CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

At our January meeting, Mrs Dorothy Peck was congratulated for helping to raise £1,400 in receipt of the "Innocents Big Knit " campaign. Well done! A pleasant afternoon was spent exchanging friendly banter and playing bingo.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday I I February. Competition: any item beginning with 'G'.

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Members were invited to the Vicarage on Wednesday 26 January at 2.30 p.m., when the Vicar gave a talk entitled: Full Circle — Lauren goes to Nepal.

On Wednesday 23 February, members will meet in the Assembly Rooms at 2.30 p.m. There will be a 'Bring & Buy'. The speaker will be Tom Blair who will talk about the *Royal Marines*.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The 2011 season of monthly meetings will start on Wednesday 2 February, at 7.30 pm. in the Assembly Rooms.

The guest speaker will be

David Whiteing, who will give a talk on Japanese Gardens. New members are welcome.



Felix Fitch writes

CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season begins in April, as Dedham CC will play twelve



Brian Cooke writes

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

Internal politics have rather dominated the ESU recently; it was time to gather members' thoughts and opinions as to the future of the organisation, at a meeting last month. Our branch also organised a poetry competition for International students from the Study Centre.

Ian Rose writes

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On Wednesday 9 February, 2.15 p.m. in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt, Terence Rockall, ex-Scotland Yard, will speak on *The History of Fingerprints and Crime Scenes*.

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SUNDAY SERVICES 8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP Every Sunday (not August)

10.30 a.m.

Family Service

Ist Sunday in month

Morning Worship CW 2nd & 5th Sundays

Holy Communion CW
3rd Sunday in month

Morning Prayer BCP 4th Sundays

<u>5</u>.30 p.m.

(in winter)

Evening Prayer BCP Ist Sunday in month

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.15 a.m.
Family Service in Church
1st Sunday in month

In the Assembly Rooms or Duchy Barn on all other Sundays during school terms

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SPECIAL, ADDITIONAL, OR CHANGES TO SERVICES OF WORSHIP: Sunday 6 February

'Education Sunday' 10.30 a.m. Family Service

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Sunday 6 Feb. H.M. Queen's Accession [59]



From the Registers **BAPTISM**

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Great things can grow from a small decision...

Please Remember Dedham Parish Church in your Will

SONGS OF PRAISE

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And his righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you; alleluia.

Hymns Old & New No. 442

Karen Lafferty



Even if you don't know very many hymns or praise songs, there's a good chance you will know Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God. From the time it was written in 1972, it has been a hit. To its composer, Karen Lafferty, it has been a wonderful miracle which gives her daily joy. In Amsterdam, where Karen is currently involved with the charity Musicians for Mission, she talked with Harry Boonstra about her life, her faith, her music, and her ministry:

Before we start talking about your music, tell us a bit about yourself.

I was raised in a Christian home, but like many young people I wanted to discover life for myself and did some drifting. I was working as a nightclub entertainer in New Orleans when a friend came to visit me and got me back on the right track. After that I began to write Christian songs.

Had you had much musical training?

I had a degree in music education but when I applied for a position, I got turned down. For a while I felt crushed by that closed door.

So, what did you do?

I decided to pursue entertainment for the time being - to try to be salt and light in the entertainment world.

What was the origin of Seek Ye First?

In 1971, I had quit my entertainment job and was trying to support myself with teaching guitar lessons. I had three students! When my savings were all gone and I had no money to make my car payments, I became very discouraged and confused. One evening I went to a Bible study at church, and we talked about Matthew 6:33.1 was tremendously encouraged and challenged by the words about Christ's kingdom. So I went home, wrote the tune, recorded it on a tape recorder, and then sang this little descant part. I taught the song at church the next week, and it caught on. The Lord really paved the way for me with that song. Seek Ye First has opened doors for me all over the world. And because it's in so many hymnbooks, about 40% of my mission support comes from that one song!

YOUNG READERS





VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

GRACE UNDER FIRE*

Christians who live in Muslim countries are subject to increasing persecution. Churches in Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, Sudan, Indonesia and the Philippines have been attacked in the past year. A few weeks ago President Sarkozy observed, 'We are witnessing a wicked kind of religious cleansing'. Although Christians are far from being the only faith-community under fire, (Sufis, Ahmadis and the Baha'i have been similarly targeted), a recent report concludes that Christians form three-quarters of those who are being actively persecuted.

What can be done about it? The problem is both widespread and varied in cause, so it is hard to believe that a single solution could be found. In Nigeria churches have to hire security guards. On Christmas Eve in Maiduguri the guard, a pastor and two choir members were killed as they prepared for a service. In Pakistan, where a Muslim politician was killed by his bodyguard for daring to defend a Christian woman who is facing the death penalty for the alleged crime of insulting Islam, Christians are under attack as never before. Then in Egypt, twenty-one Coptic Christians were killed by a suicide bomber. Unsurprisingly, Pope Benedict condemned this atrocity; in response the Egyptian government recalled its diplomatic envoy to the Vatican, in protest at what it said was 'meddling'.

In the Coptic Christian calendar, Christmas is observed on 7th January. Given the violence in December, the church was expecting another tragedy. What happened next was not reported in the British press, until an editorial in The Spectator drew it to our attention. As Egypt's Christians made their way to church, they found they had protection. In several places, hundreds of Muslims, in protest at the extremists' hatred, had come to offer themselves as human shields by standing outside churches. In one church Muslims filled the front pews. Muslim men and women risked their lives so that their Christian neighbours could worship in peace.

A new symbol, of the cross inside a crescent, has been adopted and is now displayed by thousands of young Egyptians, both

Muslim and Christian, for example on their Facebook pages. It has also been proposed that it should be incorporateed into the flag of Palestine. During this year reports of religious persecution will come to us, probably with depressing frequency. Indeed, it may be that the struggle for religious tolerance will be the defining issue of the coming decade. Yet those brave Muslims who are prepared to risk their lives for their Christian neighbours are a sign that the evil of such intolerance can be defeated.

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

 * This letter is based on an editorial in *The Spectator* 15 Jan 2011

I am grateful to Elizabeth Nickerson for drawing it to my attention

NEWSROUND

HEADING FOR THE HIMALAYAS

This year several people from Dedham will be heading for 'the roof of the world', as they go to different parts of Nepal. In March, painter decorator **Alan Grego** reports that he will be 'trotting up to Everest Base Camp', for the *sixth* time! He adds, 'I am now 60 years old and have decided that this will be the last time I will attempt this trek. I have decided this time to see if I can get any sponsors for the trek, as I hope to raise money for E.A.C.H. (that is the *East Anglia Children*'s *Hospice*).'

Alan realises that this 'is not the time of year to ask such a thing as we are all starting to feel the pinch, the way the economy is' but he is keen to gain support for this charity which helps very sick children, and their families. He writes 'even the smallest of donations will be appreciated; if your gift helps only one family then that is better then nothing.'

Alan will be climbing to a height of 5,545 metres, may be more if he has

the energy. On the 19-day trek he will be also be accompan -ied by Tony and David Howard. Alan will be keeping a diary of his adventure, extracts from which will be published in this magazine.

In April, Lauren Moate will also be heading to the Himalayas, as part of her 'gap year', before going off to university in October. She will first go on self-financed 5-day overland tour, beginning in northern India, including Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Varanasi, before crossing into Nepal and going to Pokhara (which is the town where her parents, Gerard and Margarita, first met), and to spend time in Chitwan Nature Reserve.



After this, Lauren will be going to work as a volunteer in the Kathmandu International Study Centre, a school for

primary- and secondary-age children, mostly from the mission and the diplomatic community. She said, 'I am very much looking forward to working with staff and children from all over the world, in such a fascinating place, as I prepare to study anthropology at university'.

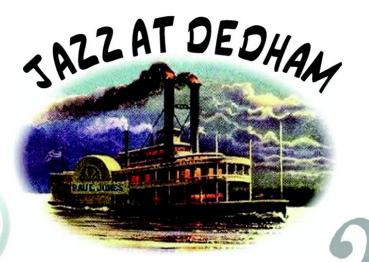
In support of Lauren's voluntary work there will be just one fundraising

event, that is an Open House at the Vicarage, which will be on both Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March (see p.10 for details).

Dhanyabaad! ('Thank you' in Nepali)



Everest Base Camp



A tribute to the composer of 'Showboat' Jerome Kern plus other jazz and pop standards.

NICK UNWIN (PIANO)
ROGER ODELL (DRUMS)
BERNIE HODGKINS (BASS)

DEDHAM ASSEMBLY ROOMS

8 pm Friday 4 March

All seats £10 by reservation from Nick on Tel: 01379 855282 E-mail: nicholas@nicholasunwin.com Cheques made payable to: Nicholas Unwin

Tea and Coffee are included

FILM



DEDHAM FILMS

in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham

16 FEBRUARY

Tamara Drewe

16 MARCH

Ghost

20 APRIL

The King's Speech

Admission 7.00 p.m. Film Begins 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3.50

Refreshments are available before the film and during the interval.

Come and join friends for a great night out.

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TAMAR DREWE

Director: Stephen Frears, 2010

Synopsis: Gemma Arterton stars in this bucolic romp, based on the Posy Simmonds' novel of the same name (which was itself inspired by Thomas Hardy's classic Far From the Madding Crowd). This wittily modern take on the romantic English pastorale is a far cry from Hardy's Wessex. Drewe's childhood home is being sold, and her return to the rural Dorset village where she grew up causes something of a stir. Having left as an awkward teenager, she returns as a smouldering femme fatale with a glamorous job and a new nose, kicking up a storm of envy, lust and gossip wherever she goes. Torn between two lovers, Tamara is the ultimate modern girl but her story of love and confusion is timeless.

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NEWSROUND

Alan Stock writes

PARISH PLAN

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Dedham Parish Plan Questionnaire. We have received an excellent response and the results are now being studied in order to move to the next stage of creating the Parish Plan itself in the next two to three months. There has been a considerable number of suggestions for improvements in the Parish and these will all be prioritised and form part of the actual Plan when published.

We shall, of course publicise the Plan as widely as possible as well as presenting it to Dedham Parish Council.
Congratulations go to Mr R. Dunn of Forge Street, Dedham who won the Prize Draw which was included in the Questionnaire.

Susanne Grimwade writes

SMARTYS



We are pleased to announce that we are able to offer places to children who are aged from 2 years 6 months

to school age. Smartys is open week-days from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with lunch club until 1p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information please contact admissions secretary, Tina Newbery-Smith \$\alpha\$323 412 or visit our website www.smartys.org.uk where you can download an enrolment pack.

Lesley Sant writes

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The house-boxes collection for 2010 in aid of Children's Society raised a total of £510.95. Thank you to all the box-holders. Someone has contacted me about the possibility of taking over the co-ordinating of this collection and I hope to be able to announce a successor in due course.

LENT STUDY COURSE

There will be a series of seven Bible studies in the weeks leading up to Lent, at the Vicarage. The theme will be *Hard Questions* and the topics will include sexual, political and financial ethics, and some of the more frequently-asked questions of Christians, such as 'how can we take the Bible seriously today?' More details next month.



PARISH COUNCIL

Roy Laverick writes

GOVERNMENT CUTS

The impact of the Government's financial cutbacks on Dedham Parish Council is now becoming clearer. Our revenue grant, which is provided by Colchester Borough Council as compensation for special expenditure attributable to our rural location, is to be halved. This loss (£3,000) accounts for about 10% of our total funding, but we are confident that some of this can be recovered from various savings.

Council Tax: As previously described, however, most of our budget is deployed on services that are essential to the Parish, and which offer little scope for economies, and thus there is a need for a modest rise in our precept, which will feed through into a very small increase in Council Tax bills.

PCSO secure: We have been notified that Essex Police will continue to provide their "matched funding" for our Police Community Support Officer.

Footpaths: Essex County Council (ECC) has made it clear that in future, landowners will be asked to undertake much of the footpath grass cutting work which is currently financed by ECC.

Young People's Travel: The Bite+ card

(aimed at extending the availability of half-price bus fares for younger people) will no longer be offered.

Salt & Grit: ECC has also introduced harsh economies in respect of the supply of grit and salt, and no new bins are being supplied. There is provision for making one-tonne bags available to residents for use on public roads and pavements, but the rules of the scheme are rather bureaucratic. Regrettably the new arrangements coincided with unseasonably harsh weather, and we are working in conjunction with Anne Brown, our County Councillor, to try

Next meeting: The next Parish Council will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, **9 February** in the Assembly Rooms.

to obtain a better service in this area.

Churchyard Trees

We regret to report that the great Horse Chestnut tree in the churchyard, which is such a feature on the High Street, has finally come to the end of its 'safe' life and later this year it will have to be removed. Many years ago its branches were wired together to help prevent them falling, since when the bole of the tree has rotted and a supporting wall is collapsing under the strain. The lime trees which border the Vicarage garden are also unsafe. The Parochial Church Council would appreciate your suggestions and gifts towards this necessary work so that the loss of these ancient trees might be mitigated.

NOTICEBOARD

St. Mary's Church, Lawford proudly presents

An Evening of Songs and Testimony

With the International Ambassador of Country Music

GEORGE HAMILTON IV

7.30 p.m. Sunday 13 February

Tickets £7 (£6 in advance)
All enquiries **2393 504**

The Next Meeting
of the
Muniment Room Society
will be on

Saturday 12 March

10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Vicarage.

If you are interested in the history of Dedham and of its people then this is the Society for you.



TEST YOUR TASTE
AGAINST THE EXPERTS!



Call My Bluff Wine Tasting

Saturday 5 March 2011

Assembly Rooms, Dedham 7 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.

Tickets £30 each, including a two-course supper Organise a table of 8—10 people for this exciting new event For more details contact **Beth 322 072** or **Ann 322 192**

DEDHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

CRAFT AND FARMERS' MARKET

Fresh and homemade produce, Arts and Crafts, and Gifts

Saturday 5 March

in the School Hall 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

If you would like to run a stall please contact **Sarah Curtis 322 663** Local community groups/organisations and small businesses welcome

OPEN HOUSE @ The Vicarage

Saturday 5 March 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Sunday 6 March 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Vicarage Tours
Books, CDs and DVDs for sale
Coffee & Cakes

to support Lauren's work in Nepal

CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ - ANSWERS

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE IN 20 OBJECTS

The challenge was to list each chosen British Museum Object and the Bible Text that connects with it, with a correct Approximate Date, in date order, with the oldest first.



If you looked at the Bible Text first, found the named connection, then what remained was to decide on a Date. Some dates were easier than others to resolve - some latitude has been shown!

A Prize of £25 Book Token to the winner (see below).

British Museum Object	Bible Text	Approx. Date
I. Flood epic from Babylon	Genesis 6-9	>2300 BC
2. Royal standard of <u>Ur</u>	Genesis 11:31	2080 BC
3. Nile <u>mud</u> <u>brick</u> (Rameses II's reign)	Exodus 1: 8-14	1225 BC
4. Carving of storm-god Baal	l Kings 18: 20-40	860 BC
5. Phoenician-carved ivory	I Kings 22: 39	855 BC
6. Column of <u>Tiglath-Pileser</u> III (' <u>Pul</u> ')	2 Kings 15	740 BC
7. Human-headed bull of Sargon II	Isaiah 20: I	720 BC
8. Taylor prism – naming <u>Hezekiah</u>	2 Kings 18-19	700 BC
9. Stela of <u>Ashurbanipal</u>	Ezra 4: 10	650 BC
10. Nebuchadnezzar inscriptions	2 Kings 24: I	605 BC
II. <u>Lachish</u> letters	Jeremiah 34: 7	600 BC
12. Nabonidus cylinder – <u>Belshazzar</u>	Daniel 5	540 BC
13. <u>Cyrus</u> cylinder	Ezra I: 2-4	530 BC
14. Seal of <u>Darius</u> I	Daniel 6: 1-6	520 BC
15. Babylonian astronomical (<u>star</u>) guide	Matthew 2: 2	7 BC
16. Bust of Roman emperor <u>Augustus</u>	Luke 2	4 AD
17. symbol (= <u>CHrist</u>), Hoxne treasure	e Mark 8: 30	32 AD
18. Petra urn, where <u>Aretas</u> was king	2 Corinthians 11: 32	40 AD
19. Parthenon marbles from Athens	Acts of the Apostles 17	50 AD
20. Part of Temple of <u>Diana</u> (' <u>Artemis</u> ')	Acts of the Apostles 19: 23-	41 57 AD

THE WINNER

In trying to provide a Prize Quiz that could not be completed after only a short while using Google, perhaps the bar was set too high this time as there were few entries and even fewer that came close to full marks. An honourable mention to former winner **Nigel Lambert** (winner in 2004, and has come close since), who scored 16. However, the victor's laurels once again go to his School Lane neighbour, **Lucy Marshall** (who last won in 2007) and who scored 18 out of 20, switching only the closely-dated answers to 4 & 5, and 12 & 13. Congratulations!

Ten Years Ago February 2001

- ROYAL VISIT It was announced that there would be a visit to Dedham by H.R.H. The Princess Royal, to a meeting at the Assembly Rooms in Dedham, on Tuesday 27 February. The Parish Council, together with other councillors from the area had been invited to learn more about a housing trust of which she is Patron.
- ♦ NAVE ROOF APPEAL CLOSED Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the village (and county) £80,000 was raised to replace the church nave roof seven months ahead of schedule.

Fifty Years Ago February 1961

- ♦ FILM SHOW A film was shown at the Hewitt Hall in aid of the King George's Silver Jubilee Appeal. The programme was 'Antarctic Crossing The Heroic Days'
- ♦ PRIZES The Vicar presented Sunday School prizes to: Margaret Smith, Avril Garwood, Mary Langton, Gill Bradbrook, Pauline Whitehead, Wendy Langton, Linda Gant, Lynne Coomber, Laurence Smith, Philip Mayhew, Linda Barber, Hilary Finbow, David Mayhew, Christopher Fincham, William Langton, Royston Wood, Christopher Finch, Julie Emeny, Marcia Smith, Michael Formoy, Michael Barber, Carol Buckland, Ralph Cox, Heather Gant, Philip King, Graham Whybrow, Edward Neate, Margaret Everitt, Patsy King, Heather Nunn, Sarah Wilson, Steven and Pauline Fincham, Denise Morgan, Adrian Denny and Andrew Formoy.

A Century Ago February 1911

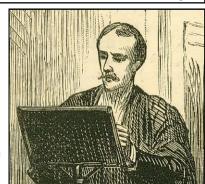
- ♦ DYING FROM COLD 'Scoutmaster Lowe has had the opportunity of putting in to practice the principles of being always prepared... as he was cycling to Dedham... his eye caught a boy of some fourteen years old, lying by the roadside near Birchwood... he found that the body was quite cold and rigid... the boy, it seems was overcome by the cold and would have died from exposure but for the timely aid...'
- **CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION 'The first distribution of the Eyre Clothing Charity took place in the Memorial Hall. The bundles of clothing were arranged for inspection on improvised tables...'**

PAST TIMES

Canon Dr. Gerald H. Rendall and his chauffeur, Albert Sharp



Gerald Henry Rendall (1851–1945) was principal of University College, Liverpool, and Professor of Greek, and then headmaster of Charterhouse School. He retired to Dedham in 1911, where he lived at



Dedham House. He became chairman of the Lectureship Trust and a great historian of Essex. He established the Muniment Room Library, and wrote two histories of Dedham.

This picture of **Albert Sharp**, dated 1911, is of him dressed in uniform as Dr. Rendall's chauffeur. The photograph is in the possession of **Mary Mayhew**, his only daughter.

Albert served in the Essex Regiment during World War I, in German East Africa. He died on his way home, of an illness, on 27 March 1917, and is buried in the Gaza War Cemetery, in grave XXII.E.2. His name is commemorated on the Dedham War Memorial.



SIMILAR PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR THE ARCHIVES

Have you any old photographs taken in Dedham (or recent ones of buildings that have gone?) Can you name some or all of the people in the photograph? Please consider making the photograph available to be copied for the Muniment Room archives (the original will be returned)

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