

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

*Daphne Langton writes*

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

In December members met twice. First the Committee prepared a Christmas Tea Party in the Assembly Rooms, during which three accordianists entertained with festive music. A week later a delicious Christmas Lunch was enjoyed by 20 members at the Rose & Crown PH in Dedham.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held at 2.30 p.m. at the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 31 January. A short AGM will be followed by a talk by Geraldine Watson, her subject being *A Glimpse at the Philippines*

*Lesley Sant writes*

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The collection at the end of last year raised £637.32 for the Society. Thank you to all box holders.

*Roy Padgham writes*

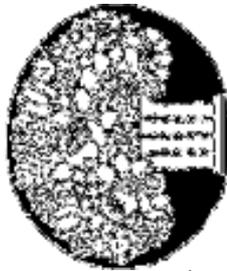
## STOUR VALLEY U3A

On Wednesday 14 February Robin Close, a former student of the Guildhall School of Music, will give a lecture on *Great Tenors of the World* which include the voices and stories of Caruso, Björling, Pavarotti and others.

*Robin Jackson writes*

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 7 March, 7.30 pm Brenda Eyres will give a *Floral Art* demonstration, whilst also explaining what a judge looks for when judging such displays.



The meeting will, as usual, be in the Reading Room of the Assembly Rooms.



It was Edna's first day as stand-in for the recording angel and already her spelling was causing trouble.

**If your Club or Group meet in Dedham you are invited to submit notices or reports of its activities for inclusion on this page, which will be published as space permits.**

## DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. **Monday - Thursday**  
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DEDHAM  
PARISH  
MAGAZINE

**February  
2007**

**Copy deadline for  
MARCH edition:  
14 February**

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**8.30 a.m.**

Holy Communion BCP  
Every Sunday (not August)

**10.30 a.m.**

Family Service  
*1st Sunday in month*

Morning Prayer BCP

*2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays*

Holy Communion CW

*3rd Sunday in month*

**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:

**Wednesday 21 February**  
Ash Wednesday

**8.00 pm Service of Night Prayer**  
Compline to mark the first day of Lent



Tower Flag Day this Month  
**Tuesday 6 February**  
H.M. Queen's Accession

*From the Registers*

**BAPTISM**  
3 December 2006    Angus Hector Cass FLETCHER

**THANKSGIVING for the BIRTH of a CHILD**  
7 January 2007    Edward Joseph Kemp BARLOW

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
23 November 2006    Beryl May CARTER (69)

**INTERMENT of ASHES**  
10 December 2006    Hilda Agnes CHRISTEY (91)



**How do you see your giving to God's work through Dedham Parish Church?**



**SURVIVAL**

I give a bit when I'm asked because I want the Parish Church to be there in case I need it



**SUPERMARKET**

I'm happy to pay towards the cost of the bits of the Parish Church I want and enjoy



**SUPPORT**

I think the work of the Parish Church is important and so I support it

**SUBSCRIPTION**

I am a church member therefore I contribute regularly - even when I can't go to church



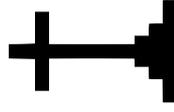
**SUBMISSION**

I am a disciple of Christ and put God first in my life - even with the use of my money



**SACRIFICE**

I am called to be Christ-like and so give joyfully - just as Christ gave



Based on a talk given in the Parish Church by Robin Stevens

## 'ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING...'

1. First Christmas postage stamp issued 1937\*
2. Humphrey Bogart, actor, born 1899\*
3. First 'Christmas tree' in Trafalgar Square 1947
4. Jesus Christ born 4 BC
5. Coronation of Emperor Charlemagne 800
6. First 'Christmas tree' in England 1841
7. Christmas Island found and named 1643
8. Mikhail Gorbachev, president, resigned 1991
9. Last truly 'White Christmas' in London 1895\*
10. First 'Nativity scene' erected 1223
11. Queen's speech first broadcast on TV 1957
12. First 'Nine Lessons & Carols' at King's 1918
13. 'Neighbours' Christmas Day first shown 1996
14. First celebration of Christmas 336
15. Annie Lennox, singer, born 1954
16. Christmas banned in England 1647
17. Princess Alexandra of Kent born 1936
18. Pope Pius VI born 1717
19. W.C. Fields, actor, died 1946
20. Silk first given as a gift in Rome 1 AD
21. Charlie Chaplin, actor, died 1977
22. First performance of 'Silent Night' 1818
23. Christmas Day 'Truce' took place 1914
24. Last 'Frost Fair' held on River Thames 1813
25. First Christmas card sent 1843



## THE PRIZE

There were only two correct sets of answers submitted, by **Karen White** and **Nigel Lambert**. The winner, drawn "from the Vicar's hat", was Karen. Congratulations to Karen, who chose the £25 voucher for *Dedham Gourmet*.

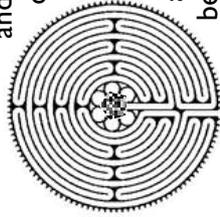
## E.&O.E.

\* Subsequent research by the Editor has confirmed that Bogart was born in 1899. Apologies for this error. As for the first Christmas postage stamp - there is some debate as to whether a 1898 Canadian stamp was a Christmas one, just because it had the words "Xmas 1898" on it, whereas a 1937 Austrian stamp certainly was the first 'Christmas commemorative'.

## 'I HEARD THAT. PARDON?'

It was Uncle Stavely, in the 1970s sitcom *I Didn't Know You Cared* by Peter Tinniswood, who used that catch-phrase. It sums up both the continuing curiosity and diminishing faculties of an older person. As someone who has been, at different times in my life, quite deaf, I have great sympathy for people like Uncle Stavely. It is partly why I make such an effort to speak clearly, because I have known the frustration of interpreting mumbles!

At the Annual Church Meeting last year I said that "within a year I would be making plans for a sabbatical" to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination which occurs in September 2007. At least one person must have misheard, because for a while afterwards I would meet people who asked me "when are you taking your year off?".



God-willing, I will be taking my "silver jubilee" sabbatical from September to November of this year. For three months I will be standing down from all parish responsibilities in order to take a rest and meet some fresh challenges and complete some research. In

doing so I realise that I will be increasing the task for others, if the spiritual and pastoral work, and legal and administrative work which goes with being a parish priest is not to be left undone. The churchwardens and I would therefore welcome offers of help, so as to make my time away one of 'productive growth' rather than one of 'planned neglect' for our parish.

Which is perhaps a way we might approach the season of Lent, which begins on the 21st of this month, as one of 'pruning for growth' in our lives rather than merely that of 'giving up' what we like doing, eating or drinking. Seeing Lent as God's annual gift of a sabbatical to us could transform the way we use it and are blessed by it.

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

# LOCAL NEWSROUND

## SEEDCORN CHALLENGE

What could be done with £5? Or some old red felt? Or a Victorian leather-bound edition of Handel's *Messiah*? The answers to these questions will be discovered at the Family Service in the Parish Church on Sunday 4 February.

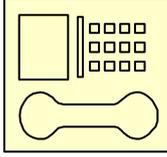


Back in December some 80 people accepted the 'Seedcorn Challenge' given to them by the Vicar. £50 was put in 100 envelopes; nine £5 notes, £5 in silver coins. The rest contained invitations for people to take their pick from the 'church attic'. This was an assortment of bric-a-brac and old books, some of which had been in the Muniment Room.

None of it was junk to some-one with an 'eye' for how it could be used. By the end of that day, there was just £1 left in the envelopes. The more resourceful responses to the Challenge will be reported next month. All the money raised will go towards the *Church Re-Lighting Fund*, except for money from the sale of books, which will be for the *Muniment Room Society*.

## JOINING THE TEAM

If you telephone or call by the Parish Office on a Tuesday from now on you may well hear a new voice answer, or meet in person the newest member of the secretarial support team, **Joan Edwards**.



Having read article in the last month's Magazine, about the retirement of Fay Atkins, Joan kindly offered her services as a voluntary secretary. Her professional background includes being a legal secretary, which means that she will have no problem coping with many of the challenges which come through the Parish Office...

Betty Cox, as Parish Secretary, continues to lead the Team and also anchor the Monday and Wednesday afternoon sessions; Liz Nickerson gives her time on Thursday afternoons, which is when most of the printing for the Sunday services is done.

The Office will continue to be closed on Friday, which is usually when the Vicar takes his 'Day Off'.



## MOUSE HOLE

### FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

- MARY BOAZ
- SARAH JACOB
- RUTH ZECHARIAH
- REBEKAH JOSEPH
- RACHEL ABRAHAM
- ELIZABETH ISAAC



Use the clues to find the names. The last letter of one name is the first of the next name.

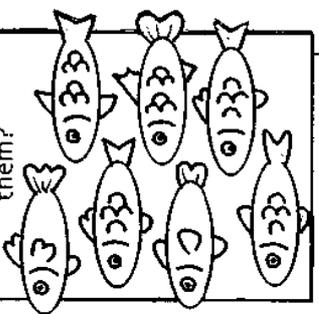
<b>P</b>		<b>L</b>	
• Wrote 13 New Testament letters			<b>M</b>
• He wrote the third Gospel			
<b>I</b>			
• Mother of John Luke 1: 13			
• Sarai's servant Genesis 16:1	<b>R</b>		
• Joseph's mother Genesis 30:24			<b>J</b>
• Wife turned to salt Genesis 19:26			
<b>S</b>			
• Paul's friend 2 Corinthians 8: 27			
• A brother of Jesus Matthew 13: 55			
	<b>N</b>		
• Ruth's mother-in-law Ruth 3: 1			<b>-</b>

## IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt. What were they? Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

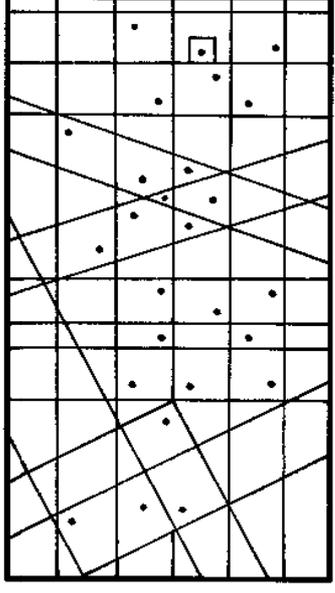
- AKNNC
- EQNFR
- FMZSR
- EKHDR
- CHRDZRD
- OKZFTD
- GZHK
- KNBTRSR
- CZQJMDRR

The Disciples have been fishing and caught 2 fish the same, can you find them?



## WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?

Colour in all the shapes with a dot in to find out what Jesus wants us to do to each other.



## NOTICEBOARD



Colchester

Our new telephone number is **(01206) 368 420**

Globe House  
6 George Street  
Colchester  
CO1 1TP

HotCans (self-heating meals) available, 3 cans for £5

also

SleepSafe Carbon Monoxide detectors £1.25

### OTHER THERAPY AVAILABLE

Advanced hypnotherapists Hugh Clover and Liz Kotarska are offering *SuperSlimming*, a new programme for those who want to kick-start their weight-loss goals by doing something practical, but also want to address their underlying attitudes towards food and eating. 'So often,' says Liz, 'people find that as soon as they stop actively slimming old habits return and the weight piles straight back on. This powerful two-pronged approach not only gets you started but helps you stay on track for the future.' [www.SuperSlimming.co.uk](http://www.SuperSlimming.co.uk) or ring Liz on **01206 299 724**.

Liz and Hugh also offer help for a range of psychological and emotional problems: See [www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk](http://www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk) and [www.hughclover.co.uk](http://www.hughclover.co.uk)

Redgrave Singers and Orchestra

present a

## CHORAL CONCERT

7.30 p.m. Saturday 17 March

Dedham Parish Church

Haydn *St. Nicholas Mass* Verdi & Handel *Arias*  
Peter Creswell *Easter Cantata* (extracts)  
Jennifer Hewes *Easter Meditation*

Julie Roberts *soprano* ❖ Jennifer Hewes ❖ *alto* Gavin Horsley *bass*  
**Tickets: £8** from Old Post Office and Parish Office, and on the door.

## LOCAL NEWSROUND

Ardleigh Surgery - Fred Merrin writes

### STAFF NEWS

Catherine Arter, Practice Nurse, is leaving in February to take up a full-time practice nursing post in Ipswich, nearer to her home. We intend to replace her as soon as possible. Catherine joined us in 2003 and has helped develop our asthma care and a 'stop smoking' service.

We are pleased to report that

Kate Strowbridge, our Nurse Practitioner, has successfully obtained an M.Sc. degree from Essex University, after two further years of study.

### SURGERY EXTENSION

The surgery extension building is proceeding on time for completion in May. We regret the inconvenience that has been caused occasionally with the closure of the surgery car park. Fortunately, there is a free public park not far away.

### PATIENT SURVEY

A survey was carried out by the practice in October. A national survey of patients was also commissioned by the Department of Health, which will no doubt receive media coverage when the

results are published. Some of our patients may in deed receive a postal survey form to complete. The national survey is likely to duplicate our own one, but will concentrate on questions of access to primary care and patient choice of hospital care.

Katie Sambrook writes

### BIBLE READING MARATHON

Plans for Dedham's Bible Reading

Marathon are now well underway.

Dedham residents and friends will attempt to read the whole Bible

aloud non-stop during the four days:

**14 - 17 June 2007**

A timetable for the event will be available in church in early March.

If you would like to be a part of this epic challenge, by reading aloud in church, for a period of 15 minutes at some time during the four days and three nights, please add your name to the timetable. More information about

the event will be

on display

along-side the

timetable in

church.



## LOCAL NEWSROUND

Rev'd John Mitson writes

### DUNTON'S ALMSHOUSES

At the end of last year Mrs Betty King retired as a trustee of this trust and as the Official Visitor to the nine residents. It was a post she had held since 1963 and that distinguished long-service record is unlikely to be matched in the future.

Betty came to Dedham with her parents in 1929, when she was seven, and throughout her adult life she has contributed a great deal to this community in an unassuming manner. Apart from her service to Dunton's she was, with others, responsible for founding the Dedham & District Horticultural Society, was the Parish Clerk for over 20 years and the local correspondent for the *Essex County Standard*. Married in Dedham Parish Church in 1947 she has throughout her life been a faithful member of the church and a leading figure in the Mothers' Union.

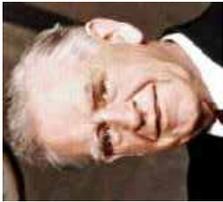
We shall miss her at our meetings but she retires with our grateful thanks and for us there is the knowledge that it is due to people like Betty that Dedham is, in a very real sense, a community of people.

The Vicar & Lecturer writes

### MAGNUS MAGNUSON KBE

The loss of this national figure was also felt by those in our community who had met him, either as part of his research into the late Tom Keating, or when he came to give the Dedham Lecture *The Hammer and the Cross* in 2005. Mr. Magnusson was a gracious and courteous man, with an extraordinary memory for details, names and faces.

In November he had kindly sent an inscribed copy of what was to be his last book, *Fakes, Forgers and Phoney's*, for the Muniment Room Library. Our abiding memories will be of his considerable learning, so lightly carried, and the privilege of having, however briefly, met him.



### CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for reports of what has been happening in your group or committee, for inclusion in the Report, will be:

**Ash Wednesday, 21 February**

*Please don't leave it to the last minute!*

## Dedham Lecture 2007

The Very Reverend  
**John Hall**  
Dean of Westminster Abbey  
*Educationalist and Author*

# Do we have faith in our schools ?

8 p.m. Thursday 7 June

For further information  
or a CD recording of this Lecture :

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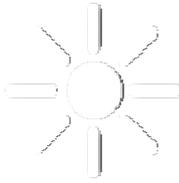
*The annual Dedham Lectures  
are given free and take place in*

**Dedham Parish Church**  
*at the invitation of the Lecturer of Dedham  
& the Dedham Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust*

## LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

On your next visit you will not fail

to notice the improvement in the lighting of the Nave of the Parish Church. We thank the



Colchester firm of electrical engineers, R.L. Lissimore & Sons who have carried out the work so well and Churchwarden Neil McShane who carefully supervised the project.

Part of the work has been funded through gifts, part through an interest-free loan which must be repaid within the year. There also remains the re-lighting of the Chancel and a new system of switching to design and fund. Throughout this year the generosity of this community will be sought to complete payment for this project. Expect a number of 'bright' fund-raising ideas and opportunities during the year!

Re-printed by request

## BUT ONLY IF YOU MUST

The Vicar is grateful for your interest in his sermons, but here are some comments he would rather you avoided...

1. Splendid! I particularly liked the ending...
2. When will you be preaching?
3. You have such a gift for speaking off the cuff...
4. Do you practice your sermons?
5. Your treatment of the Aramaic Targums was most moving...
6. The sermon was even better than when you last preached it.
7. You have such an novel style.
8. The power! The beauty and the control! Wasn't the music great!
9. Where in the world did you learn to preach like that?
10. Isn't the baby who cried all through your sermon adorable!

## STOP PRESS

Friends of Dedham Church

Golf Day at Hintlesham Golf Club

**Tuesday 15 May 2007**

More details next month or from  
Beth Mitchell ☎ 322 072



Parish Councillor John Osborn writes  
**POLICE CSO**

With a substantial majority of the village in favour of Dedham having its own PCSO from April 2007, the Parish Council announced that the applied-for 2007/8 precept increase will be slightly less than expected because part of the first year's costs will be taken from reserves. The additional policing policy will be reviewed after six months and if expectations are not fulfilled there remains an option to end the scheme, after giving three months notice. Our present level of policing will not be reduced. Dedham's Community Police Officer can be contacted by mobile ☎ **07966 197 134** or Copford Police Station ☎ **01206 210 441**.

## SPEED WATCH

This scheme, where local volunteers working in pairs to monitor excessive speeding in specific locations through-out the village, by using police- issued 'speed guns', has now been going for several months and is reported to be achieving some impressive results. High- visibility



jackets and large roadside signs 100 metres either side of the chosen site mean that many motorists slow down in advance of the checks. The teams have reported 84 incidents of speeds exceeding 35 mph in 30mph areas and 45mph in 40mph areas. Registration numbers are passed to the police who then write warning letters to the offending motorists.

## MONKS LANE

County Councillor Tony Clover referred to the detailed letter from the E.C.C Highways Manager sent in response to the concerns of residents and others about how this very scenic lane, which links Lamb Corner with Coles Oak Lane, was being used. He advocated caution in any attempt to get the by-way redefined. A decision was made, however, that the middle section be included in the *Village Design Statement*. Should this be agreed after consultation it is to be hoped that a measure of protection would follow.

## NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14 February 2007.

**Ten Years Ago February 1997**

There was a report on the happy success of the first *Dickensian Evening*; there was a 'Public Consultation and Exhibition' to discuss proposals for the future of the Hewitt Hall. Because of vandalism, signs were erected to say that unaccompanied children were no longer permitted in the churchyard. Anglia Television broadcast, as part of the series *Liza's Country* (named after the presenter Liza Goddard) a feature from Dedham, in which she climbed above the North Porch and pretended to be the 16th-century Puritan Dedham Lecturer 'Roaring' John Rogers.

**Fifty Years Ago February 1957**

Canon 'Johnny' Johnston re-launched the Parish Magazine in a new, smaller format in January 1957. He wrote "*the first publication was in the year 1877, but there was a break in the continuity until 1887, since when there has been an uninterrupted circulation.*" By this second edition he had responded to the complaint that the 'type' was too small and increased its size. There was a 'live' BBC radio relay broadcast of Evensong from Dedham carried on the World Service, as far as America and Canada. It was announced with regret that the coach service to bring children to the Children's Service "*from the remoter parts of the parish*" would be discontinued through lack of support. The "*improved lighting*" in the Sanctuary and Chancel had "*been installed anonymously*" and the PCC was "*very anxious to do something about the lighting in the Nave*" [Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose...]

**A Century Ago February 1907**

[The Rev'd F.G. Given-Wilson had been "instituted and inducted" in June 1906. Soon after he had introduced the "8 o'clock Celebration of the Holy Communion".] The stained-glass in the Chancel, with St. Paul in the middle lancet of the south window, was installed to commemorate the recently-retired Rev'd Charles A. Jones, Vicar of Dedham for 21 years. Author of the *History of Dedham*, Jones wrote in this magazine of the "*explanation of the old boulder stone on the south side of the Church*" which was that Edward Ward, a ploughman, arranged for it as his monument, at an unknown date.



**View from the Top of the Church Tower, looking N.E. undated**

At first glance it would seem that not much has changed. Then one begins to notice that Dairy House is a dairy, that there is a tree outside the Vicarage (where the entrance to its garage now is), that Ray's shop is still there and that Princel Close is almost certainly not even a thought in a developer's mind. The number of chimneys producing smoke, together with the fullness of the trees, suggests that it might have been taken in early Autumn. Have you seen this photograph before? Do you know when or by whom it was taken?

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?**

The picture above is part of the Munitment Room archives. A *Munitment Room Society* has been formed to 1. Sort and conserve what is important from among our archives and to add to them as appropriate 2. Use these resources to inform people who care for our village about how we have 'got to here'. 3. Work to keep these precious archives within our community, because we can show that they are being properly conserved and used. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office ☎ 322 136.