

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

At the first meeting of the year, on 31 January, Ann Salmon chaired the A.G.M. Subscriptions were collected. This was followed by an interesting talk with a video given by Geraldine Watson who is a member of the English-Speaking Union, who spoke of its work and its recent International Meeting.

On Wednesday 28 February at 2.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms Patricia Norris will talk about the *Little Havens Hospice*. Bring & Buy.

Roy Padgham writes

STOUR VALLEY U3A

On 14 March John Goodhand will be giving a lecture with the title *From Paradise to the Grave*, in which he will talk about inns and inn signs.

Robin Jackson writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 7 March, 7.30 p.m. Brenda Eyres will give a *Floral Art* demonstration, and at the same mention what the judge is looking for. The meeting will be in the Reading Room of the Assembly Rooms. The *Spring Show* will be on Saturday 14 April. Further details in April Magazine.

Rhoda Smith writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

On Friday 9 March, the Club will be having the usual Anniversary Lunch at the *Rose & Crown P.H.*, 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. lunch, which will be followed by a raffle.

Jasmin Hicks writes

DEDHAM VALE AONB PROJECT

Spring Walks

Uphill to Poslingford

Sunday 25 March 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Enjoy the views and countryside as we head from Cavendish to Poslingford in this little known area of the Stour Valley. Approx. 5½ miles - Moderate.



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. Numbers limited. Bookings taken from one calendar month before each event. For further details, please contact us on: ☎ 01473 264 263

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.

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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

PARISH CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

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

Sunday 11 March

6 p.m. at St. Peter's, Boxted - *Christ in the Passover*
N.B. No service of Evening Prayer at Dedham

Sunday 18 March Mothering Sunday

10.30 a.m. Special Liturgy

Sunday 18 March Passion Sunday

6.30 p.m. Special Liturgy
planned by the PCC Pastoral Group



Tower Flag Day this Month

Monday 12 March

Commonwealth 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

6 February 2007 David John BRADBROOK (64)

INTERMENT of ASHES

18 February 2007 Robin George GOOCH (72)



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The Bright Field

by R. S. Thomas

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying*

*on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.*



From the Vicar March 2007

PROUD TO BE CHRISTIAN?

Two very different views of the Christian faith have come to my attention, both written as programme notes. Here is the first, from a concert in Stratford-upon-Avon:

"We are 'celebrating' two millennia of Christian history, which is, at a closer look, a succession of genocide and extinction of other cultures perpetrated through the Crusades, the Inquisition, colonialism and its violent forms of mission, and eventually the Holocaust...."

I am not sure whether the writer would profess to be a Christian. What is clear, however, is the shame she would have Christians feel for the progress of their faith through history. Such a selective way of recalling and interpreting history might leave anyone wondering whether Christianity has anything to commend it.

Secondly, for a Festival to take place in the City of London this Summer:

"Last, but by no means least, the Festival will commemorate John Newton in guided City walks and in words and music. Newton's transformation from slave ship captain to hymn writer and abolitionist is the stuff of legend. He was vicar of St Mary, Woolnoth (close by the Bank of England) and a major mentor to William Wilberforce during the Abolition campaign. He died in 1807, just months after the Act [abolishing the Slave Trade in the British Empire] was passed [25 March 1807]."

William Wilberforce is rightly the subject of attention as the bicentenary of his achievement is celebrated this month. He did not cease to work for the rights of the oppressed; whether it was young children forced to work, Roman Catholics denied the vote, as well as of slaves, with the *Slavery Abolition Act*, which gave all slaves in the British Empire their freedom, becoming law on 26 July 1833, three days before he died.



In May 2004, the *National Geographic* reported that some 27 million people worldwide are known to be in slavery, many of them within countries which long ago adopted laws to banish it. The Church continues to fight this evil and to inspire people to fight for justice and to speak for the unheard. Today men and women walk in the steps of courageous Christians like Newton and Wilberforce, and Elizabeth Fry (who campaigned for better conditions in prisons) and Josephine Butler who, among her many achievements, got the 'age of consent' raised from 13 to 16.

In a modest way, we will be doing this in the Parish Church during Lent, raising money for the "Open Bethlehem" campaign as commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Yes, on a more balanced view of history, I can say that I am proud to be Christian.

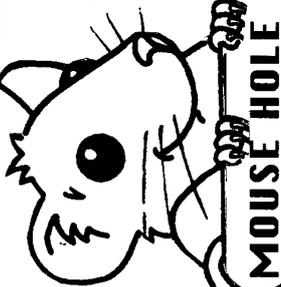
Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

THANK YOU MUM

Thank you Mum for all you do, for all your love and care, for helping me to tie my shoes, and brush and comb my hair.

For cuddles when I'm frightened, for hugs when I am sad, for loving me when I am good, and still loving me when I am bad!

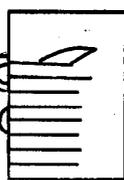
For teaching me about Jesus, of how he loves me too, Thank you Mum for loving me, I LOVE YOU!



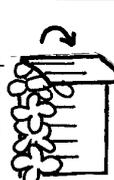
Flower Cards



To make a 3D flower card, cut strips 1.5cm wide and about 12cm long, from an A4 size sheet of thin green card or thick paper.



Cut lots of large flowers from coloured paper and stick one onto the end of each strip.



Curl round with the flowers facing inwards and stick. Write a message on a tag and stick to the pot.

Look up the Bible verses on the tags to find out which flowers are for which mother.

To love Samuel
1 Samuel 1:20

To love Isaac
Genesis 17:19

To love Joseph
Genesis 30:24

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

A presentation which shows the link between the ancient 'Festival of Redemption' and Christ as the 'Lamb of God' will take place in St Peter's Church, Boxted at 6 p.m. on Sunday 11 March. This teaching presentation is visual, you will see a table set with traditional Passover items.



The speaker, Judith Briscoe, will use the Bible as well as the items to explain a Jewish Passover Seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words Jesus spoke in the Upper Room will come alive as each item is carefully explained.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to encourage attendance of this event, there will be **no service of Evening Prayer in Dedham on Sunday 11 March.** If you would like transport to Boxted, please let the Parish Office know.

LILIES FOR EASTER

If you would like to give lilies in memory of someone, please send your order to Sally Gotelee, *Whalleys, Dedham Rd, Stratford St. Mary CO7 6LY.* The lilies are £2 each. The last date for ordering will be Monday 2 April.

EASTER FLOWERS MEETING

The next 'flowers meeting' is Tuesday 20 March, at 10.30 a.m. at Sally Gotelee's house (see above).

Christopher Bailey writes

THANK YOU, MRS. CLAYTON

This month sees the retirement of the Headteacher of Dedham C.E. Primary School. Mrs Carolyn Clayton has been a teacher and Headteacher at the School for over 20 years. To mark her huge contribution to the School and through it to the lives of many young people, a Reception is to be held at the School at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28 March. Parents, former pupils and their parents, former staff and all friends of the School are invited. Any enquiries to Chris Bailey ☎ 230 404.

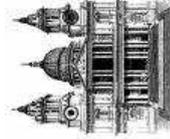
Jill Moore writes

BURKITT'S CHARITY

For the past few years, since the tercentenary of William Burkitt's death was marked in 2003, the Trustees of the William Burkitt Charity have made an educational award to a young person in Dedham.

The Trustees have decided not to make the award this year and instead to pay for all the Year 5 and Year 6 children of our Primary

School to go to London this month to visit Lambeth Palace (home of the Archbishop of Canterbury) and also St. Paul's Cathedral. It is anticipated that an award will be made again next year.



Friends of Dedham Church
charity No. 1103634
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)



You are invited to a

Coffee Morning

in support of the

Breast Cancer Campaign

on

Saturday 31 March 2007

10 a.m. - 12.30 a.m.



researching the cure

→ **1, Frog Meadow, Brook Street, Dedham**

cakes produce stalls raffle

Please come - and bring your friends!

£2 entrance, to include coffee and refreshments.

SELF-HYPNOSIS

Hugh Clover and Liz Kotarska are to run the latest of their popular self-hypnosis courses in East Bergholt starting on Thursday 26 April for ten weeks (excluding half-term week). If you are interested in joining

Hugh and Liz

please contact Hugh on ☎ 323 089 or Liz on ☎ 299 724.

Further information can also be found on www.hughclover.co.uk and www.lifechangesnow.co.uk

VACANCY

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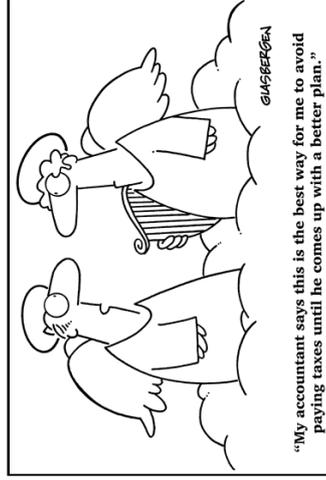
☎ **322 291**

David Druitt writes

VILLAGE QUIZ

The Sixth annual Village Quiz was held in the Assembly Rooms in January, with 19 teams competing for the now much-coveted 'Dedham Intellectuals Cup'. The winners, with a very creditable 111 points, were the Parish Council, with the WEA second on 107. The Horticultural Society were third on 102 and they will take responsibility for helping to organise next year's Quiz, as the highest placed team not to have previously won the Cup.

The Duchy Barn Committee did an excellent job in organising this year's event and they have decided that the profit from the evening, which was £880 after expenses, will be split equally between the R.N.L.I. and St. Matthew's Child Contact Centre, a charity based in Parsons Heath, Colchester, providing a neutral meeting place for separated parents to have contact with their children in a safe, welcoming environment. The next Village Quiz will be held on the 2 February 2008, a note for the diary.



Chris Slocombe writes

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD

Having recently been confirmed at the age of 42, I wish to encourage those who have attended church regularly without having confirmed their faith earlier to consider this path.

Some ask whether confirmation is necessary. My answer is yes, provided you feel ready for this important step. Whatever stage you have reached in your walk with Jesus along the path of life it is never too late to learn more and deepen your understanding of God and begin to know our Lord better.

If you have questions about Christianity, and are considering baptism or confirmation, perhaps start by approaching Gerard. I raised questions about the types of creeds used, issues relating to how the Bible takes the form it does, along with other points we may not fully understand. During confirmation group discussions we all learnt something and as an advocate of life-long learning believe we can all assimilate new ideas daily.

Of necessity, confirmation is not an easy option, yet studying the world of our Lord is always worthwhile and will enable you to enter more fully into Christian life and engage in fellowship with others sharing similar beliefs.

Enquiries: Parish Office ☎ 322 136

Rev'd John Mitson writes

SILENT VIGIL

In January 2003, a small group concerned at the threat of hostilities in Iraq began meeting in church between 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. each Saturday morning to pray silently for peace. Thus was born a Silent Vigil which still continues over four years on. No words are spoken and those who come either regularly or occasionally find in the time, an oasis of peace and tranquillity, detached from the busyness of everyday life for their own thoughts and prayers. All are welcome. If you would like to know more please contact John Mitson ☎323 116.

Christine Henderson writes

FIT TO LEARN

It was with delight that the Primary School received the national *Activemark 2006* for our commitment and delivery of sport and PE. Children are benefiting from initiatives taken up through the *School Sport Partnership*. This term more volleyball coaching and specialist teachers to share advanced skills are planned. This contributes to promoting 'a healthy lifestyle and school'. Included in this aim is the 'Eco committee' who have compost bins to recycle the remains of fruit and lunches. Tree saplings have been planted in the school grounds. A 'healthy body and a healthy mind' is part of our efforts to establish a '*Life-Long Love of Learning*' and continuing to build a successful school.

WALKING MARATHON

Two girls from the **WALK the WALK®** *Teahouse* are taking part in the 'Playtex Moonwalk' walking marathon in London this year.



Julie Vince and Sarah Betts will be walking 26.2 miles on Saturday 19 May. They will be starting at midnight and hoping to finish sometime between 6 and 7 a.m. This charity event, which is in its tenth year, raises money for breast cancer research. If you would like to sponsor the girls, there are forms available at the *Essex Rose* or a box for your donation - which will be gratefully received.

SEEDCORN CHALLENGE

Last December £100, along with a pick of the 'church attic', was given away to those who attended church. They were challenged to 'do something' with whatever they were given - to turn the seedcorn into a harvest. About one-third did so (more may have done by using the general offertory). From those who responded more than £300 was raised! In many cases this was by straightforward generosity, but in a significant number of cases ingenuity was used as well. For example, old felt was cleaned, ready to be made into ornamental bags. One person who was given 20p decided to collect 20p coins for a month. The result was more than £5. Well done!

REDGRAVE SINGERS

Redgrave is a small village 5 miles from Diss; the nearby Redgrave and Lopham Fen is famous for being the home of the 'Raft Spider' which may be seen in July.

Peter Creswell formed the Redgrave singers 5 years ago to perform his Easter Cantata. He had just returned from 30 years in Zimbabwe where he had been director of music in schools. The Cantata has now been performed in churches in Diss, Bury St Edmunds and Redgrave and extracts will be performed in Dedham Parish Church on Saturday 17 March.

Also in the programme is the St. Nicholas Mass by Joseph Haydn. This was written in honour of Prince Nicholas Esterhazy who was Haydn's employer.

The concert with orchestra, chorus and soloists will last for one hour.

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.

Sue Evans-Avlonitis writes

ANDES TREK

The money raised, so far, for *The Teenage Cancer Trust* from the Burns' Night Supper was £2,010.50. I have been very humbled by all the local support. It was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who supported the event who helped out on the night. David Druitt gave a splendid 'Address and Toast to the Haggis', Neil Wilson was the Piper, Shauna played the harp beautifully, Beth Mitchell gave the 'Selkirk Grace', Neil McShane was a well-organised Chairman, John MacArthur gave 'The Immortal Memory' speech, Paul Revell proposed 'The Toast to the Lassies', and Aleinor Hilliard who replied in French, to celebrate the special relationship between France and Scotland.



When I come back from the Horse Trek Across the Andes, from Argentina to Chile, I plan to give a talk to the village about it, bruises, blisters and all that happened; date and time to be announced.

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RECYCLE FOR LENT

actionaid
recycling

Toner cartridges, Inkjet cartridges, mobile phones and PDAs, even old laptop computers - can be left in Church until Easter and will be recycled for charity!

Parish Councillor John Osborn writes

DAVID BRADBROOK

At the commencement of the February meeting the Parish Chair paid tribute to David Bradbrook, life-long Dedham resident and long-time member of the Parish Council, who died suddenly on January 24 at the age of 64, just months after retiring from his work as a postman. A one-minute silence was respected.

CASTLE HILL

The road surface on Castle Hill has been a source of concern for several years and still, it seems, there are no immediate plans to resurface this stretch of road that is in a very bad state of repair. County Councillor Clover said that although the authorities did not consider it to be of immediate priority, it was listed at the top of category B, which could mean completion within 18 months.

ROYAL SQUARE

Although a final decision is yet to be made the Parish Council are considering replacing the wooden barrier that prevents unauthorised vehicles from accessing The Drift with a single telescopic post. The concerns of local residents that the present arrangement is a potential hazard to pedestrians from cyclists is just one reason why this change is being contemplated.

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Mention was made of the E.C.C. *Community Initiatives Fund* which provides capital for projects that enhance the social, economic or environmental well-being of the locality. Usually in the form of matched funding, the criteria allows for most social, recreational and environmental schemes to be considered. Applications for this year need to be in by 13 April so early contact with the Parish Clerk is essential.

NEXT MEETING

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

Hayley Aherne writes

DEDHAM YOUTH CLUB (DYC)

My name is Hayley Aherne and I am pleased to have taken over as a part-time youth worker from Frauke at the DYC. As well as working for the Junior Club I hope to plan joint trips with the older group led by Jason Partrick. So far, we have had a terrific trip to the Mercury Theatre to see *Jack and the Beanstalk* - 27 young (and older) people from the village went. If you would like to know more, or volunteer to help at the Club please contact: Kevin Taylor ☎ 322 122.

Criticism is easy, art is difficult.

Phillipe Destouches, 1680-1754

Ten Years Ago March 1997

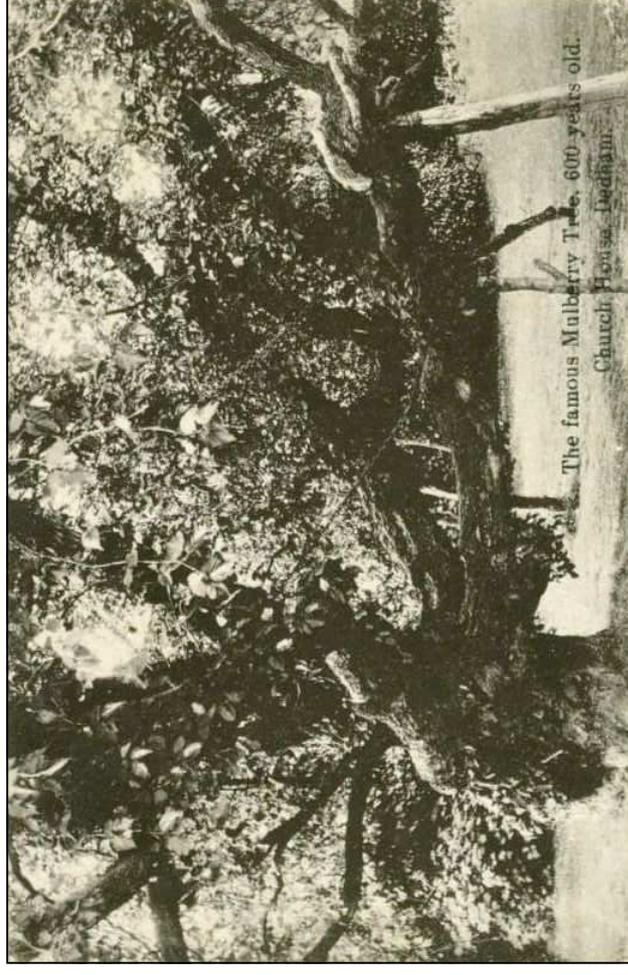
A warning about a U.F.O. was given, although in this case it referred to the “Unruly Flapping Object”, or marquee, erected in front of the Vicarage as part of the Tending Mission; the PCC decided to work towards appointing a full-time youth worker by the year 2000 [in Ray Gibbs, it did] and to open a Resource Centre at the back of church [it did - this year will, at last, see it being provided with purpose-built furniture] and the Tower Steps Appeal was launched by the Vicar [and brought to completion by the Friends of Dedham Church, just under a decade later!] Local girls Rachel Holt, Natalie Sharp, Rebecca Duddridge and Laura Pallent, members of Destiny Majorettes, took part in a promotional film made by Colchester Arts Council.

Fifty Years Ago March 1957

A Passion Play was staged on nine occasions. It lasted two hours, the costume was medieval and it had a cast of more than 50 people, “all with one exception, from this village”. A Three Hours’ Devotional Service was held on Good Friday, conducted by the Rev. I. Noakes, Rector of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester. An exhibition of Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman remains discovered by Mr Felix Erith was presented by him in the Vicar’s Room Ardleigh, in aid of Ardleigh Church repairs.

A Century Ago March 1907

A very handsome brass Alms Dish [still in use] was presented to the church. Offertory bags were introduced because, under Bible warrant “our alms are to be done in secret” and it was hoped that this would encourage generosity, rather than the opposite. The weather had been severe, and a small-scale Soup Kitchen was conducted by Mrs Maile, “for the benefit of the poor of the parish, especially those with large families”. The charge was “a penny a quart” which did not cover costs; the difference was defrayed by the “Sick and Needy Fund”. Miss Given-Wilson, the Vicar’s sister, began a Needlework Guild, “to supply warm garments to the children of the Sunday School at Christmas time.”



**THE ‘FAMOUS MULBERRY TREE’ 600 YEARS OLD
CHURCH HOUSE, DEDHAM**

What became of the tree? Is some part of it still alive?
Where was (is?) Church House, Dedham?

LAST MONTH’S PICTURE of the North West (not East!) end of the High Street, from the top of the Church tower, created interest. Dating from before 1914, possibly as early as 1900, it is the only photograph known which includes the back of “The Byres” (as Dairy House was once called) and the back of the former “Great House”, before it was destroyed by fire in 1936.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?

The picture above is part of the Muniment Room archives. A Muniment 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.