

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Rhoda Smith writes

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

In March the Anniversary Lunch was held at the Rose & Crown P.H. when 26 members enjoyed a delicious meal. The April meeting will be held on Friday 20 (and not the second Friday as usual). The competition will be a *small posy of spring garden or wild flowers*. The speaker will be Jean Appleby who will be demonstrating *polishing stones*.

Daphne Langton writes

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

At the February meeting, Tricia Norris spoke about the devotional care given to child patients and their parents at the Little Havens Hospice in South Essex. The sale of goods was well supported. On Wednesday 28 March members will be 'encouraged to gentle movement' by Sue Wilshaw.

The meeting will take place in the Assembly Rooms at 2.30 p.m.

On 25 April the Rev'd. Keith Lovell will be paying a return visit showing slides of Essex *Village Signs*.

Roy Padgham writes

## STOUR VALLEY U3A

Karen Svanson will be giving the monthly lecture on *Sir Alfred Munnings and his love of horses* on Wednesday 11 April, in the Constable Memorial Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt.

Robin Jackson writes

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 4 April the speaker will be Barry Gayton from Radio Norfolk who will be talking about *Drought Tolerant Plants*.

The *Spring Show* will be on Saturday 14 April in the Assembly Rooms. It will be open to the public from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Photographic topics will be: *A Village Street, Primroses, A flowering shrub or tree, Waterfowl, and a Horse or Horses*.



On Wednesday 2 May, at the AGM, their will be a talk on *Butterflies and Wild Flowers*. On Saturday 5 May there will be a *Bring & Buy Plant Sale* at the Royal Square between 8 and 12 noon. All evening meetings are in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m.

Jasmin Hicks writes

## DEDHAM VALE AONB PROJECT

*A walk in Ovington outskirts*  
Sunday 22 April 10 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
From Clare Castle Country Park we'll keep a look out for signs of Spring as we follow the Stour Valley Path to the outlying village of Ovington. Approx. 5½ miles - Moderate. Adult £3  
Children free. For further details, please contact us: ☎ 01473 264 263.  
[www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org](http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org)

If it serves the people of Dedham, your voluntary club or organisation is invited, space permitting, to report its news on this page.

## DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

[www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk](http://www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk)

e-mail: [office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk)

### VICAR

Gerard Moate *Vicar & Lecturer*  
The Vicarage, High Street, Dedham CO7 6DE 322 136

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Neil McShane *Churchwarden* 323 188  
Richard Hopkins *Deputy Churchwarden* 322 361  
Anthony Watson *Deputy Churchwarden* 853 139  
Mike Fisher *Financial Administrator* 01394 388 237  
Liz Nickerson *PCC Secretary* 272 204  
George Beeken *Verger* 865 264

### ASSISTANT MINISTER

Stuart Wilson *Reader Emeritus* 392 572

### MUSIC

Anthony Watson *Director of Music* 853 139  
George Fulcher *Assistant Organist* 250 256

### CHURCH GROUPS

Richard & Elizabeth Hopkins *Junior Church* 322 361  
Vivien Chapman *Dedham Ladies' Fellowship* 308 549

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Sally Gotelee *Co-ordinator* 322 652  
Barbara Ward *Weddings* 337 242

### DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

Parish Office *Editorial & Advertising* 322 136  
Jason Partrick *Noticeboard* 323 139

### PARISH OFFICE at the Vicarage

2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. **Monday - Thursday**  
Betty Cox, Liz Nickerson, Joan Edwards  
*Secretarial Support Team*

### DEDHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

[www.dedham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.dedham.essex.sch.uk)  
Mr Christopher Bailey *Chairman* 230 404  
Mrs Carolyn Clayton *Headteacher* 322 242

### DEDHAM ASSEMBLY ROOMS

[www.dedham-assemblyrooms.info](http://www.dedham-assemblyrooms.info)  
Mrs Tracy Woods *Clerk to the Trustees* 323 921  
Mr Andrew Hodson *Caretaker* 07968 445 572

DEDHAM  
PARISH  
MAGAZINE

**April  
2007**

**Copy deadline for  
MAY edition:  
11 April**

SUNDAY  
SERVICES

**8.30 a.m.**

Holy Communion BCP  
Every Sunday (not August)

**10.30 a.m.**

Family Service  
1st Sunday in month

Morning Worship CW  
2nd & 5th Sundays

Holy Communion CW  
3rd Sunday in month

Morning Prayer BCP  
4th Sundays

**6.30 p.m.**

Evening Prayer BCP

JUNIOR  
CHURCH

10.15 a.m.

Family Service in Church

1st Sunday in month

In the Assembly Rooms  
on all other Sundays  
during school terms

*Details of the usual pattern of services can be found on Page 1. Special, additional, or changes to services are given below:*

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

### **PALM SUNDAY — 9 APRIL**

10.30 a.m. *Family Service & Distribution of Palms*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY — 5 APRIL**

8 p.m. *Agape - A Fellowship Meal*

### **GOOD FRIDAY — 6 APRIL**

12 noon - 3 p.m. **Vigil**

*'Power & Passion'*

Six Characters in Search of Resurrection



### **EASTER DAY — 8 APRIL**

6.00 a.m. *Sunrise Service (on top of the Tower) followed by breakfast at The Vicarage*

8.30 a.m. *Holy Communion BCP*

10.30 a.m. *Parish Communion CW*

6.30 p.m. *Holy Communion CW*



### **SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER — 15 APRIL**

10.30 a.m. *Morning Worship CW*

6.30 p.m. **NO SERVICE**

### **THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER — 22 APRIL**

10.30 a.m. *Morning Prayer BCP*

### **FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER — 29 APRIL**

12.15 a.m. *Annual Parochial Meeting*

*in the Assembly Rooms*

**ALL OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES AS USUAL**

## **DEDHAM ANGELS**

Sister Gabriel of the Walsingham House Retreat Team based in Canvey Island visited Dedham Parish Church in February 1997. She kindly left at the Parish Office the following extract from *The Tablet* (the Roman Catholic magazine) which it published on 4th July, 1964. We re-printed it ten years ago and, following several questions about it, is re-printed here again.

The 'angels' in question maybe the ones in moulded stone above the reredos, or screen behind the communion table, most of which have lost the detail of the moulding, except one which is a lighter colour than the others. Or, they could be some wooden ones which preceded the present carved angels in the chancel placed there in the 1960s.

### DEDHAM ANGELS



*Is it from length of service  
these angels have no faces;  
Did time and staring wear them away?  
Here, inside, protected, rain and frost  
could never fret or split or break them so.  
This work is surely time's  
and man's combined.  
For, where man entered  
either he destroyed  
The original or shaped with such intent  
As time confirms, so that we cannot know -  
who see most history  
still without the book -  
If they devoted once less than themselves  
who now show only where,  
not how, they look.*

J.J. Curle

**AWE AND WONDER**

The Primary School children who went to London last month saw much that could touch their sense of 'awe and wonder' (see report on page 5). Charles Wesley wrote a great hymn with the same theme, one which has established itself as a firm favourite since it was first published in 1739. It begins:

*And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?*

On the morning he became a Christian, in 1738, he had read Martin Luther's commentary on *Galatians* chapter 2. When he came to verse 20 he was particularly struck by,

*'the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.'*

Luther had advised, 'Reader, put your name there'. So Charles did, and read 'He loved me – Charles Wesley – and gave himself for me – Charles Wesley.' In that moment the Holy Spirit made clear to him the great Bible doctrine of Jesus Christ's atoning death and, in that moment, Charles (in his own words) found himself 'at peace with God.'

In this way Charles realised that true Christian faith is not just a general or vague belief in Christ, but rather it is faith in His Death and Resurrection.

In the months which followed his conversion, Charles witnessed to the crowds that flocked to hear his brother John and himself preaching 'Christ crucified and risen again'. He captures his own and St. Paul's amazement at such amazing grace in the words,

*Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Using the account of St. Peter's imprisonment recorded in Acts of the Apostles 4, Charles describes the sinner as though a prisoner, but Christ comes by His Spirit and sets them free,

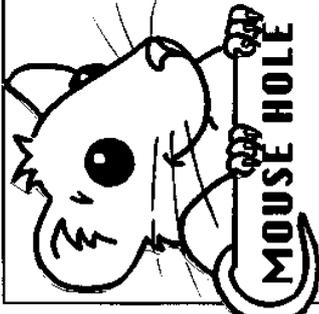
*Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

Amazing grace indeed. For you. For me. For all who believe in Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about the heart of the Christian faith, you should consider coming for part or all of the Good Friday service, where you will hear about the atoning death of Christ, and for one of the services on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate His rising to life again.

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

*Based on an article by Dr H B McGonigle,  
Senior Lecturer at a College in Manchester.*





**MOUSE HOLE**

Eggs are given at Easter as a symbol of the new life we can have with Jesus.

**Speckled Eggs**  
Colour boiled eggs by adding a few drops of food colouring to the water just before they have finished boiling. When cool, dab on diluted food colouring with a sponge to make a speckled effect.

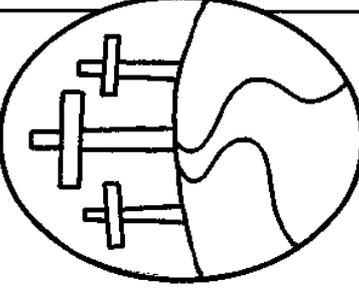
**Egg Games**  
Decorate hardboiled eggs with friends, then roll them down a hill to see who's can roll the farthest without cracking!

Enlarge the pictures from the Easter story by 200%. • Glue on card and cut out.  
• Glue the words onto the other side.  
• String together to make a mobile.

**The Easter Story**  
On a donkey, here's God's King!  
"Hosanna, Hosanna" the people sing.



But soon they say "He's telling lies, he's not God's Son, so he must die!"



But three days later, where is he? He has risen for all to see!



He is God's Son, He is our King, "Hosanna, Hosanna" God's people sing!

Read the Easter story in Matthew chapters 21, 26, 27 and 28



## Tower Flag Days this Month



- ✓ **Sunday 1 April** Palm Sunday
- ✓ **Friday 6 April** Good Friday
- ✓ **Sunday 8 April** Easter Day
- Saturday 21 April** H.M. Queen's Birthday ✓
- ✓ **Monday 23 April** St. George's Day

## ELECTORAL ROLL 2007

**A full revision on the Church Electoral Roll is under way. If you are a worshipper at the Parish Church please collect an application form (kept near the Choir Vestry) and complete it before Easter Day.**

## From the Registers

### BAPTISMS

4 March 2007 Oliver Samuel HULL  
Henrietta Julia WILBRAHAM

### WEDDING

10 March 2007 James Paul MADDISON & Claire Marie LIDDAMORE

### INTERMENT of ASHES

11 March 2007 Percival Walter CHISNALL (87)

Friends of Dedham Church  
charity No. 1103634  
[www.friendsofdedhamchurch.org](http://www.friendsofdedhamchurch.org)

## CHARITY GOLF DAY



**Hintlesham Golf Club**  
**Tuesday 15 May 2007**



We are holding a fund-raising Golf Day at Hintlesham Golf Club and would like to thank the Club for the generosity and support they have shown.

The format will be a pairs Stableford Better Ball competition, off full handicap (max. 28 for men and 36 for ladies), played in groups of four. There will be a 'shotgun start' at 9.30 a.m. There is a limit of 72 competitors. Coffee and bacon rolls will be available on arrival from 8 a.m. and there will be a two-course lunch, and a prize-giving at about 4 p.m., after the round.

Prizes will be awarded to the top four pairs and there will also be 'nearest the pin' on the 6th and 10th, and 'nearest the pin in two' on the 16th hole.

The cost of the day will be £35 a head.

We look forward to welcoming you to this new Golf Day - and thank you in advance for your support.

**BOOKING FORMS** from Mrs Beth Mitchell ☎ 01206 322 072

( Players requiring buggies should contact the Club in advance: ☎ 01473 656 006)



# THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE!

A FARCE BY JOHN DIGHTON



18th-21st APRIL 2007

7-45pm Assembly Rooms, Dedham  
Tickets £6.50 from

W A HOOD Newsagents

01206 323160

## THE DEDHAM PLAYERS



## Muniment Room Society

The next meeting of the Society will take place at The Vicarage on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10 'o'clock and will end at Noon.

All who have an interest in the history of Dedham are welcomed to attend.

## PLANTS SALE

Bank Holiday Monday

28 May 2007

@

Dedham Parish Church



### To the Top of the City

The next stop was a great contrast: a gleaming steel and glass tower, the former NatWest bank headquarters, now called Tower 42. By kind invitation of Dedham resident Christopher Wheeler, who works for a firm in the building, the group was whisked to the 39th floor, presently without tenants, and shown the view from 'the highest available space in London'. A 270° panorama, on a perfect day for views, meant that all of the London valley could be seen, including the new Wembley stadium to the West, Alexandra Palace to the North and Greenwich to the South and East.

### A Magnificent Creation

Final stop was St. Paul's Cathedral. Lunch in the churchyard, where several Dads who work in the City came to meet their children, followed by a climb to the Gallery above the Dome. A well-earned rest in the Choir, as the group appreciated, by laying on the floor, the 7 million pieces of glass forming the ceiling illustrations of Genesis. Peter Davis, who lives in Langham, was on hand to greet us; he is a Wandsman, or steward and guide in the cathedral. Two staff from the education department took the group to several places from which the general public are excluded. Back on the bus for 3.15 p.m. and home again for 5.30 p.m. All in all - a truly great day out.

### A GREAT DAY OUT

Some 52 Dedham Primary School pupils, together with their teachers, assistants and a few others including Headmistress Carolyn Clayton, went to London as guests of the William Burkitt Charity. On a double-decker bus, supplied by Beestons of Hadleigh, they set off a little after 8 a.m. and despite heavy traffic in central London arrived at Lambeth Palace at 10.30 a.m.

### A Home for the Archbishop

Shown into the Great Hall, the centrepiece of the Archbishops' Library, several of the Library staff had prepared an exhibition especially for the visit; two large display cabinets

contained a number of items with Dedham connections - among them the Title Deed of the Vicarage, plans of the proposed changes to the Vicarage in 1907, (which were made a year later), and a newspaper cutting and photograph of the day in the 1970s when the children walked from their old building in School Lane to their new one in Parsons Field. The Vicar was not alone in being fascinated by these archives, which have not seen daylight for many years. The tour

included the historic Guardroom and finished with refreshments in the Great Hall.



## LOCAL NEWSROUND

### NOT A MARATHON

Being in church for an hour is enough to tax the patience of many people, so the idea of coming to a service which is *three hours* long may seem far from attractive. And yet, from when the Good Friday Vigil was re-introduced some twelve years ago, it has proved to be one of the most popular services.

To reassure those who have never been, you don't have to stay for the whole time. Beginning at exactly 12 noon, there are natural breaks every half-an-hour, so you could come and go as you wish, with no-one thinking that it was odd you were leaving. But be warned; people have said that they came expecting to stay for only an hour and found themselves staying for all three.

The mixture of quiet (which is achieved partly by closing the church to visitors for the morning leading up to the service), great music (some of it with a real 'tingle factor') and readings and prayers which go to the very heart of the Christian faith, go a long way to explain why the Parish Church was built in Dedham and has been sustained here for hundreds of years. This year the theme will be *Power & Passion - Six People in Search of Resurrection*, and will look at the events of the first Good Friday through the eyes of some who were involved.



### SUNRISE SERVICE

As if a three-hour service was not discouragement enough - how about one which starts at 6 'o'clock in the morning? For the first time ever, as far as we know, there will be a service of Holy Communion *on top of the Tower* on Easter Sunday morning! The church will be open at 5.45 a.m. Meeting in the church, worshippers will be escorted up our 132 newly-restored steps to the top of the tower. There's bound to be some wag who will call it "High Mass", but in truth it will be a simple fellowship celebration in a spectacular place. But please note that for security, while the people are up aloft, the *doors of the church will be locked at 6.15 a.m.*, until the service is over. Afterwards, all who attend are invited to come back to the Vicarage for breakfast. To help Margarita to plan for the occasion it would be a good if you would let her know if you plan to attend this service.

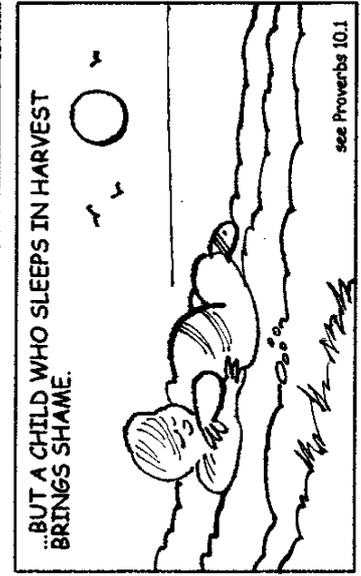
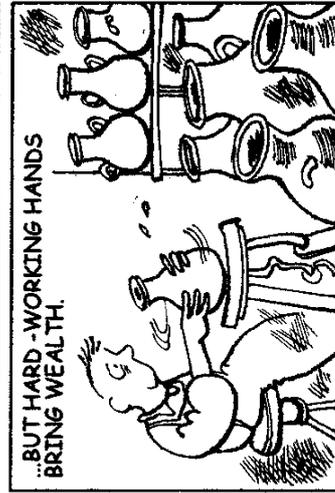
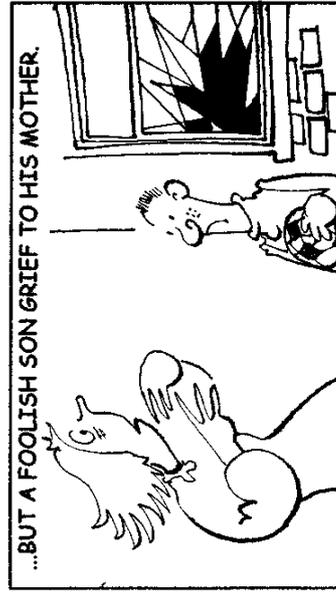
*John Mitson reports*

### ARSON ATTEMPTS

Sadly, there appears to have been two deliberate attempts to set fire to the Duch Barn Community Centre. Burnt newspapers and charred timber are the evidence. Although no-one was seen doing it, the building is now under increased surveillance. It would also be good if anyone passing by on the Drift would take note of those who are near the building at times when it is not being used, and report anything suspicious to me or the police.

# Picture Proverbs

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS IS A COLLECTION OF 'WISE SAYINGS FROM THE HEART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.



see Proverbs 10.1

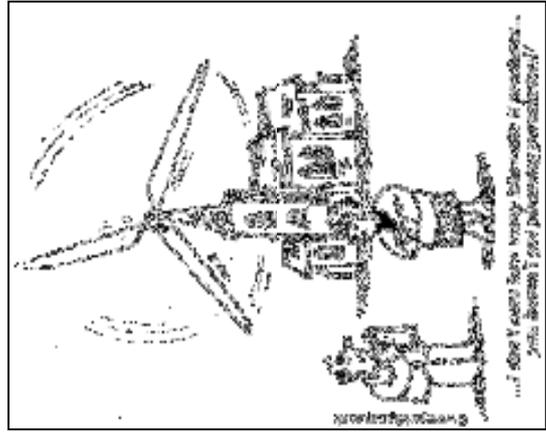
Fred Merrin writes

## ARDLEIGH SURGERY

One of our practice nurses, Catherine Arter, has taken a nursing post in Ipswich, which is nearer to her home, and has left on this Surgery.

We are pleased to inform patients that we have appointed a new Practice Nurse, Michelle Black, who took up her post in March. We are also pleased to report that Kate Strowbridge, our Nurse Practitioner has successfully obtained an M.Sc degree in Advanced Clinical Practice (Primary Care Nursing) from Essex University, following two years of study.

The surgery extension is on target to be completed by the end of April. It will provide an additional consulting room, medical record storage and office space.



Christine Henderson writes

## NATIONAL AWARD

It was with great pleasure that Dedham Headmistress Mrs Clayton, Head Girl Louise Armstrong and Head Boy Harry Willsher attended a special ceremony in Chelmsford to receive the National Healthy Schools Award.



**Healthy School**

The William Burkitt Charity funded a special visit to Lambeth Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral for all the children of Years 5 and 6. [ See report on page 5 ]

Once again the Primary School has been very sporty. Speed Mark gave all the children, and some teachers, the opportunity to see how many miles-per-hour they could kick a football.

Years 3 & 4 are having specialist volleyball coaching. While Years R, 3, 4 & 5 are benefiting from the school sports-partnership coaching programme. Reception class taught their teddy bears how important it is to exercise, imagining taking them to 'Florida and Disneyland'. Year 6 took part in a Basketball Festival at Manningtree High School, where one team reached the play-offs. This is all part of building a successful School.



Jeannette East writes

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dedham C of E School has always valued its partnership with parents, carers and the local community. We are therefore exploring an exciting new leadership strategy called *Effective Partnerships with Parents (EPPa)*. We hope to get an Action Team established soon. *EPPa* is a strategy to help develop effective partnerships between parents, schools and their communities. It is based upon the belief that an informed and supportive parent body will do a great deal to raise standards in school and also help children to achieve their full potential. *EPPa* offers a different approach from current thinking and practice, in that it is the parents who provide the leadership, working with the school staff, governors and the local community.

Parish Councillor John Osborn writes

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Members were pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Ann Cannon to serve for the duration of the present Council.

## HIGHWAYS IN DEDHAM

Although the news is yet to be officially confirmed, there are strong indications that the urgent need to re-surface roads including Castle Hill and others throughout the Parish is to be included in the 2007/8 budget. This welcome information should mean that vital work will now be completed sooner than was earlier thought.

## ROYAL SQUARE

Following a further site visit, the matter of the vehicle barrier across the Drift from Royal Square was again fully discussed, with neighbouring householders adding useful contributions. A perception that without a barrier of some sort the Drift could become less safe, together with the extra cost of the telescopic-post option, narrowly prevailed. The Council voted to change the precise pedestrian access point in a newly-refurbished barrier.

## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The decision to use the Parish precept to partly fund a Dedham-based Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), due to commence work within the next few weeks and made after much discussion over the past nine months, was further vindicated when it was learned that on two occasions attempts had been made to set fire to the Duchy Barn Community Centre. This popular venue for local people, and the likely base for our PCSO, was not badly damaged but the news did focus attention on the need to protect it.



## NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007. Minutes of all meetings can be seen by accessing the Web site:

[dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Ten Years Ago April 1997**

Several changes were announced for the Primary School: Mr Roderick Knott to retire as Deputy Head, and Mrs Carolyn Clayton to succeed him; Mr Dell Bower had been invited to join the Governors and Mr Lee Lawson to join the teaching staff from September. The school saw pupils go on to a variety of senior schools, including five to Colchester Royal Grammar, two to Colchester High School for Girls, and two won scholarships to Ipswich School (including the first-ever girl to win its Queen's Scholarship) and two went to Ipswich School for Girls. A poem about the 'Dedham Angels' which had been printed in *The Tablet* in 1964, was sent to this Magazine and re-printed here. [It is again - see page 15]

**Fifty Years Ago April 1957**

Concern was expressed that if the membership of the Tennis Club was not increased then it would have to close; a new carpet for the sanctuary was provided as a 'thank offering' [it is still there]; the County examiner had inspected the horse chestnut tree in front of the church and advised that 'a close watch' be kept 'as it might be necessary to take off one of the limbs at the end of the year'; milk-bottle tops were being collected for the Church Fabric Fund and it was pointed out that 'it would be very helpful if the tops were washed beforehand'.

**A Century Ago April 1907**

The Bishop of St. Alban's confirmed 28 candidates, of whom 26 were from Dedham; the Rev'd C.A. Jones 'kindly allowed the candidates to pass through the Vicarage garden from the Schoolroom [so he, and not the Vicar, the Rev'd F. Given-Wilson, must have been in residence...]; the Bishop 'stayed the night at Lower Park', with W.V. Hewitt, [who later was to become the first Diocesan Secretary of the new Diocese of Chelmsford]; notice was given that 'a cart will go round the parish...to collect parcels' for the Jumble Sale and donors were assured of discretion since 'as all are mixed up together no one in the least knows...whence in particular they come'.



**PENNY POT  
COTTAGES**  
from  
**STRATFORD  
ROAD**

One of several hand-coloured Magic Lantern slides bought for the Monument Room last month, the photograph is thought to date from c.1895. It shows a large shop front where *Ramplins* cottage is now.

**THE 'FAMOUS MULBERRY TREE' 600 YEARS OLD**  
**CHURCH HOUSE, DEDHAM** [pictured in last month's Magazine]

Judith Fowle wrote to say that *Loom House*, in Royal Square, was called *Church House* until the 1930s. It was also at some time called *Cheese House*. According to Lucy Archer, local historian Canon Gerald Rendall had a theory that the site of the present house was once a dairy for the Manor. The 'famous mulberry tree' survived until the 1980s, when it was sawn up into many pieces (a victim of the 1987 gale?) A small descendant of the tree survives in the same garden to this day. A 'short bird's hop' from the original, in the garden of Mill House, is a mature and very productive mulberry tree which is also probably related to the great tree. George Beeken also remembered the tree and the Howard family who lived there until the 1940s, and changed the name to its present one. Tony Clover also wrote on the subject. Thank you all.