination. Those registered with Deddington Health Centre are invited to make an appointment to see the Practice Nurse - 338611

Dr James McLaughlin joined Deddington Health Centre as a partner on 1 April replacing Dr Judith Johnson. He has been working as a locum at the Health Centre since last October. Patients registered with Dr Johnson will be transferred to Dr McLaughlin's list, but they may receive treatment from any member of the partnership.

The partners do, however, encourage patients to see their usual doctor whenever possible (whether or not that is the partner with whom they are registered) since they feel that continuity is in the interest of both the patient and the doctor.

If you have any queries, please do contact the Practice Manager, Mrs Dina Bentley - 338611

ELIZABETH TOTHILL

- *Memories compiled by JF, NS & KT*

Many people in the parish will have been shocked to hear of the death of Elizabeth Tothill in Gozo. Elizabeth and Frank lived in Grove House on the High Street during the 1990s. All through that time Elizabeth made an enormous contribution to this community.

Elizabeth's faith was central to her life. Until she joined Frank in the Roman Catholic Church, she was deeply involved in every aspect of Parish Church life; from dusting pews and arranging flowers for services and weddings, to organizing a St Nicholas Fair to raise funds, selling Traidcraft goods, opening her garden as a Quiet Garden for prayer and contemplation. She helped with the Children's Church in its early days. When the Church Restoration Appeal was launched, Elizabeth was working for a History of Art degree with the Open University; her contribution to the Appeal was to research, write and print, at her own expense, a pamphlet about the Jones' stained glass windows in the church. (*Copies of the pamphlet are still available in the church.*) She and Frank regularly welcomed overseas students to their home during holiday times. During a prolonged power failure one winter, Elizabeth kept the elderly residents of Grove Court supplied with soup and hot drinks, thanks to her Aga. She also visited prisons and persuaded one inhabitant to try his hand at writing, subsequently typing up the story herself.

From its beginnings she was an enthusiastic supporter of Deddington Players. For one Nativity play she made the shepherds' costumes out of discarded curtains. Though she preferred to work off stage, she also took parts in several village pantomimes: as the villainous cat in *Pinocchio*, with Frank as the pantomime cow in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and most memorably, in a costume of her own devising, as the improbable pink rabbit who helped to trap the Millennium bugs in our 2000 production, *The Wizard of Whatsit*.

From 1994 to 2000 Elizabeth was a member of the DN editorial committee and its Church and Chapel editor. She helped to collate and deliver the magazine. 1998 found us looking, unsuccessfully, for a new Advertising Manager. With typical enthusiasm and generosity (her days were not empty) Elizabeth took on this extra duty, learnt the job from scratch and kept the 'yellow pages' well filled, ensuring the DN's financial stability. She was happy to write a report on almost any subject; no editorial meeting was boring if Elizabeth was present. As a final gift to the DN she compiled a massive computerised contents index going back to the first issue in 1976. She was a colleague on whom one could rely absolutely, knowing that she would give of her best.

Elizabeth was a 'can do' person. And if she couldn't do what you wanted, she'd find some other way of being useful. For the Map Group, she researched and wrote about the churches and chapels of the parish. In the Play-reading Group she tackled any part she was given, large or small, and put her own individual stamp on it.

She was also much involved in the Deddington Gardeners Club, arranging visits and lectures for the



Fr Ben & Abigail Ngoako,

founders of the Zenzeleni project, visited Deddington on 9 March. Fr Ben is the Anglican parish priest of St James Church in Galeshewe Township on the edge of Kimberley. In 2000, 25m in Africa south of the Sahara were infected with HIV/AIDS - one in every five adults; 17m had already died, and there were over 12 million orphans. Abigail saw that women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS needed support, counselling and nutrition advice. She started in 1998 the Zenzeleni Wellness Centre. That did not stop many AIDS-infected mothers dying, and so another need arose. To care for the orphans, most of whom have HIV/AIDS too, the Zenzeleni Centre provides day care for 35 under-5 children, with seven babies in 24-hr care. Responding to this need, Deddington parishioners have donated over £726 since their visit. Jean Flux, 14 The Daedings, will be happy to receive any further gifts.

CARERS

The Carers Centre (North & West Oxon) have arranged with the Revd Hugh White to hold a Thanksgiving Service for Carers in Deddington Parish Church on **Sunday 21 April** at 10.30am. This will be in place of the regular Sunday service and will involve Carers, Volunteers, and Staff associated with the centre. It is estimated that one in six of the population is a carer, and they range from young children to very senior citizens, all of whom are helping and caring for somebody who needs their support for physical or mental reasons. It may start with just a few hours per week, but can end up as a 24-hour job.

Jim Flux Chairman, Carers Centre (N & W Oxon)

ROY BERRIDGE has month after month for the last ELEVEN years expertly handled the advertisements on the editorial pages of the DN. We are all deeply in his debt for his professional care. Annette Murphy 337338 has agreed now to relieve him of his burden.

rest of us. She initiated a garden project at the Primary School; borders below the classroom windows are still filled with perennials as a result of her efforts. She contributed to Walter Meagher's parish flora records and it was Elizabeth who suggested the creation of the wild flower area in Daeda's Wood.

Artsweeks, quilting, cooking, dog walking... the list goes on. We missed her enormously when she left for Gozo in 2000. We shall go on missing her - her energy, kindness, talents and her unique personality. Truly a remarkable and much loved woman. Our thoughts are with Frank her husband, her sons Christopher and Nick, and with all her family.

Frank says: "You will be glad to hear that despite her difficulties, her grin stayed till the end!"

The names on the nine old wooden crosses on the North wall of SS Peter & Paul Church are fading fast. Before the inscriptions disappear altogether, and because much interest has recently been shown in the crosses, I decided to consult the writings of the Revd Thomas Boniface, Vicar of Deddington at the time of the first World War, who never failed to record in the DEDDINGTON DEANERY MAGAZINES the happy news of parishioners returning from the war, but also the sad news of a parishioner's death in action. Our nine crosses, temporary markers of graves, were probably brought into the Church by relatives of the fallen when the wooden crosses were replaced by beautiful grave stones. Sadly only nine have survived. The visitor to the Church may like to read the names inscribed on the crosses and think of the local sons whose simple memorial has survived in the Parish Church.

The inscriptions on the Crosses read as follows:

"PTE L.FRENCH AUSTRALIA 11th Bn A.IF". Loder French, elder son of Mr & Mrs French enlisted in the Australia infantry while living out there. He was sent with his regiment to the Dardanelles where, after enduring the hardships of that terrible expedition, he contracted enteric fever. He died, after discharge from hospital in Cairo while staying with his parents. He was awarded a military funeral in Deddington Churchyard.

"SPR W.D. HANCOX, RE, died in action on 1st July 1916". A sapper in the Royal Engineers and the second son of Mr & Mrs David Hancox, he was a bell ringer in the Parish Church and on receipt of the news of his death, the bell which he rang was muffled and tolled. He had been Captain of both the cricket & football clubs.

"SPR A.E.HANCOX RE". Sapper Edward Hancox, youngest brother of the above was wounded in action on 24th July 1917 and died the same day. He was the third son of Mr & Mrs Hancox to have been killed in the war. Edward's portrait has been placed with those

of his two brothers who, like him were ringers, in the belfry of the Church. (Sadly, the wooden cross of the third brother has not survived in Church. He was W. RUFUS HANCOX who was killed in action on 13th August 1916. He was a Corporal in the Ox & Bucks Light Infantry.)

The name of ALFRED CASTLE is the most difficult to decipher on his old cross. The son of a Clifton family he died of an illness in a Bristol hospital, aged 33, on 17th November 1918.

"PTE B. WHEELER CANADA died on 18th November 1916". Bernard, son of James Wheeler jun., was a resident in Canada for several years where he joined the Army and came to England to serve his King and Country. He died in a military hospital in Kent and was buried in Deddington on 23rd November.

"PTE O.A.J.H. DORE TRAINING RESERVE" died on 6th October 1918. He was the only son of Mr & Mrs Dore and had only recently joined up. He died from pneumonia in a hospital on Salisbury Plain.

"PTE F.TUSTAIN, 1st Bn COLDSTREAM GUARDS" Guardsman F.Tustain was killed in action on 29 September 1916. His brother, Lance Corporal M.J.Tustain was killed in July of the same year, his cross has not survived in Church.

"2nd LIEUTENANT R.P.BULL, 1st Bn NORTHANTS REGIMENT" Ronald Page Bull, killed in action on 1st November 1918 was one of the last local soldiers to die before the end of hostilities. His death was announced in the Deddington Deanery Magazine in December 1918, together with the news of the signing of the Armistice.

Nine Crosses, nine names, nine destinies on which to reflect next time we pass by.

Ruth Johnson



**THE WAY WE WERE
Deddington 150 years ago**

*The following are extracts from Jackson's Journal
April 1852:*

On Monday last two young men (tramps) were committed to prison by the Rev. Cotton Risley to take their trial at the next Assizes/for breaking a pane of glass and stealing a piece of cheese from the shop of Mrs. Wells, grocer, etc., on the previous Saturday evening.

Samuel Field, Esq., has kindly granted the free use of the Castle Ground, in the centre of which a dead level area of many square yards has been laid down, the surface is of the finest quality and the drainage perfect. Jackson, the celebrated Nottingham bowler, has been engaged jointly with the Banbury Club, and he will render his services 2 days in the week (Tuesdays and Fridays) during the months of May and June.

Buffy Heywood

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MAY DIARY

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Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 - 10 pm.
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Sat	4	WI: Cake stall, Deddington Market Place, 9.30 ~ 11.30 am. → p.7
Sun	5	British Legion: Horse Race afternoon, 3 pm.
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: AGM and coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am - noon. → p.7
Wed	8	History Society: Talk, <i>Wroxton Abbey</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.6
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Sat	11	Jubilee Fund: Race Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.9
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Wed	15	Friendship Club: Bowls or Social afternoon, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. → p.7
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Wed	15	PTA: Ladies Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Thu	16	Deddington Players: Annual Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Tue	21	<u>Copy date for June Deddington News.</u>
Sat	25	Plant Sale & Raffle, Castle House, Bull Ring, 10 am ~ 4pm, in aid of Oxfordshire Guides. → p.7
Wed	29	Friendship Club: Afternoon visit to Milletts Farm. → p.7
	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 in May:	Bridge Club: The Holly Tree, 6.30-9.30 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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DEDDINGTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting held on 19 February 2002 the following were elected to the committee: Chairman: Phil Plant. Secretary: Iain Gillespie. Treasurer: John Lee. Other members: Donald Welford, Jane Kellett, Ruth Johnson, Liz Dickinson, Pat Swash, Trevor Mouat, Joan Davis. In addition the Revd Hugh White will be invited to join the committee at its next scheduled meeting in September 2002.

If you are interested in becoming a tenant of the Holly Tree Cottages in Earls Lane in the future, or if you have any questions/comments about the Housing Association, please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

Phil Plant

They're playing our tune ...

Hearing the National Anthem being played at a televised Cup Final, Elizabeth the Queen Mother said: "Oh, do turn it off! It's so embarrassing unless one is there - like hearing the Lord's Prayer when playing canasta." PENGUIN DICTIONARY OF MODERN QUOTATIONS

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM:

You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

ENRON VENTURE CAPITALISM:

You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Islands company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more. Sell one cow to buy a new president of the United States, leaving you with nine cows. No balance

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April 2002

The group offers help in a crisis, or even with an everyday task such as collecting a prescription or doing some shopping.

If you are unable to reach the appropriate person listed below,
please telephone Angela Waller 338970

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338173

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338920

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John Burdon, Kempster Place, Philcote Street
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338305

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