

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Steve White writes

## VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Dedham Village Association will be holding its AGM in the Reading Room of the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6 June. Among other things the Association concerns itself with the business and services provision of the village.

Betty Cox writes

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Thursday 14 June there will be a coffee morning in the garden of Chris and Douglas Steward, Willow House, Lower Street, Stratford St Mary.

Parking available just off Lower Street, see directions on the day. Admission will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the cost will be £1.50. As well as a raffle there will be a Plant & Book Stall. Visitors welcome. More information from Elizabeth ☎ 231 164.

Ruth Higginson writes

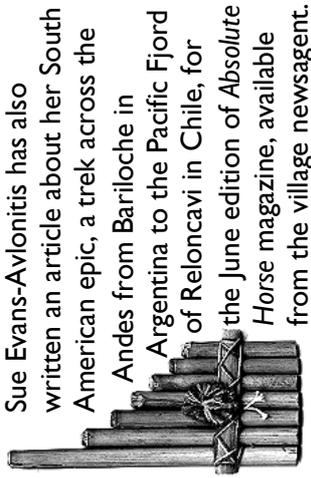
## YOUTH CLUB

DYC warmly invite you to our second AGM, 6 p.m. on Friday 8 June, in the Duchy Barn. The management committee, volunteers and young people are keen to have more people involved in running the club and taking part in our wide range of activities. We also want to hear from the community so please plan to attend. ☎ 322 598.

Vivien Chapman writes

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday 27 June Sue Evans-Avlonitis will speak to the Fellowship about her 'Three Treks for Charity'.



Sue Evans-Avlonitis has also written an article about her South American epic, a trek across the Andes from Bariloche in Argentina to the Pacific Fjord of Reloncavi in Chile, for the June edition of *Absolute Horse* magazine, available from the village newsagent.

Rhoda Smith writes

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

At the May meeting Mrs Gant gave a most interesting illustrated talk about the River Stour from Sudbury to Mistley, including all the mills en route.

On Friday 8 June there will be a quiz compered by Mr John Jennings. The competition will be: A Rose. There is an outing to Southwold booked for 20 June; fare to Mrs Mary Hood as soon as possible please.

Caroline Merriam writes

## MUNIMENT ROOM SOCIETY

The next meeting of the MRS will be at 10 a.m. Saturday 4 August, at The Vicarage, to which all those interested in our local history are invited.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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DEDHAM  
PARISH  
MAGAZINE

June  
2007

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JULY edition:  
18 June

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

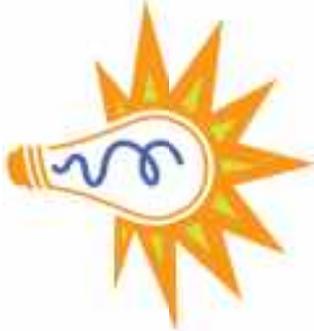


**Tower Flag Days this Month**



- ✓ **Sunday 3 June** Trinity
- ✓ **14 - 17 June** Bible Reading Marathon

Let there be lights...



**Church Gift Day**

The Gift Day on Saturday 12 May raised more than £3,000 (after Gift Aid tax reclaim) towards the cost of new lighting in the chancel of the Parish Church.

*Thank you for your generosity in supporting this project !*

*From the Registers*

**DEDICATION after a CIVIL MARRIAGE**

28 April 2007 Neil & Tracey DAVEY  
13 May 2007 Martin & Michelle HAEGER

**FUNERALS**

25 April 2007 Mary Jean CAYFORD (78)  
3 May 2007 Megan Grace BARRELL (2 months)  
3 May 2007 John Percy HUNNABALL (83)

**INTERMENT of ASHES**

6 May 2007 David John BRADBROOK (64)  
20 May 2007 Beryl May CARTER (70)



*Praise where Praise is Due.*

*Let's praise the one who goes to fight the church building on an icy night.  
Let's praise that hard-working he or she who serves as a member of the P.C.C.  
Let's praise the cleaner of the aisles the pews, the brasses, and the tiles.  
Let's praise the arrangers of the flowers whose gift of beauty has taken hours.  
Let's praise the one who welcomes others and the children (who bring their mothers).  
Let's praise the one who tries to make the choir increase in size;  
Or, if that simply cannot be, then works to improve its quality.  
Let's praise the ringers in the tower who come to ring in cold and shower.  
But most of all let's praise the few who come each week to an accustomed pew throughout the year, whate'er the weather, that they may worship God together.  
For these, like glowing coals, strike warmth into each other's souls.  
And though they're sometimes few to see they keep the Church - for you and me.*

*after John Betjeman*

# FUZZLE

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

R R R  
I I I  
A A A

Answer at the bottom of page 16

## NEWSROUND

Fred Merrin writes

### SURGERY EXTENSION

At long last the Ardleigh surgery extension has been completed and was brought into use at the beginning of May. Dr Manders and Dr Bettie have moved into the extension and have their own supplementary waiting area. Dr Manders' old consulting room is now available to be used by our Retained GP, Dr Parker and a new GP Registrar who will be starting in August. Janet Burgess, our Health Care Assistant, also now has her own room which was the former GP Registrar consulting room. The filing cabinets have been moved into a dedicated records room and we also have a new staff room and a store room. We have also taken the opportunity to redecorate the external walls and re-carpet the surgery.

We would like to thank patients for putting up with the noise and disruption, in particular, with the frequent closure of the surgery car park for deliveries. It has all been worthwhile as the end result is a surgery that is far more comfortable for both patients and staff and will reduce the need for room sharing.

We have appointed a new Practice Nurse, Michelle Black, to replace Catherine Arter who left to take up a post in Ipswich. Michelle will be taking over Catherine's responsibility for the care of patients with asthma.

Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe.

John Milton, 1608-1674

## From the Vicar June 2007

### FREEDOM AND PRIVILEGE

Among our greatest, yet nowadays sadly least-cherished, freedoms is to read the Bible in our own language. Until the early 1500s all attempts to translate the Bible into English had been ruthlessly suppressed, particularly by Church authorities. Latin was the language among the learned and powerful people and they had no intention of allowing the "common people" to be able to "argue back" because they had read the Bible for themselves. It has been well observed that a similar situation exists with the Koran in Arabic today.

William Tyndale was courageous in his opposition to this situation and forthright in his criticism of it; he wrote that they had banned translation into the mother tongue "to keep the world still in darkness, to the intent they might sit in the consciences of the people, through vain superstition and false doctrine, to satisfy their filthy lusts, their proud ambition, and insatiable covetousness, and to exalt their own honour... above God himself."

Tyndale was killed, but not before he had substantially translated the Bible into a kind of English that was so fluent and powerful that it has influenced our language more than any other writer, including Shakespeare. When, in 1994, the British Library was able to purchase one of only two remaining complete copies of Tyndale's translation, it announced it to be "the most important printed book in the English language".

As a celebration of the freedom and privilege we have, and to draw together as many parts of our community as possible in doing so, a Bible Reading Marathon will take place in Dedham this month (see below). For the most part we will be using the same modern-English Bible translation we use in our worship. Those for whom their first language is not English are being invited to read a modern translation in their own language. The exception will be Genesis chapter 1 which, in respect for his sacrifice and achievement, will be from Tyndale's translation.

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

### BIBLE READING MARATHON

This event starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday 14 June, and finishes 74 hours later on the morning of Sunday 17 June. Thank you to all who have volunteered to take part - there are just a few places left for daylight times to read and a few more for the small hours of the morning. If you want to be involved without reading, still do come along to support the readers. There will be a special service to celebrate the end of the Marathon from 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 17 June.

**DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
29 APRIL 2007**

**RESULT OF ELECTIONS**

**CHURCHWARDENS**

Neil McSHANE 1 Frogmeadow, Brook Street, Dedham CO7 6AD  
Stuart WILSON Fountains, 12 Meadoway, Lawford CO11 2EP

**DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS**

Richard HOPKINS The Croft, High Street, Dedham CO7 6HJ  
Sarah OAKLEY 2 Crossways Cottages, Coggeshall Road, Dedham CO7 6ET  
Antony WATSON 2 Bilsdale Close, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9RF

**DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES**

David DRUITT Albany House, School Lane, Dedham CO7 6HF  
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Sharon SARSON Gothic Cottage, Grove Hill, Dedham CO7 6DX  
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**SUNDAY STEWARDS or 'SIDESMEN'**

Ralph ABLETT, Peter ADAMS, Tony BLAXILL, Gay BURFIELD,  
Michael CLOVER, Christopher DAVIES, Vee DRUITT, John EVERETT,  
Nigel EVERETT, Doreen FAZACKERLEY, Peter GLOVER, Sally GOTELEE,  
Anne GRAVE, Peter KEMP, Bernard LAMBERT, Daphne LANGTON,  
Beth MITCHELL, Jill MOORE, Dorothy PERRY, Jason PARTRICK,  
Chris SLOCOMBE, Clifford WELCH c.B.E., June WILSON.

**INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER**

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*Liz Nickerson*  
PCC Secretary

**NOTICEBOARD**

**STRATFORD HILLS HORSE TRIALS**

*at*

**STRATFORD ST MARY**

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY  
16 & 17 JUNE 2007**

A day out for the family with a variety of trades stands.  
Dressage 8.30 a.m. Show Jumping 9.30 a.m.

Cross Country 10.30 a.m.

CAR PARK £10 with free programme

*Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project*

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*Think you know Dedham?*

Combine the chance to learn about this village, with its connections to  
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You will hear about the buildings and history from local guides.

Tour ends at the Museum, which you can then enjoy at your own pace.

Tours run on the following Sunday afternoons 2 - 3.30 p.m.

**15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September**  
(Groups may also arrange for other dates)

Adults £5, children (aged 5-15) £4 (including admission to Munnings)

Buy your tickets at the Essex Rose Tea Shop, Dedham

or from Colchester Visitor Information Centre, ☎ (01206) 282 920

Ticket holders receive 10 % off meals  
at the *Marlborough Head Inn*, Dedham.

## NOTICEBOARD

### AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY in DEDHAM

*First year - very windy; second year - very hot;  
last year a powerful '5 minute storm' ...  
but we are not deterred! We are going to do it again, on Bank Holiday,*

#### Monday 27 August

If you are involved with a group based in Dedham, or a local group for a county or national charity, and would like to take part in the day - please get in touch. Groups may be raising money, membership, or awareness of what they do - the more groups the merrier. All monies raised belong to the groups that raised them - there is no 'central fund'.

Please contact **Judith Fowle** ☎ **322 938**

### 'PIXIE COTTAGE' WEEKEND

Pixie Cottage, Brook Street, Dedham

#### Friday 22 June COFFEE MORNING

10.30 a.m. — 12 noon

☎ PRODUCE ☎ CAKE STALL ☎ PLANTS ☎ RAFFLE

#### Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 June 'THIS & THAT' SALE & BOOKS

10.00 a.m. — 5 p.m.

in the garden and marquee

'SALLY NOYES FUND' in aid of **ST. HELENA HOSPICE**

Reg. Charity 280919

## Dedham Lecture 2007

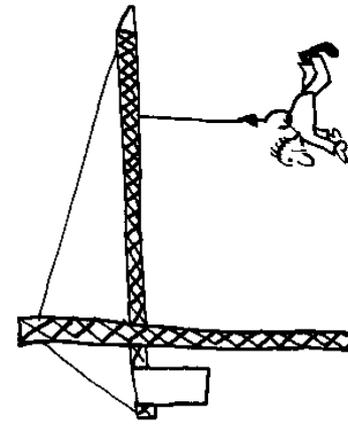
The Very Reverend  
**John Hall**  
Dean of Westminster Abbey  
Educationalist and Author

### 'Do we have faith in our schools?'

8 p.m. Thursday 7 June

- Should we continue to have the Christian faith in our state-maintained schools?
- Should any, or all, other faiths have the same privileges of access to schools?
- Do we have faith, that is confidence, in our system of education, by comparison to other countries - and to our own country a generation ago?

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



## TOWER TOP PLATFORM DAY

The day is set! The viewing platform for the top of the Parish Church tower will be hoisted by a large crane on

### Tuesday 5 June

To enable the crane to manoeuvre the High Street will be partially closed and one-way traffic arranged by the highways authority. Do come and watch the work in progress, but you would be well-advised to park away from the High Street on the day. There will be inevitable delays that will be caused to through traffic.

On the previous day, Monday 4 June, there will also be parking restrictions outside of the Parish Church, as much of the usual parking area will be suspended to allow materials to be safely delivered to site.

The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC are most grateful to the *Friends of Dedham Church* whose generosity has made this work possible.

*Christine Henderson writes*

## HEADTEACHER FOR A TERM

We have welcomed Mr **Brian Combes**, as Headteacher for one term, sharing him with Stanway Primary. The Plant Sale was a success again. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Josselyn for their generosity. Class 4 had a great day visiting the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow. Class R took part in a festival at Manningtree High School; all part of making a successful school.

*Christopher Bailey writes*

## NEW HEAD FOR DEDHAM

Mrs **Heather Tetchner** will be the new Headteacher from 1 September 2007. For the past 17 years she has been Head of the William Read Primary School, Canvey Island. She is also a Primary Strategy Consultant Leader and an Associate School Development Adviser, and a volunteer with Essex Social Services working with recently-bereaved children. She is also a keen musician.

With the Governors she is committed to the development of a 'lifelong love of learning' in our School, by providing a centre of excellence and enjoyment for all whose lives are touched by it: children, staff, parents, and the wider community. She is equally committed to those traditions, high standards and values for which this School is renowned: behaviour, discipline, appearance, attainment and achievement in children of all abilities.

## JAZZ ON A SUMMER EVENING

with the  
**Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra**

Saturday 14th July 2007

Hosted by David & Vee Druitt  
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**Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum**  
Castle House, Dedham

Gates open at 6pm  
Concert starts at 8pm

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**BEATING THE BOUNDS**

Setting out from the church on a blustery Saturday morning, the Vicar was accompanied by **Bob Oakley** who carried a processional cross, to walk the boundary of the Parish of Dedham, to mark Rogationtide in May. The boundary is about 1 1/2 miles in length, but following the nearest footpaths makes the walk about 13 miles.

Up Mill Lane, along the banks of the Stour to the Talbooth Restaurant, where **Dependra Gautama**, from Nepal, greeted the walkers. A prayer was said for those who work in the parish, especially in the hospitality business. Then up Gun Hill and on to the A12, alongside the roar of the traffic, and a silent prayer for those who have to face hard journeys, before eventually turning into the calm of Harts Lane. Pausing at God's House Farm (a former non-conformist place of worship), home of **David and Jane Morgan**, and then across their land to Birchall Corner, along Malting Farm Lane and Hunter's Chase, to Good Hall, a registered caravan site, home of **Colin and Janet Edwards**, and a silent prayer for those on holiday in the area. Here Bob Oakley had to take his leave, but the processional cross was taken up by **Neil McShane**.



Across to Fox Cottage, home of **Paul and Cathy Brewer** (whose house is in Dedham, but has a Lawford address), then on to Bargate Lane Farm, before finding the bridleway that shadows the "Shire Burn", and across to Shirburn Mill, home of **David and Amelia Edmunds**. The least-defined stretch of the walk remained, out to the Judas Gap Weir (with a sight of the 'eel ladder'), and also a prayer for those who live 'on the edge' of community life, before turning back along clear paths towards the welcome sight of the church tower across the meadows.

Here were several groups unsure as to whether they would make it to Flatford before the dark clouds gave issue, which gave a chance to hand out cards explaining what 'the silly vicar' was doing. Out to Fen Bridge, to follow the path on the northern bank of the river, as far as Dedham Bridge, and a short way back to the church. Five hours later and home just before the heavy rain set in. The Vicar and his two companion walkers are grateful to all those who welcomed them on their parochial perambulation. In the parish church it had been a Gift Day, in aid of re-lighting the chancel. The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC are grateful for what has been given (see page 2).

Parish Councillor *John Osborn* writes

**DEDHAM ASSEMBLY**

As in previous years, the annual forum known as the *Dedham Assembly* followed the May meeting of the Dedham Parish Council. The Assembly gives local people the opportunity to discuss matters of concern at greater depth, although the opportunity for public representation is available at all Parish Council meetings. The Chair of the Council, Mrs Valerie Gugliami, (who was congratulated on her recent election to serve as one of the Lawford Councillors on Tendring District Council) summarised the past twelve months before the public were given their opportunity to speak.

Issues mentioned included hazardous parking along Manningtree Road by the Crown Street junction, the removal of the *cul-de-sac* street sign on Princel Lane, the lack of street cleaning in areas where parked cars prevent the street sweeping vehicle accessing the kerb, and the danger, particularly to cyclists, of dropped inspection covers on newly-surfaced roads.

Our County Councillor was able to report that re-surfacing of all village roads should be completed later this year. Matters of concern will be discussed within weeks when Colchester Borough Council officers meet with Parish Councillors for a village 'walkabout'.

**CAR PARK TOILETS**

Mr Dave McManus, from Colchester Borough Council was scheduled to attend the May meeting, but his visit was postponed. He will now attend on Wednesday 11 July at 7 p.m.

**PCSO**

Police Community Support Officer Natalie King will be seen in and around the village in early June when she starts her 'tutor' period. There is a real hope that benefits to the local community will follow as a result of the regular and continuous presence in Dedham of a uniformed officer.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13 June 2007.

*Frances Weeks* writes

**VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

We have been very busy. Nearly 30% of you filled in and returned last year's Questionnaire. We have now analysed the results and worked your opinions into the 'Design Statement'. Great care has been taken to include opinions from the Questionnaire and ones expressed by individuals and groups. Close contact has been maintained with the Parish Council. A copy of the 'first draft' was with them in May. We hope to have an exhibition in the late summer to give you all the opportunity to make comments on the final draft before it becomes a 'Statement'.

**Ten Years Ago June 1997**

There was a Flower Festival (which had been suggested by Alice Golding). The Rt. Rev'd Edward Holland, Bishop of Colchester, consecrated the Additional Burial Ground, to the South-West of the Churchyard. There was a Vicarage Garden Fete, and an additional attraction was a 'Through the Keyhole' tour of the Vicarage, to show the progress of the volunteers and professionals who had been decorating and restoring it for the best part of the 18 months since the arrival of the present Vicar. A tribute was given by David Hart to former Vicar & Lecturer, Canon 'Johnnie' Johnston, who had died at the age of **XXX**

**Fifty Years Ago June 1957**

Miss Sowden gave a talk in the Hewitt Hall on her 17 years in the Arctic. A Jumble Sale at the Heath School had raised £18 towards the cost of re-painting the exterior of the building. There was a plea for more men to consider the ordained ministry: *'Since 1900 the population of this country has increased by about a quarter, but the number of clergy has gone down by about a quarter.'* The idea of buying, whilst on holiday, 'a present for the Vicar' so that it might be sold on a stall at the Christmas Bazaar was announced.

**A Century Ago June 1907**

The scheme for new dioceses was announced, separating Essex from the diocese of St. Albans, to which it had belonged for just 30 years, prior to which it had been part of the diocese of Rochester (and earlier still, London). *'One of our own parishioners - Mr. W.W. Hewitt [of Lower Park] - is very closely connected with it as the Secretary for the County of Essex (he eventually became the first Diocesan Secretary of the new Diocese of Chelmsford).* It was reported that at the Church Jumble Sale 'Mr Windell, Mr Wallis, Police-Constable Trundle and Edward Ogg [ whose name was later carved on the War Memorial ] kindly gave their services in arranging the room and keeping the doors'



**Installation of Fen Bridge - September 1985**

One of the photographs in the Muniment Room archives, from the collection of the late Jim Eley.

**THANK YOU**

The task of scanning, indexing and preserving the photographic archives of our village has been made a whole lot easier with the recent purchase of a high-resolution 'film-slide scanner'. The Muniment Room Society acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of **Alan Grego** in making this possible.

**WANTED**

Dedham memories, especially photographs, particularly if they are or can be dated, and any people in them can be identified.

If you have photographs or other memorabilia that would not be wanted by your family, please approach the **Muniment Room Society** before permanently disposing of anything. ☎ **01206 322 136**