



*Cuddesdon churchyard, which was awarded the first prize in the general class in the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council best-kept village competition, reported in last Friday's Oxford Times. Rousham and Wendlebury were equal second with Begbroke fourth. The judges said of Cuddesdon churchyard that it was large but well maintained. Where areas were less closely cut, a clear edge of demarcation was left, which gave a sense of orderliness to the ground*

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## The Archbishop splashes out

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Robert Runcie made a bit of a splash when he returned to his old parish of Cuddesdon at the weekend.

Dr Runcie, who was visiting the village to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Cuddesdon parish church, baptised six babies after morning service yesterday.

He is pictured with, from left to right, Mrs Sandy Rutt and her daughter Phillipa, Mrs Sally Orris and Katherine, Mrs Jane Redfern and Zoe, Mrs Jennifer Long and

James, Mrs Marion West and Paul and Mrs Margaret Buswell and Thomas.

Dr Runcie was vicar of the parish and principal of the then Cuddesdon Theological College from 1960 to 1970.

After the service he visited the elderly and disabled in the parish. Dr Runcie took part in special services throughout the weekend held to mark the anniversary.

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