

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Vivien Chapman writes:

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Members recently visited the Little Havens Children's Hospice in Thundersley, near Southend, on one of their Open Days. Their Community Fundraiser, Tricia Norris, gave a talk. A sense of calm and peace was felt by all. We were shown around the rooms and gardens and viewed the wide range of facilities available. Later we went to the Salvation Army HQ at Hadleigh, near Southend, to enjoy lunch and the lovely views across the estuary. They also have a rare breeds farm which offers work and training for people with disabilities. This seemed busy and popular, especially with young families. During the meeting in September members packed boxes for the Christmas 'Shoebbox' Appeal.

On Wednesday 28 November at 3 p.m. there will be a Tea Party, with an entertainer, in the Assembly Rooms. Our Christmas lunch is booked for 12.30 on Wednesday 5 December at the Rose and Crown, Dedham.

Betty Cox writes:

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 5 December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, we are holding our Christmas meeting which includes wine, mince pies, Christmas cake and soft drinks. Tickets are £4, and all are welcome. On 6 February 2008 we will be having a demonstration of *Bonsai* by Darren Mackay. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good gardening for 2008.

Rhoda Smith writes:

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

The December meeting will be a lunch at the *Rose and Crown* on Friday 14 December, 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. There will be a raffle.

Friday 8 January will be our first meeting of 2008. The Stratford St Mary hand bell-ringers will provide the entertainment. For any new members wishing to join the Club, our meetings are the second Friday each month, in the Sports Pavilion, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. All are very welcome to come along.



We take this opportunity to thank the Contributors, Advertisers, Printer, Sorters and Delivery volunteers, and all who make this Parish Magazine possible and worthwhile - and that includes you, the Readers!

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you.

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Wed 16 Jan

**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

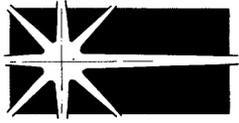
6.30 p.m.

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



◆ **SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS** ◆
23 December

10.30 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE
The Junior Church will be involved in leading this service.

6.30 p.m. CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
A traditional service for all ages
☆ **Please bring a torch with you...** ☆

◆ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ◆
6 p.m. CRIB SERVICE
For children and the young at heart

The service not to miss – do come early to be sure of a seat!

11.00 p.m. FIRST COMMUNION of CHRISTMAS
A service from Common Worship
☆ **Please note the time of the start.** ☆

◆ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ◆
10.30 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
*A devotional and contemporary focus
for families on this festival day*

◆ **SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS 30 December** ◆
10.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER
A traditional-language service

☆ **N.B. There will be NO 8.30 a.m. or 6.30 p.m. service on this day** ☆

◆ **EPIPHANY 6 January** ◆
8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP
6.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

Primary School

Christine Henderson writes:

Just as we were settling into our autumn term we received a phone call informing us that Ofsted would be inspecting the overall effectiveness of the school - a full inspection! That was Monday morning, the inspector would be in Wednesday; schools only get two days notice, so they see us as we are!

The children and school came up trumps. After a thorough investigation the inspector concluded: 'This is a good school where pupils' personal development and well-being are outstanding and standards are typically exceptionally high. The school's success stems from good leadership, management and governance, which over many years has maintained many successful, traditional aspects of education.'

We see this as a 'team' effort, the staff, children and parents all working together to establish a long love of learning. Well done to everyone.

Answers to Christmas Quiz:

1. St Nicholas
2. Henry Cole.
3. Prague.
4. For a census.
5. David J. Evans (b.1957).
6. 'Converse', by Charles Converse (1832-1918).
7. Christina G. Rossetti (1830-94).
8. St Matthew 1: 23

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

To let children and the young at heart reflect on how they would feel to have been part of the original Christmas story.

Bethlehem was packed with people
On the night of Jesus' birth.
But not many of them were quite aware
That God's Son had come on earth.

How do you think the shepherds felt
As they sat quietly with their sheep?
Angel Gabriel had said "Go quickly
To find a baby, fast asleep".

I expect they were frightened -
Well, so would you and so would I,
If we looked up and saw some angels
Flying high across the sky.

The wise men travelled night and day
To find this special little boy.
His birth had long been prophesied
And he brought the world such joy.

What an important job the star had
Leading people to the place
Where the ox and ass and little lambs
Looked down upon his face.

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A TIME TO REJOICE

At this time of year we are all busy, yet must make time to remember the significance of the Christmas message. At the centre of Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ, which many sadly overlook as they worry about what to cook for their families and what gifts to buy for their children. However, the true Christmas message is one of hope, rather than just a time of jollity. Rejoice by all means, but recall why we do so and carry this with you all year round.

Worrying is, of course, only human. Yet, after a recent stay in hospital I was reminded that it is only by the grace of God that we live at all. Many of our worries are not ultimately very important and nothing is altered by worrying, except perhaps spoiling enjoyment of the present day. When troubles come observing the beautiful changes of the seasons may work wonders in calming the inner spirit when we feel the need to escape our concerns.

Perhaps we would all be wise to remember the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, chapter 4, verses 4-7: 'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about

anything ... the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'

We all have problems, and St. Paul was no exception. Nevertheless, if we follow his advice this Christmas and rejoice in the birth of Jesus we can start to make the world a better place. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us the good news that God loves us all. By being gentle and peaceful and worrying less this Christmas time we may all see the Christmas message more clearly.



Further evidence that we should rejoice and worry less, not just at Christmas, but all year round, is found in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6, verses 25-34, where Jesus tells us: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear'. So this Christmas try not to worry about those last minute preparations; God knows our needs and can be relied on to supply them. Place your reliance in the Lord, rejoice for the right reasons and celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Chris Slocombe
Guest Editor

LOCAL NEWSROUND

THANK YOU, GEORGE...

George Beeken has been the Verger of Dedham Parish Church for more than a decade. As he approaches his 80th birthday, and because his wife Beryl is not in the best of health, he has decided to retire.

George has organised much of the practical side of our worship effectively and discretely, to the extent that perhaps many have been unaware of all his hard work. In addition, for several days each week he has been the chief steward, welcoming the many visitors warmly, as our Visitors' Book testifies. George is a remarkable person who knows, and remembers, people and events going back more than 60 years.

His service to the Church and to this community has been done on a voluntary basis, and without any break. The Vicar, Churchwardens, and PCC are most grateful to him for his loyalty and service over the years. This fine example will be difficult to replace. A formal 'thank you' to George will be made early in the New Year.

...AND LIZ

Liz Nickerson has been the 'Thursday afternoon lady' in the Parish Office for getting on for eight years. Each week her voluntary secretarial skills have been of particular help to the Vicar. However, as she has reported to the Annual Church Meeting, the work of the Parish Office is far from limited to church matters. In the Office she has served the village of Dedham and the other villages of the deanery of Dedham and Tey. Among her many duties, printing and collating have been her speciality. In recent years she has combined this service with being PCC Secretary. Liz will be stepping down from the Parish Office after the Christmas 'rush'. The Vicar, Churchwardens, and PCC are most grateful to her for all that she has given through these years of service.

VACANCIES

The retirements reported above create vacancies for Christian service in this community. Can YOU help?

From the Registers 2007

FUNERAL

1 November 2007 George Hurst FOSTER (73)
2 November 2007 Clifford William WELCH C.B.E. (82)



PRIZE CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

'CAN' YOU FIND THE 'NAC'?

The following ten pairs of words have three letters in common. Fill in the blank spaces to make twenty different words according to the definitions given below. N.B. The order of these has been jumbled.

If you think you have managed that successfully, then send your completed list with your name and contact details to the Parish Office by **Saturday 12 January 2008** and you may win the £25 Prize.

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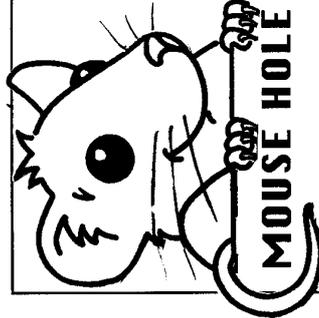


DEFINITIONS

To cheat or swerve / decreed, made law / year-book / smallest sovereign state / an independent melody / empty and available / threatened / cutlery case / *Beta vulgaris* - a kind of beet / outer casing of an aircraft engine / mysterious / a lake in New York / to solicit orders or votes / malicious gossip / scrutinized / the establisher of a law / enclosed fire-place / the hue of mother-of-pearl / a pedestrian-operated crossing with traffic lights / a handcuff.

THE WINNER

A £25 Book Token from *Dedham Bookshop* or £25 to spend in the *Dedham Gourmet* will be given to the person who provides the first correct set of answers "drawn from the Vicar's hat" on Sunday 13 January 2008.



MOUSE HOLE

Pick-up Sticks

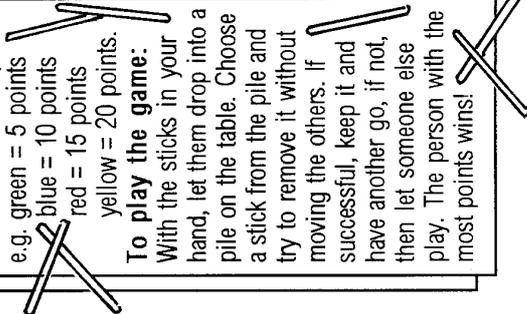
'Pick-up Sticks' is a game that's been played for hundreds of years.

You can make your own Pick-up Sticks from a packet of wooden skewers, or for a miniature set, use a box of wooden cocktail sticks.

Colour the sticks different colours, with felt pen or paint, to represent a different number of points.

- e.g. green = 5 points
- blue = 10 points
- red = 15 points
- yellow = 20 points.

To play the game: With the sticks in your hand, let them drop into a pile on the table. Choose a stick from the pile and try to remove it without moving the others. If successful, keep it and have another go, if not, then let someone else play. The person with the most points wins!



The Man in the Tree
With Jesus passing through the town,
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zacchaeus couldn't see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
Said "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea".

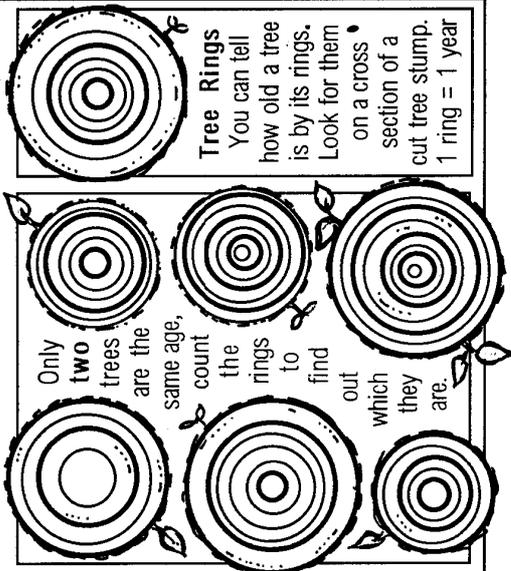
Zacchaeus climbed down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus to his door,
Amazed the Lord would want to be
With such a liar and cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for all he'd done,
Said "Lord I'll pay back everyone,
Half I own I give to the poor,
Those I've cheated get four times more."

Jesus said "Today you are saved!"
Zacchaeus replied "May God be praised!"



Read the full story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10



Tree Rings
You can tell how old a tree is by its rings. Look for them on a cross section of a cut tree stump.
1 ring = 1 year

Parish Councillor John Osborn reports-

New Notice Boards

Following discussion at an earlier Parish Council meeting councillors agreed to bid for funds to replace all five of Dedham's notice boards with secure and well designed boards giving more display potential and avoiding the occasional inappropriate fly-posting of the past. The replaced boards, situated in and around the village, date back many years in most cases and were becoming increasingly damaged and ineffective. The bid, submitted to the Colchester Borough Council/ECC Parish/Town Grant Scheme, was successful and the boards, which were installed in late October, now give information of local interest and for the first time an OS map giving details of all of the 45 footpaths of Dedham Parish. There will generally be space available for local people to display details of events in the village and beyond and other advertisements. If wishing to do so residents are asked to give five hard copies of their notice to the Parish Clerk or a member of the Parish Council. Addresses of all local representatives are displayed on the boards.

Dedham Surgery

With the construction of 110 metres of pavement along Manningtree Road, completed a month or two ago, the surgery building, officially opened in December 2006, has finally become available for use. The moves to get a GP presence back in the village will continue into the future with the high-profile efforts of local MP Bernard Jenkin being maintained. A meeting of the Dedham Patients Steering Group will be called as soon as any decision about a GP, or other health-related user, can be reported upon.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9 January 2008 at 7.30pm. There is not expected to be a meeting during December.

LOCAL NEWSROUND

Judith Fowle writes

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Dedham Village Design Statement was accepted by the Colchester Borough Council and implemented as a Planning Guidance Note on Thursday 25 October 2007.

We intend to 'launch' it on Saturday 24 November 2007 at 11 a.m. in Royal Square. It should have 'landed on everyone's doormat' by the middle of December. If you have not received a copy by the third week of December please contact us ☎ 322 938 or ✉ 323 370, and we will send you a copy.

The Statement is, in theory, for the next ten years. Consequently we will may be short of copies, so please return unwanted copies to Loom House. Thanks to those who have helped in so many ways over the last two years in producing this document.

A Directory of Clubs, Trusts and Organisations

This publication was sent to all households within Dedham earlier this year.

Please could changes of name, telephone number, e-mail or other alterations be notified to us as soon as possible.

Notify us at: The Parish Office, The Vicarage, High Street, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6DE
office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

Thank you for your assistance in keeping this valuable guide up to date.

NOTICEBOARD

A series of font word-puzzles or **Fuzzles**. Which phrase is conveyed by this?

FUZZLE

SPANIEL
MONGREL
TERRIER
WHIPPET
TOY POODLE
FOX HOUND
SCOTTIE

Answer at bottom of page 19

MOBILE LIBRARY

will visit Dedham
on Friday

14 & 28 December

	Current times		New times	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
Royal Square	9.45	10.25	9.15	9.55
Parsons Field	10.30	10.50	10.15	10.35
Dedham Meade	11.10	11.40	10.40	11.10

The new times come into effect on 2 January 2008.



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office closes on **Wednesday 19 December**
and opens again on **Monday 7 January 2008**

There will be a

QUIZ EVENING

in the Assembly Rooms

Saturday 9 February 2008, at 7.30 p.m.

Local activity groups, clubs and societies representing organisations in the village are invited to enter teams of six participants and compete for the 'Dedham Quiz Cup'.

Tickets, priced at only £6,
include light refreshments during the interval.
Wine, beer and soft drinks from the bar.

Contact: Betty Cox ☎ 323 192 Dot Garner ☎ 272 599

Proceeds will be donated to Acorn Village, Mistley and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

COME & ENJOY

A

BIG SCOTTISH BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

26 JANUARY 2008

Assembly Rooms, Dedham

8.30 a.m. until Noon

Tickets £6.50 on the door
(donation for the under 10s)

**Used Postage Stamps
= Cash for a Hospice**

Last year £4,000 was raised for St
Elizabeth Hospice through
re-selling used postage stamps.

Please send your used stamps to:

**Mrs M J Bourne
28 Woods Lane
Melton**

Woodbridge IP12 1PH

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from the envelope or card, leaving a
small border around the edge.*

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

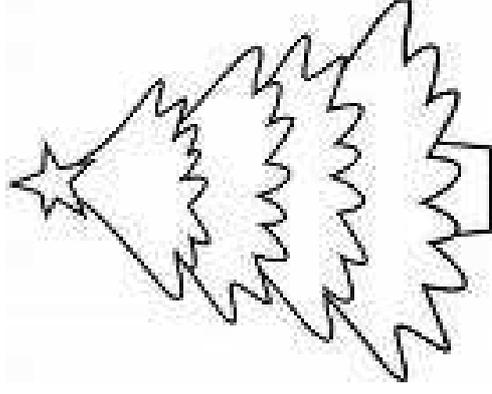
Dedham Parish Church

1st - 2nd December

Come and see all the festive trees.

Vote for your favourite.

Entrance £2 adults, children free



Dickensian Market

**Saturday 1st December
4 pm - 7 pm on the High Street**

Hog roast Brass Band craft stalls **Games**

Santa's Grotto

Spectacular Stampet Raffle

Shops open & Much, Much More!

Tables can be booked through
Alison Phillips ☎ 01206 323 948

All Proceeds to Dedham (C of E) Primary School

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

Given, not lent,
And not withdrawn - once sent,
This infant of mankind, this one,
Is still the little welcome Son.

New every year,
New born and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long;

Even as the cold
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green.

Sudden as sweet
Come the expected feet.

All joy is young, and new all art,
And he, too, whom we have by heart.

Alice Meynell (1847-1922)

THAT HOLY THING

They were all looking for a king
...To slay their foes and lift them high:
Thou cam'st, a little baby thing
...That made a woman cry.

O Son of Man, to right my lot
...Naught but Thy presence can avail;
Yet on the road Thy wheels are not,
...Nor on the sea Thy sail!

My how or when Thou wilt not heed,
...But come down Thine own secret
stair,
That thou mayst answer all my need -
...Yea, every bygone prayer.

George MacDonald (1824-1905)

QUICK CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. The Bishop of Myra, 4th century A.D., is commonly known as?
2. Who sent the first Christmas card?
3. In which city is St Wenceslas Square to be found?

Wenceslas Square to be found?
4. Why did Joseph and Mary have to go to Bethlehem?

5. Who wrote the words for hymn, 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord?'

Thoughts on Christmas

The Friends of Dedham Church invite you to start the Christmas festivities with an evening of humorous entertainment. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a slice of Christmas cake and listen to a varied programme with a Christmas theme, including poetry, readings, sketches, songs and music.



7.30 p.m.

**Thursday 6th December
Dedham Parish Church**

Tickets: £5 Adults £3 children
available from Dedham Bookshop
or ☎ (01206) 322 263

**CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE
Christmas and New Year Opening Times**

Christmas Eve	8 am - 1 pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Thursday 27 December	8 am - 6.30 pm
Friday 28 December	8 am - 6.30 pm
New Year's Eve	8 am - 3.30 pm
New Year's Day	Closed

Please have enough medication to last over the holiday period.

Suffolk Doctors On-Call will take any out of hours calls via the normal surgery telephone number. Or call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 for advice. An alternative to visiting the Accident and Emergency Department is the Riverside Clinic Minor Injuries Unit. No appointment is necessary. Open 7 days a week. Riverside Clinic MIU, 2 Landseer Road, Ipswich IP3 0AZ.
(01473 299622. [www. riversideclinic.net](http://www.riversideclinic.net)

We wish our patients a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

NOTICEBOARD

SMARTYS NEWS

Smartys children have been busy rehearsing their Christmas songs, and sign language, in readiness for our Nativity play. We invite you to join us this year, on **Thursday 6 December** at 11 am in The Assembly Rooms. Seasonal refreshments will be served and donations will go to CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young. We look forward to welcoming you.

Smartys were kindly invited to join the school at their church Harvest Festival this autumn. The children were very excited and had a wonderful time enjoying the music, singing and the beautiful displays.

Our lunch club for the Rising 5's has been a great success and will help prepare the children for their start at school.

Several of our children will leave us at the end of this term to start at Dedham Primary School. Thank you to your families for joining us at Smartys.

Congratulations to our staff on passing their exams! Jo has passed the 'Inclusion' module in Special Educational Needs from Cambridge University. Sue has passed her Mathematics GCSE, Jenny and Lynn have passed the first part of their CASHE Grade 2 Pre-School qualification. Well done to them all!

The Smartys AGM has been set for **Monday 14 January 2008** at 8 pm in The Assembly Rooms.

The children, staff and parents of Smartys would like to wish all in our community a very merry Christmas and thank you for your valued support during 2007. Happy Christmas!

NOTICEBOARD

COLCHESTER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Do you

- work well in a team?
- enjoy helping others
- communicate well?

We are always looking to recruit new volunteers within our very busy bureau

Cornerstone
5-7 Sir Isaac's Walk
Colchester
☎ **0870 121 2033**

DEDHAM VALE A.O.N.B. & STOUR VALLEY PROJECT

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES WITH A BIRDS-EYE VIEW

Sunday 27 January 1p.m. - 4p.m.

Enjoy a quick march along the River Stour as we head from Dedham to Langham and back.

Optional Dedham Church Tower Tour at the end, with great views of the surrounding countryside.

Adult £3 Child (11-17) £2
Approx: 4 miles - moderate

PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on **Saturday 15 December**, the Christmas tree will be erected and decorated in church.



At about the same time on **Saturday 5 January** the tree will be removed from church.

On both these occasions help would be appreciated. Please let the Vicar or Churchwarden know if you can help.

NOTICEBOARD

Ten Years Ago December 1997 & January 1998

CHESTNUT TREE The great chestnut tree in front of the church was 'crowned', that is reduced, by about 15% for safety reasons.

GEORGE WILLIAMS A fund was established to obtain a memorial in memory of this local borough councillor, who had died earlier in the year [his had been the first grave in the newly-consecrated extension churchyard].

STUART WILSON Stuart Wilson retired as Organist & Choir Master at the Parish Church, after more than 20 years of service [he subsequently trained as a Lay Reader and is still serving as an assistant minister in this parish].

Fifty Years Ago December 1957 & January 1958

BBC BROADCAST Canon Johnston wrote, 'In many ways this Christmas will be memorable because we have been invited by the B.B.C. to broadcast the first Service of Christmas. This will begin at midnight, when the bells of our church will chime a welcome to be followed by the Communion Service.' Tickets to attend had to be obtained at least a week in advance.

FIRST TRANSATLANTIC DIRECT-DIAL CALL It was reported that at 7p.m., on Tuesday 26 November, the very first direct telephone call from Dedham, Massachusetts to this Dedham had been made, following the installation of automatic dialling into the exchange in America. The call was to a group gathered in the Vicarage, lasted 24 minutes, and 'the reception was, on the whole, very good'.

A Century Ago December 1907 & January 1908

KIND GIFT 'A most generous offer has been made by the Rev. C.A. Jones [the retired former Vicar of Dedham] to help pay off the debt on the Village Club and Reading Room' [on the site of the present Sports Club pavilion?]

PULPIT FALLS 'A handsome Violet Pulpit Hanging...has now been presented to the Church by Miss Hewitt. A White Hanging is now needed to complete the set. Miss Given-Wilson will undertake the work if any lady will pay for the materials.'

SIGN OF BETTER TIMES? 'There does not seem such a necessity now for loan blankets as in former years; this year many families have refused them on the ground of the expense and trouble of washing them.'

VICAR & LECTURER 'The scheme for the amalgamation of the Lectureship with the Vicarage', was agreed by the parish and forwarded to the Charity Commissioners for their approval.

1st Dedham

Girl Guides 1931 - 1935

A wonderful handwritten Log Book which now belongs to the Guides' county archives, was loaned by Mrs Ann Bailey to the Muniment Room Society, so that a copy might be made for local use. Details of the Guides meetings and camps were carefully recorded and illustrated by Captain Nadine Mullens and Lieutenant E.N. Aldous. This photograph is dated 9 August 1931.



Lovely, amusing, and skilful silhouettes are a particular feature of this Log Book. Here are some of them.

