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DEDDINGTON NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Didn't we just turn up trumps on Jubilee Day? Letters of praise and thanks appear elsewhere in this issue, along with a few criticisms, which is as it should be. The amazing thing is we put on such a fantastic display, and really surprised ourselves in the process. As one correspondent puts it, we have shown we can get it together and enjoy ourselves - let's not wait another 25 years to do it again.

Just as surprisingly, Deddington News has completed its first year in print. In the furore surrounding our first issue, there were those who wished the infant had been strangled at birth, but the teething stage is hopefully over and the lusty toddler gathers strength with every month. With the ongoing support of those who have shown faith in us so far, there is no reason why we cannot continue to inform, entertain and provoke comment and criticism.

By mutual agreement we have parted company with the Adult Education Centre Management Committee and it is our intention to form an independent Deddington News Publishing Committee, to be responsible for all aspects of the newspaper. In particular we need a Co-ordinator and a Treasurer, as Gerard Sullivan is off to foreign parts in September. On Thursday August 4th at 8 p.m. we will meet at Quinque House, New Street, and anyone interested in joining us is welcome to come along.

There is no August issue as the Editors are off on their hols. Copy date for the September issue is FRIDAY 26th AUGUST, for distribution Saturday 3rd September.

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JUBILEE FETE - JUNE 6th

May I follow Ken Garrett's Thank You's in your June issue concerning the Jubilee programme in general with a specific thank you, first to all those who helped in so many ways over our Castle House fete on June 6th, but above all to the many gallant people who made the effort to come on a pretty nasty afternoon.

It was disappointing that the bad weather forced the cancellation of the Bicester Gymnastic Club's gymnastic display and a reduced (and in some cases cramped) programme of side-shows. However, we hope that our neighbours got some fun out of it all. As a matter of interest there were 79 sweets in the jar won by a friend of the Haywood's from Deddington Manor, and Jackie Brain won the Buried Treasure. The bowling, putting and darts competitions were all hotly contested (I hope the magnum bottle of whiskey tasted good), and our pony gave 92 rides during the afternoon.

After making up the accounts, we paid over £212.18 to H. M. The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal which I regard as a splendid achievement and showed how generously everyone had supported us. Again many many thanks.

Simon Pleydell-Bouverie

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, Just a little appreciation for all the work which was put into the Jubilee celebrations, but a special thank you must go to the smallest street in Deddington, to the two young couples who gave such a marvellous party much to the enjoyment of the three old dears who they so kindly invited and looked after so well.

(The "three old dears" wish to remain anonymous - Jonathan and Melanie Hughes-Jones in the Tchure know who they are!)

Dear Editor, Some do, and some talk and criticise while contributing nothing; the world was ever thus. A community such as ours is enriched by a few groups and individuals who both care about the parish and translate that concern into deeds. We should all be grateful to these stalwarts, great and small, female and male, who made the Jubilee programme such a resounding success. Without naming names, I believe that the former Chairman of the Parish Council and his co-ordinating committee should take some of the credit. What I liked about the whole affair was that for a few days we all seemed to stop riding our individual hobby horses and became a cohesive group. Do we have to wait another 25 years for the same magic to repeat itself? Thank you and well done all amateurs.

Bill Drake

Dear Editor, A personal note from me to thank the organisers of the Deddington Jubilee Celebrations which we all enjoyed. My thanks also to Mrs. Betty Waller who organised a party for Hempton to celebrate the Jubilee.

My only disappointment was the presentation of the Jubilee mugs which I thought were cheap and nasty! What a pity we couldn't support Deddington Pottery which could have provided some good and originally designed mugs for the children to be proud of! I'm sure I'm the only one to put my opinion in print but I know I'm not the only person who thinks that the Jubilee mugs marred an otherwise splendid Jubilee Celebration.

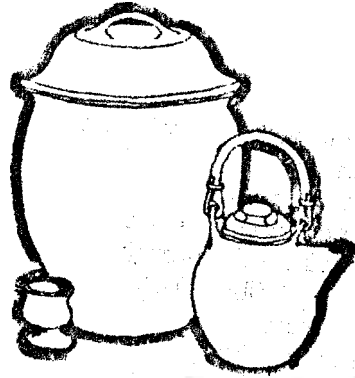
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The Clifton Jubilee fete was held on the evening of June 11th at Home Farm, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. George Fennemore. It developed into a struggle between the organizers and the weather, and honours were about even. On the one hand, persistent rain throughout the day, ending in evening showers, led to the cancellation of the dance and the tug-of-war, severely restricted outside lighting, reduced competition for the clay-pigeon shoot and the skittles, and must have made those who parked their cars wish they had been piloting hovercraft. On the other hand, the Ladies made the Pig Roast and the food arrangements generally a triumphant success (and we thank John Wallin for lending his oven and Chris Claydon for carving the pig); the Bar was packed with customers who appreciated the music provided by the Tamarind Group from Banbury, the Banbury Morris Dancers entertained us outside and Alastair Welford's music kept up the spirits of those in the marquee, round the fire and under the trees.

The shoot, as long as daylight lasted, and skittles, both in daylight and dusk, attracted enthusiasts; a raffle, followed by some unofficial dancing and hot soup, rounded off the evening. We thank all those, both in the village and outside, for their generous help and for coming here to make the fete a success; nearly all the 340 ticket-holders attended. A donation is being sent to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund, and profits will be used to benefit the village.

Frank Crofts

HOLLY TREE CLUB

Jubilee Celebrations: One of the highlights of the week was undoubtedly the Senior Citizens Tea Party organised by Mrs. Rignall and Mrs. Rampley, assisted by a host of willing helpers - including children - who seemed thoroughly to enjoy waiting on the older folk. May I, on behalf of the Deddington Senior Citizens, say a big Thank You to all those who helped in any way to make it such a happy and memorable occasion.

Eddie Lines

I am very sorry to report the extremely sudden death of Mrs. Middleton from Barford, a club member who had endeared herself to us all, as she was always smiling and gay, and ready to help with and support every effort. May we send deepest sympathy to her daughter and friends.

The club has had one half day outing and an all-day trip to Southsea

E. Vivien Edmunds

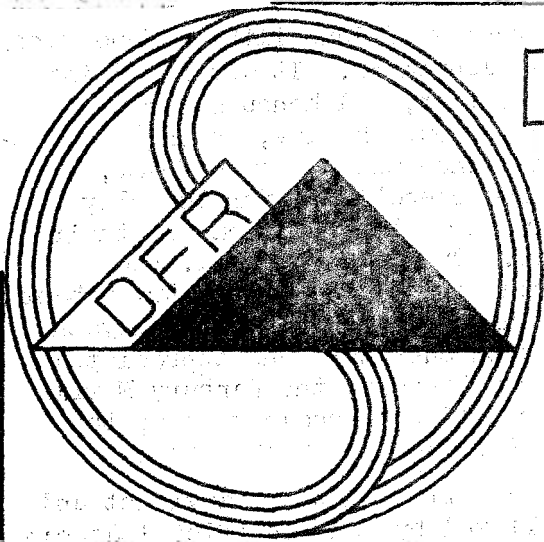
(We believe club members were treated to a good close-up view of the Queen who was visiting Southsea that day!)

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, I would like to thank all those who made Deddington Jubilee Celebrations possible.

The Carnival Parade showed a magnificent community spirit and I am sure all those who watched as well as those who took part will agree it was thoroughly enjoyable. The whole day proved entertaining for all ages. So to all those hard working people, thank you.

Pauline Lightbody

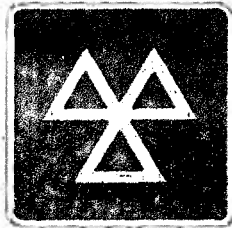
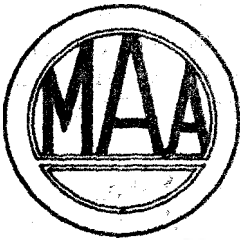


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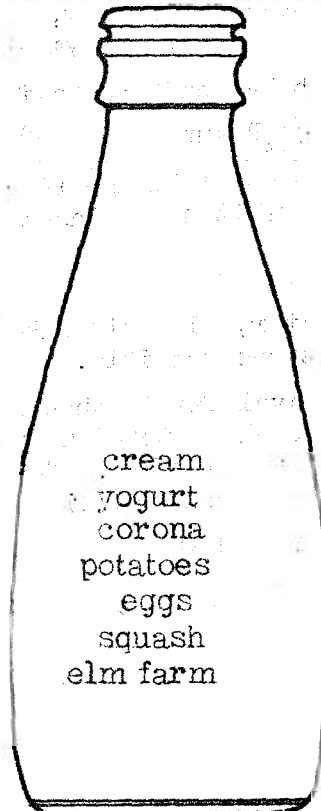
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By and large, as I think everyone agreed, it was a pretty good week. Pity the ringers could not achieve their ambitious attempt of a full peal. Nevertheless the chimes from the Tower on the first Saturday set the week off to a fine, traditional start, and the Great Clifton Pig Roast and Barbecue which drew people from all over the county made a magnificent conclusion to the Jubilee celebrations in Deddington Parish.

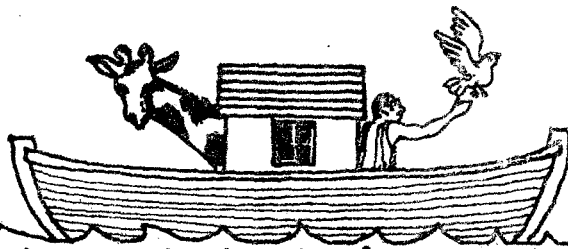
In the Sunday morning service the Parish joined forces with people all over the country in an order of worship for the inter-denominational service specially drawn up for nationwide use. As always on special occasions the church was sweetly adorned with a profusion of flowers. The scouts, guides, cubs and brownies paraded their colours; Mr. Palme set the Jubilee in its place in the pageant of national history; the rest of us, led by the choir, gave our best in the hymns; and all around the walls the display of Deddington crafts and industry and photographs of earlier generations added the final dimension to the picture of our community at work and at play.

Jubilee Day, Tuesday 7 June, opened quietly. The bells, which had roused our ancestors at five in the morning for the Jubilee of 1887, were silent and, indeed, the only sign of celebration in the deserted market place was the bunting and the flags. Union Jacks and even a White Ensign on pubs and houses and in one corner a single Cross of St. George. The place was empty and remained so through the morning as most people watched the superb Queen's procession through the streets of London on their television. But among the many things we learnt in Jubilee week was the fact that TV has not killed celebrations of the old kind.

Those of us not in the know were not, I think, prepared for the really first class procession that wound round the streets of the town and marched, motored and rode into the market place just after two o'clock. The band of the Banbury Army Cadets and the Deddington Fire Engine provided nice historical reminders of the procession ninety years ago, but modern Deddingtonians went one better than their Victorian forebears for there, on her own float and surrounded by an elegant retinue of ladies in waiting, was Queen Victoria herself. Nor did 19th-century Deddington manage to parade its own Beefeater nor summon up from the past the Seigneur of Deddington Castle himself, accompanied by a brave mesnie of lord's ladies, hunting dogs and outriders. The mechanized division comprised vintage cars (or were they veterans) and the magnificent traction engine which to our good fortune is owned by a Deddingtonian.

The children gave us a prize-winning Crown Jewels and Britannia surrounded by a satisfactorily chauvinistic crew of Jolly Jack Tars (or more properly 'Jackette' Tars). It was the kids bad luck that the only cap full of rain that fell all day hit their tea party amidships; not that anyone seemed unduly dampened in spirit. And this part of the day's proceedings ended with a kilted pipe band. A proud sight but marred for sensitive loyal spirits by a rendering of that treasonable Jacobite ditty 'over the Sea to Skye'. At this point your chronicler took himself off in a small fit of outrage to one of the pubs where the serious business of drinking was well in hand.

Come evening and the rain clouds seemed threatening again. The Disco in the Bull Ring and the band under the Town Hall were rather short on clients for a couple of hours. But then the announcement of the Jubilee Draw swelled the crowd; the rain held off and by midnight the Square was humming to music, dancing and all the signs of a party in full session. Teenagers largely dominated the floor, bystanders stood by with drinks in hand, shining pub windows revealed further celebrations within and out on the Square again at least two instances of husband dancing with wife were observed. The spirit of goodwill could hardly go further. As was said at the time and often repeated since Deddington should do it more often. A Midsummer dance in the Square would be a highly popular annual event.



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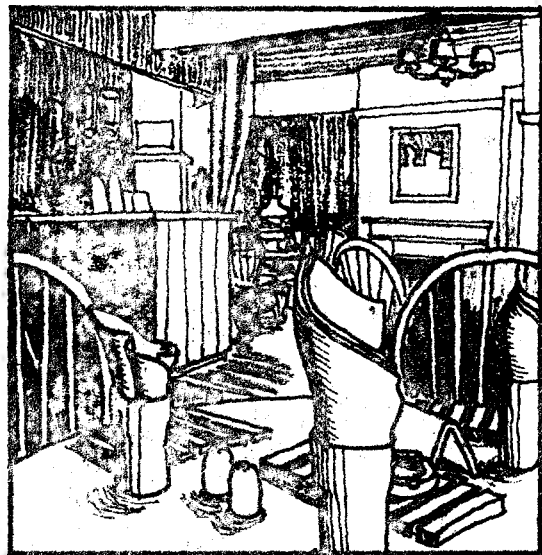
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Well, of course, Tuesday was the highlight but, although it suffered from the rain, the Fete in the grounds of Castle House was a considerable success. Then there was an hour long programme about Deddington on BBC Radio Oxford which those who took part in it reckoned a success, too, though some who didn't..... didn't. Thursday evening featured a lecture in the church titled Deddington Town of the Future, though the lecturer, because he thought it would be more fun, talked largely and nostalgically about Deddington's past. In the discussion which followed questioners probed the idea that Deddington would recover its 19th-century position as an important centre for trade and commerce in North Oxfordshire. One thing which none of us can doubt, after so successful a Jubilee Week so well organized by its Jubilee Committee, is that Deddington, whatever form that future may take, should look forward to a prosperous and a happy one.

Geoffrey Hindley

...TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US

It wasn't quite a pilot programme for Radio Deddington, but on Thursday 9th June the voices of several Deddington folk pierced the Oxfordshire aether. BBC Radio Oxford producer Andrew McGregor, who moved into Chapel Square with his wife Bridget last year, filled his phone-in programme slot that day by getting together a cross-section of the community to discuss Geoffrey Hindley's ideas on "Deddington - Town of the Future". This was the theme of Geoffrey's talk that evening in the Church. Briefly he sees our population rising to about 2000 by the turn of the century, when Deddington would once again become an important district centre for business and light industry.

Besides Geoffrey, we heard Bill Ivings, who pointed out that in the early thirties Morris Cars actually considered using Deddington as a viable site, being en route from Cowley to Birmingham, and he reminded us that in the eighteenth century Banbury was a village under the township of Deddington. Parish Councillor Norman Drake said that to mark this Jubilee year he had suggested designating Deddington as a town. He saw a thriving future as more light industry and tourism brought the renovation of our buildings, and cash for our traders. He called on us all to support our local businesses because only they could offer us convenience and long-term economy.

Monty Spencer thought that, however desirable, Geoffrey's idea was "a bit of silly thinking". As a local businessman he found some disadvantages in being based here. His customers often ask "where is Deddington?" He thought that Whitehall policies make it very difficult for a small tradesman to start up now, and that eventually larger combines would absorb the smaller businesses. Andrew asked editor of Deddington News, Mary Robinson, how significant she thought a paper like this could be in any future growth. She admitted surprise at the interest and controversies the paper had already provoked and looked forward to Deddington News' growth matching that of the village. She felt that generally it was the newcomers to Deddington who wanted it still to be known as a village.

As a comer-in and tradesman, Jonathan Hughes-Jones expressed his belief in the role and future of the small business, and antique dealer Patrick Dowden thought Deddington's antique shops added character, attracted tourist trade, and brought prosperity to the village.

Our valiant team found it a bit of a struggle to keep it up for nearly an hour. In fact, what Andrew wanted was to invite callers from across the county, and to widen the discussion to "the changing role of villages in modern society". But that proved too ambitious - the phone calls didn't exactly jam the switchboard!

Colin Robinson

DEDDINGTON CHAMBER OF TRADE

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th July at the Crown and Tuns at 8.00 p.m. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in attending would be welcome.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, With memories of our Jubilee celebrations disappearing all too rapidly into the past I felt that I must write and make two or three comments before we forget them altogether. To begin with, like the majority of people I thought the Jubilee issue of Deddington News most enjoyable and an excellent souvenir - but what a shame its contents had to be marred by three youth concerns, School, Playgroup and Scout Group, having to complain about serious lack of interest and support from parents. I can only express my constant amazement at such an attitude.

Being involved with Guides I know first-hand that parents' help is vital - not only financially (although most organisations need money desperately in order to be able to operate at all), but also for the child's benefit. Lack of interest and encouragement can surely only dampen the child's enthusiasm and hinder his progress.

Now, as a member of the Jubilee committee I would like to express thanks to our Chairman, Mr. Ken Garrett - whose complimentary letter we all appreciated in the last issue. With his superior knowledge and experience at running such a committee, we called upon him time and again to help sort out any problems and overcome numerous crises, all of which were soon smoothed over.

Maggie Rampley

SUPERSTAR FINALS

The King's Arms held their Superstar Final on 28th May and after two months of competition the result was in balance until literally the final game. The Final started at 11.00 and went through until 11.30 the same night with a short break for "sleep" in the afternoon. The result was a win for D. Towler with 31 points, 2nd A. Peckham - 30 points, 3rd A. Garrett - 29, 4th C. Harper - 28, 5th C. V. Smith - 27, 6th J. Plumbe - 25, 7th P. Cannell - 16, and 8th S. Brain 11.

The presentation was made and the "article" was filled with the appropriate beverage.

On June 18th, the King's Arms played host at a combined Superstar Final, when teams competed from the Carpenter's Arms at Middle Barton, and the George at Brailes. Results were: 1st A. Peckham (K. Arms) - 47 points, 2nd D. Towler (K. Arms) - 42 points, 3rd R. Burgess (Carpenter's Arms) - 34 points, 4th N. Hicks (George) - 33, 5th J. Fowler (C. Arms) - 30, and 6th C. Bryan (George) - 25 points.

Allen Gilbert

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

This month we are busy preparing for our camp, to be held 5th - 8th August. 12 guides are coming from 1st Deddington and 12 guides from 1st Sibford. Mrs. Springall (the guider from Sibford) is the camp leader, Mrs. Rampley the first aider, Mrs. Jones the Quartermaster and Janice Middleton - well, we haven't got a job for her yet, but given time I'm sure we'll think of something! (Rumour has it she is a good billy can cleaner.)

4 guides from the company are also attending a 10 day camp in Wales with 2nd Bloxham Guides.

Next issue of the magazine should carry our reports on these holiday pursuits - that is if we all survive the "pleasures" of camp and still have some energy left to write about them!

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W. I. NEWS

We all enjoyed the Jubilee Carnival as I am sure all Deddington residents did. It certainly was a grand effort by all concerned. Mrs. M'Ghee came to us in June to talk about the "Care of the Mentally Handicapped Child" and showed slides of the children at Springfield School, Witney, both at work and play.

The competition winner for a collection of Wild Flowers was Mrs. J. Walton. Next month's meeting on July 12th will be a Members' Evening and the competition is for a specimen rose.

A very warm welcome is always extended to any ladies and especially to those who have just moved to the area and who would like to make new friends.

Betty Caporn

1st DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

We had a smashing time at the Jubilee Carnival, and we thought our float looked lovely after all the hard work we had put into it. Many thanks to Mrs. Rignall, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Ormond, and Mr. Fuller who helped to decorate it, and again to Mr. Fuller for loaning and driving the tractor and trailer. "Rule Britannia" proved hard to sing so we only managed the chorus!

Since the Jubilee some Brownies have been taking their Cyclist Badge and others their Discoverer's. The Brownies collected about £25 during their Job Week and we do thank all those who supported them. Our Pack is again up to full strength of 24 Brownies with two new recruits. We are off to Brownie Revels (a gathering of 10 packs in the district) on Saturday 9th July, although unfortunately it clashes with the school fete. Brownies have been continuing to pick up litter regularly on Tuesdays; and those who were awake helped on the morning after the Jubilee celebrations! We shall continue the litter pick-up throughout the school holidays, and we would be most grateful for offers of help from parents to supervise the Brownies while Mrs. Rignall or Mrs. Bouverie are away. If we can get a rota of parents it will probably only involve one week per adult.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

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Gerard Sullivan

Praise for our Church during Jubilee week has been unanimous, for this was a memorable occasion in the history of our Church. There were so many helpers, as well as those who assisted in a supportive role; for example one husband of a floral decorating lady expressed pleasure that the week was over, as this would mean he could have a hot dinner and at the same time see more of his wife! Naturally much planning preceded this week, for the Church was to be centre for an exhibition of crafts and for our documents. That we should have special floral decorations for the week was obvious at the outset, and our decorating ladies excelled themselves once again, both in the manner of decorating, and in their faithful daily visits to see that the flowers remained fresh for the whole week.

We could hardly have had our exhibition without the removal of our pews in the north and south aisles and their safe storage in the dry, and once the stalwart men arrived to do this and to re-arrange the staging in the conference corner, the scene was set for the exhibition. The erection and covering of the stands completed, the exhibitors arranged their displays, and with the arrival of a selection of records from the Bodleian Library, and the display of hassocks and hand stitched cushions and upholstery, together with the photographic stand, the Church was ready for the Jubilee week exhibition. The exhibition stands were obviously arranged by experts and there were many expressions of surprise at the excellence of the crafts which can now be found in Deddington. Also included were some exhibits made by local people which were not for sale, and which claimed a great deal of attention, in particular a model gypsy caravan. We have no idea how many visitors came during the week, but there were over 300 at the Festival Service, and during the early part of the week a constant stream of people came to our Church, some estimates of the number reached to over 1,000.

During the course of the week the Deddington and District Choral Society gave a concert of popular melodies, together with Coronation music, to a very appreciative audience. Geoffrey Hindley gave a most interesting talk entitled "Deddington - Town of the Future" where he traced the history of our town from the time when records were first kept in the vestry, through the period of trades and guilds to the present day, expressing the belief that Deddington will have a future, in common with other towns of a similar size, equalling that of the past.

The excellent colour pictures of the floral decorations in Church for the Queen's Silver Jubilee are on display in the conference corner in Church. Copies of these can be ordered from Peter Garrett at the Post Office, and order forms for this can be found by the display. When the form has been filled in this should be taken to the Post Office. As you will notice, the colour pictures are perfect, both for the faithful recording of the colours of the flowers and for the arrangement of the picture. The price may appear somewhat high, but remember that each one has to be printed by hand commercially and Mr. Garrett is making little or no profit on the transaction. We are indeed fortunate in having our own expert photographer.

George Palmer

SCOUT COUNCIL MEETING

The Scout Council held its first meeting on Wednesday 29th June. The eight members - 7 parents and 1 Scout/Cub representative, will be endeavouring to relieve the Scouters of fund raising responsibilities and give direct practical help to both sections of the organisation. As a result of this meeting, regular wastepaper collections should have started again already in your area, and all Cub/Scout parents notified. If you would like a regular collection please ring Mrs. Jones - Deddington 8145 or Warren Davies, Steeple Aston 40481, who will arrange this.

Please note that an Auction will be held on Saturday 20th August, at Scout Headquarters. Anyone with anything (and I mean anything!) to sell should contact Mrs. Hudson at Deddington 8941. The Scout fund will keep one third on everything sold. The hall will be open on Friday 19th after 7.30 to receive articles, and viewing will be from 12.30 - 1.45 on Saturday 20th. The auction will commence at 2.00. Please support us if you can, as money raised will help subsidise both Scout and Cub camps and outings etc. Thank you.

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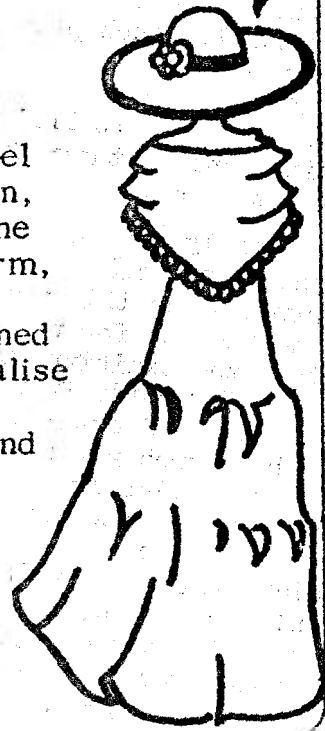
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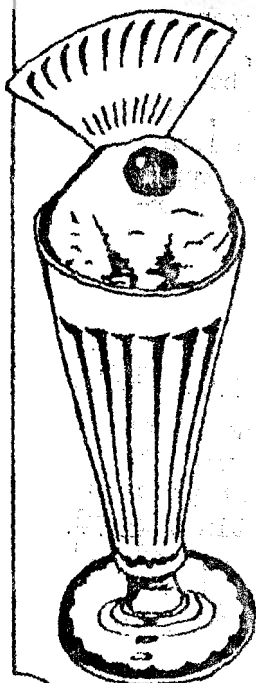
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NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22 June 1977

1. A letter was read out from the Secretary of the Primary School Parent Teachers Association giving details of the Chipping Norton Theatre Holiday Playscheme. The PC had earlier referred the Theatre's original approach to the Parent Teachers Association for consideration. The P.T.A. is already heavily committed to the upkeep of the school swimming pool, and felt that they could ill afford the £40 cost of the Playscheme. As the project had already proved successful in other villages last year, and the group was rapidly becoming booked up, the P.T.A. felt they had to move quickly to secure their appearance in Deddington. Half the cost has been paid by the Committee, and the remaining £20 has been guaranteed by four individual members while a donation is sought.

The P.T.A. felt that as the scheme will benefit all Deddington children up to the age of 11, and will provide a holiday project at a time when there is nothing else to involve the children, the Parish Council should associate themselves with the scheme in the interests of the whole village. The Chairman asked Councillors to think about the matter until the next meeting.
2. Following a Public Meeting held recently in Hempton to discuss the dangers of "The Gap" (the point at which the road narrows sharply on the Deddington side of the village), the Residents Association has put the following proposals before the Parish Council: 1. that road surface drainage should be improved; 2. that a well-sited mirror should be positioned on the Deddington side of the gap; 3. that a "Children Crossing" sign should be erected near the entrance to Hempton. The R.A. has been asked to provide detailed information regarding the hazards to enable further discussion to take place.
3. Co-option of a New Member: following last month's stalemate situation, the election was held again, with a final result of 6 votes for Mr. Brian Fuller, son of Councillor Charles Fuller, and 5 votes for former Councillor, Clifford Collin.
4. On matters arising from the Parish Meeting in May: 1. Mr. Drake asked for clarification as to future procedure in considering planning applications. Could a Councillor declaring interest be asked to stay to answer questions, or should the Council accept that they had acted illegally and go back to the rule book. Mr. Garrett's proposal that a member should be asked to retire completely from the meeting, to avoid possible embarrassment, was carried. 2. Allotments: Mr. Ward is to be asked to present to the next Council meeting his paper on the Allotments, to include allocation, management and proposed water supply.
5. An archaeological dig is being carried out on the Castle Grounds from now until 14th August. The Archaeology Department of Queens University Belfast who also excavated the site some time ago, is being asked to ensure that the ground is properly reinstated by the end of September and to send copies of the published results of both this and the earlier dig.
6. At the end of the meeting, the Council went into Committee to consider applications for the post of Clerk. Mr. Phillips had earlier resigned for personal reasons. Mrs. Patricia McFarlane of 2, Chapel Square, has taken on the post from 1st July. A Civil Servant who has served in Cyprus and Singapore, she is now a Clerical Officer with the Security Police at Upper Heyford.

Mary Robinson

DEDDINGTON MOTHERS

Calling all mothers with children under school age. We are hoping to start a Mother and Baby group in Deddington in September, meeting on Mondays for about an hour or so at the Holly Tree Club. So that we know the approximate numbers, if you are interested, please contact either Jackie Rafferty, Deddington 8135, or Bridget McGregor, Deddington 297, or call at Cornerways, Chapel Square.

BADMINTON CLUB

At a meeting held on June 16th by the Badminton Group at the Windmill Hall, it was decided that, as the trial period had proved so successful, to form the

Deddington Badminton Club.

Cliff Smith was voted Chairman, Bob Scott treasurer, Pauline Lightbody secretary.

The membership number is to be increased to 25 but the membership fee to remain at £5 each. This ensures 30 weeks and allowing for holidays and half-terms covers the year. The new sessions are to commence in September and all members must pay their fees to the Treasurer by July 31st. After that date any vacancy can be taken up by payment of the £5 fee to the Treasurer.

Anyone interested in joining the Deddington Badminton Club please contact Pauline Lightbody, 32 The Daedings, Deddington (Deddington 684). Places will be filled in order of application. Once all the places are taken a waiting list will be formed. Visitors can attend with a Club Member, but can only play if less than 16 Club Members are present. The visitors' fee remains at 30p.

It was agreed that Thursday is the most suitable evening so meetings will continue to be held on this day from 8 - 10 p.m. The Club decided to approach the Hall Committee about the possibility of members hiring the hall for private Badminton games. It is hoped the next year will be as successful as the last and that the Deddington Badminton Club can go from strength to strength.

Pauline Lightbody

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION RESULTS 1977 DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Junior A Division

| | | |
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| Sarah Floyd | 71 | 1st Class Certificate |
| Stephen Plumbe | 81 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Jeremy Gregory | 84 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Lisa Brain | 87 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Claire Cheeseman | 87 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Andrew Munson | 87 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Joanna Drake | 90 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| James Greenwood | 91 | Honours Certificate and Prize |

Junior B Division

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| Lisa Hancock | 72 | 1st Class Certificate |
| Karen Silver | 75 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Susan Fuller | 76 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Karen Brain | 76 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Lisa Gregory | 78 | Merit Certificate and Prize |
| Ruth Drake | 88 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Clare Floyd | 89 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Claire Howarth | 89 | Honours Certificate and Prize |

Senior A Division

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|------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Mary Coleman | 42 | 3rd Class Certificate |
| Felicity French | 49 | 3rd Class Certificate |
| Jacqueline Brain | 58 | 2nd Class Certificate |
| Susan Fisher | 65 | 1st Class Certificate |
| Helen Drake | 88 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Lorna Howarth | 90 | Honours Certificate and Prize |
| Ashley Drake | 91 | Honours Certificate and Prize |

DEDDINGTON LADIES

We all enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations, and in particular the carnival when our members were in fine vocal form! I cannot think WHAT attraction the Girls of St. Trinians held for the Banbury Guardian - printing their picture on the front page!

Everyone enjoyed our evening coach outing on 15th June to Woodstock and the Potato Pub - a great success.

At our last meeting the speaker was Mrs. Sue Baxter, Head of the Hairdressing and Beauty Department at the North Oxon College of Technology. Her subject was "Make-up and Beauty" and was presented in a very lively manner. The speaker passed on many useful and original ideas and tips and demonstrated a light summer make-up on our charming model Miss Jill Westbury. Thank you Jill.

Our next meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday August 3rd in the Holly Tree Club takes the form of a Garden Party, an annual event. Everyone is welcome - attractions include plant, bottle and cake stalls. Also good second-hand clothing, garden produce, bric-a-brac, books and of course various side-shows. Refreshments will be available and the Deddington Pottery will have a stand. All proceeds will go to the Social Services Chalet Fund - a holiday chalet for handicapped people and their families in New Milton. Mrs. Iris Goodacre, Director of Social Services in the Banbury area will be present as a representative of the Chalet Committee. The following meeting on Wednesday September 7th will be attended by a speaker from Radio Oxford.

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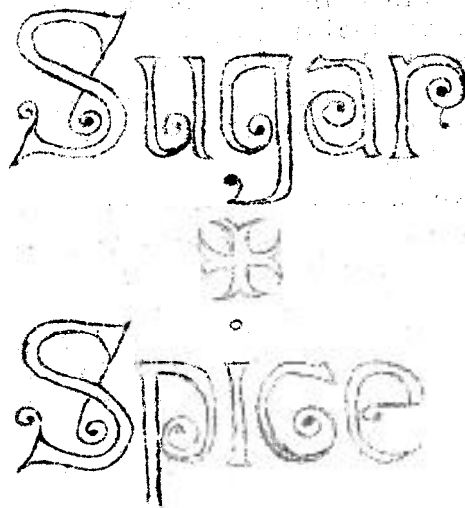
DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH

The Induction of the Rev. M. Nicholls took place at a Service held in the Deddington Church on June 22nd. The Church was filled to capacity with members from the other Churches in the circuit, namely, Fritwell, Barford, Souldern, and Syresham. We were pleased also to welcome many visitors who had travelled long distances to be with us, and visiting clergy.

Officiating at the Induction Ceremony were the General Secretary of the Wesleyan Reform Union, the Rev. D. Morris, and the President of the Union Mr. L. Cook from Bakewell. Refreshments were served at the close of the Service in the Schoolroom.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

We have two items of good news this month. Firstly, Chipping Norton Theatre are sending Pat Keyse of "Vision On", (the highly acclaimed BBC Television Programme for children) to run the Holiday Playscheme for the week 25th-29th July. This is to be held at the Windmill School Hall and is open to all Primary School age children in the Parish, regardless of where they actually go to school. Further details and publicity will be circulated by The Theatre. Three people over the age of 16 are needed to help her and if you are interested perhaps you would contact me at Deddington 609.

The second exciting piece of news we have is that we have achieved the ultimate ambition of P.T.A. Committees for the past four years or so, and that is to use the swimming pool during the summer holiday months. Although at the moment it will be open only to Deddington School children, we hope one day we can extend this.

Jill Cheeseman, Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, Although I am not a member of the Deddington School P.T.A. and have children too young to benefit from the scheme, I have been interested for some time in the efforts to put on the Chipping Norton Theatre group's drama week for children in Deddington during the first part of the school holidays.

I understand that the original information and booking details went some months ago to the Parish Council and that they in turn passed the matter on to the P.T.A. who have in various ways arranged to finance the venture. It is in my opinion very public spirited of the P.T.A., whose main function after all is to support the school, to take on a community venture of this kind. It is just the sort of thing that is very much needed in Deddington.

As the P.T.A. have small funds and considerable commitments to swimming pool maintenance at the school I hope they will not be left to saddle the whole burden of financing the scheme. I understand that as yet the Parish Council have made no decision as to their support, and I think that before it is too late it would be a nice gesture if they agreed to contribute towards the scheme. It is interesting that Bloxham Parish Council made a £15 grant to help their local P.T.A. put on the drama week last year and are doing the same this year.

It is worth noting that recently a certain amount of publicity was given to the fact that the Chipping Norton Theatre was struggling to make its way and I think that any kind of support from as many sources as possible can only give it more confidence in its difficult fight for survival. I would like to thank all those people who have been involved in arranging and financing the drama week to be held in Deddington this summer and I sincerely hope that their efforts will be duly acknowledged by the Parish Council in the form of a positive decision to assist the scheme. I also hope that one week will be a great success and enjoyed by all those who participate.

G. D. Tombs

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Many thanks to all the competitors who made the Fancy Dress such a colourful occasion and congratulations to the 'Tudor Rose' and the 'Beefeater' who were the winners. Very many thanks to Mrs. Palmer also who did the very difficult job of judging the very high standard of entries.

The Playgroup held a successful coffee evening on June 30th, making a profit of over £52. Thanks to all donators and helpers. The Playgroup summer term ends on July 15th and re-opens on September 5th.

Kath Morris