CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Betty Callaghan writes **GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

At our March meeting, much laughter prevailed playing card and reciting poetry. To further recognize Good Neighbours 52nd Anniversary a celebratory lunch was arranged and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 8 April. The competition will be any Item beginning with the letter ']'. New members welcome.

John Osborn writes writes FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 17 April, at 10.30 a.m. Meet at Dedham War Memorial, for a twohour circular ramble to the Flatford Mill area, which will be led by John Osborn 🖀 322 157. Non-members are very welcome, as are dogs-on-leads.

Paw Slingo writes HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on 6 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. The subject will be Fragrant Flowers in the Garden given by Natalie Finch, the well known local speaker and gardener.

The Spring Flower Show is on 2 April. Show schedules can be obtained by \mathbf{T} 322 147 or 🖀 231 164. Lots of entries are required please to make the show a success. The plant sale will be on 7 May in Royal Square between 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. All plants gratefully received, so on with the potting up and labelling.

Felix Fitch writes **CRICKET CLUB**

Nets for players continue on the Sunday 3 and 10 April from 11 a.m. at East Bergholt School, with the opening game of the season on the Sunday 17 April versus Tendring. Anyone who is interested in playing during the season is welcome to attend.

The Club AGM took place last month. Work on the cricket square, ground and pavilion commences in preparation of the new season.

Friday afternoon sessions will begin on the Friday 3 June, with Kwik Cricket from 4 - 5 p.m., and an open practice from 5 p.m. The bar will be open and all are welcome to attend.

felix.fitch@btinternet.com

Sally Gotelee writes iohnfosborn@btinternet.com CHURCH FLOWERS

> There will be a planning meeting for Easter flowers in the Parish Church, on Tuesday 12 April, at 10.30 a.m., at Whalleys, Dedham Road, Stratford St Mary.

For those wishing to purchase Easter Lilies. cost will be £2 each. Deadline for ordering them for Easter will be Monday 18 April.

Ian Rose writes U3A

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On Wednesday 13 April, 2.15 p.m. in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt, Dr. David Dougan will speak on The Art of the Italian Renaissance Courts.

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April 2011 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 5.30 p.m. (in winter) Evening Prayer BCP Ist Sunday in month JUNIOR CHURCH 10.15 a.m.

Family Service in Church Ist Sunday in month In the Assembly Rooms or Duchy Barn on all other Sundays during school terms

SONGS OF PRAISE

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 17 April

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP 10.30 a.m. Family Service & Distribution of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY 21 APRIL

8 p.m. Holy Communion



GOOD FRIDAY 22 APRIL

12 noon - 3 p.m. Vigil (in Church)

'YESTERDAY, ODAY AND FOREVER'



I p.m. Covenant Players Theatre for Children in the Assembly Rooms (ends 2 p.m.)

EASTER DAY 24 APRIL

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP
10.30 a.m. Parish Communion CW
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer BCP

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH





Jesus lives! thy terrors now Can, O death, no more appal us; Jesus lives! by this we know Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Allelulia!

This joyful and confident Easter hymn is based on the words of Jesus found in John 14:19, 'Because I live, you shall live also.'

Christian F. Gellert

The hymn was written by Christian F. Gellert

(1715-69), the son of a country clergyman from Saxony. Gellert studied at Meisen and Leipzig with the intention of going into the Lutheran ministry, but sensed that he was too shy to be a preacher, so instead he became a lecturer in poetry, and later Professor of Philosophy at Leipzig. He was a much-love tutor, and the great German writer Goethe was among his pupils.

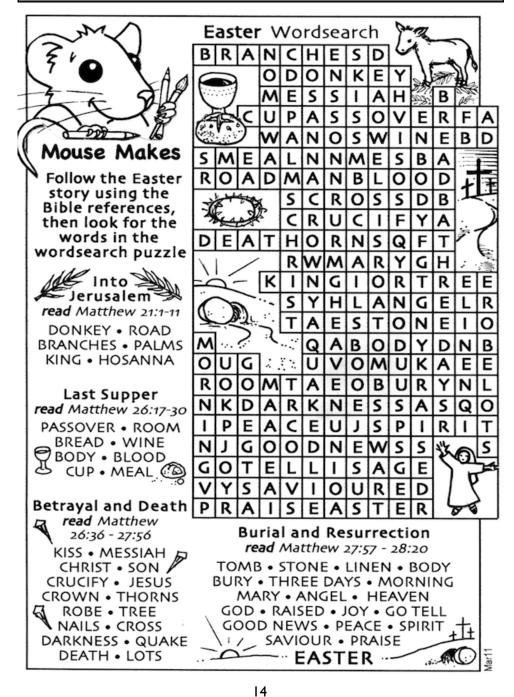
First published in 1757, the hymn was translated into English by Frances Cox (1812-97) of Oxford in 1841. In 1851 the hymn was recast, with the author's approval, in a shorter and more corporate form. It is this revised version that is still sung today. Its strength is the way the Resurrection of Christ is declared to have a practical and enduring benefit for all faithful people:

Jesus lives! henceforth is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm our trembling breath, When we pass its gloomy portal. Allelulia!

Jesus lives! my heart knows well Naught from us His Love shall sever; Life, nor death, nor powers of hell, Tear us from His keeping ever. Allelulia!

Gellert's remains were buried in a vault in St. John's Church, Leipzig, alongside the tomb of the great J.S. Bach. This hymn is usually sung to the tune ST. ALBINUS, which was written by Henry Gauntlett (1805-76), although he wrote that tune for another Easter hymn, 'Angels to our Jubilee', which has fallen from use in most English hymnbooks.

YOUNG READERS





VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

WHEN THE GROUND SHOOK

We may be used to news of natural Being in a disaster-prone area is, after all, one of the reasons they are poor. The earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, was more shocking because it is the city, more than any other in the southern hemisphere, that is British in character, especially in its architecture. We would also like to think that the courage and fortitude that has been shown by the people there owed something to our common heritage.

The dust had barely settled on that city before news came of a great earthquake in Japan. This too is a country used to earthquakes, yet there are disasters which can overwhelm even the most

prepared. For a while there was no electricity or telephone services as part likely to see such a disaster as 'proof' of one of the most developed countries on earth was, in a moment, set back more than a century.

Apart from having compassion as we see and hear the news of these and other such disasters, we may also feel a guilty sense of relief that we live in a part of the world in which such occurrences are rare. Guilty, because we know that it was not, for most of us, a matter of our personal choice or effort that we live here, but simply something which goes with the blessing of being born in a gentler land.

The Colchester earthquake in 1884 was not on the same scale as these disasters affecting the poorer countries. recent ones, but it was the worst that Britain has ever known. At 9.22 a.m. on 22 April, on a lovely spring day, the ground shook. There were no deaths, but there was devastation for miles around. More than a thousand roofs were lost, twenty churches were in ruins (in Dedham the church tower was severely cracked), and three villages to the south of Colchester were destroyed. In the dust storm that followed there were splinters of wood, vicious in their ability to injure. Like after a great battle, there was also the



stench of broken buildings and the tragedy of broken lives.

In those days local people were chastened and said their

prayers. Today, people would be more of the non-existence of a loving God. Earthquakes are mentioned in the Bible (and even possibly a tsunami - see Exodus 15) and yet the sovereignty of God was never doubted, rather He is seen as being vindicated, albeit in the calm that followed ("the Lord was not in the earthquake ... " but in a "still small voice"; | Kings 19:11, KJV). Perhaps you have survived an earthquake of some kind in the past year. Some time during Holy Week and Easter, expect to hear the 'still small voice' of the living God.

> Gerard Moate Vicar & Lecturer

NEWSROUND



GOOD FRIDAY

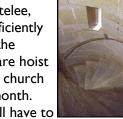
A team from and international drama group called Covenant Players will be coming Dedham to help has mark Good Friday as special. Beginning in the Parish Church as part of the Vigil at 12 noon, they will then transfer to the Assembly Rooms for an hour, beginning at I p.m., of drama chosen for children and those who teach them. The team will then return to be part of the final hour of the Vigil in church.

Since 1963, Covenant Players has used the powerful medium of drama to bring hope, encouragement, and a positive Christian message into churches, classrooms, auditoriums, nursing homes, hospitals, and other places all over the world. They have hundreds of plays written specifically for such purposes - plays that deal powerfully with the complexities of the human condition from a Christian perspective, while respecting the diversity of the culture in which we serve.

The three-hour Vigil has become a very special part of Good Friday in Dedham. This year the theme will be Yesterday, Today and Forever. The Vigil is designed so that people may stay as long as they choose, and leave when they want. Many who have come for a short while one year have returned another year to stay for longer.

FLAGMASTER'S FLOURISH

Michael Gotelee. quietly and efficiently ensures that the correct flags are hoist on top of our church tower each month. In April he will have to



ascend the tower for a record-breaking twelve times in a month, to hoist and lower the flags.



Vexillologists among you (i.e. those who study flags) may be interested to know

the reason is partly that Easter is only one day short of being as late as it is possible for that festival to occur. This means that, in addition to the three occasions the English flag is hoist to mark Holy Week and Easter; Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day, occurring in April, there is also St. George's Day itself.

Then, to mark the actual birthday of H.M. The Queen, the Union Flag will be



hoist on Thursday 21 April. Finally, there will be the additional special celebration on Friday 29 April, for the Royal Wedding. All in all, that will be some 1,584 steps up and down! Happily, Michael will get a rest from his duties in May, as there are no 'flag days' scheduled for next month!



DEDHAM'S 24-hr TAKE-AWAY

Opinion is divided about the new 24-hr pizza restaurant that has opened off the High Street in Dedham. It will be, without doubt, a service to the many visitors who come to the area, but there are certainly some who think Street. The Dedham Vale Society were that it is 'not in keeping' with the character of the village.

Surprise, if not to say shock, has been expressed by several people who generally consider themselves 'in the know', that such a development could have happened so quickly and with so little opposition. According to a spokes -person for the borough planning department, the usually vigilant Parish Council had offered no opinion on either the purpose of the shop or its somewhat utilitarian architecture.

The owner of the Dedham House of Pizza, Joannis Astuphulakas, said that, in order to 'blend it in' the architect had chosen to imitate the style of another Dedham building, that of the BT Telephone Exchange in the High unavailable for comment.

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LATE NEWS

FILM



Films

DEDHAM

in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham

20 APRIL The King's Speech

Special Matinee Film Begins 3.30 p.m.

Evening 7.00 p.m. Film Begins 7.30 p.m.

18 MAY Hitchcock's 'North by Northwest'

Tickets £3.50

Refreshments are available before the film and during the interval. Come and join friends for a great time out.

CONTACTS Dedham Bookshop 273 271 Jax Horswill 2322 328 Jacqui Freeman 2322 263

> dedhamfilms @ btinternet.com

To find out more about the screenings or DEDHAM FILMS visit our website www.dedhamfilms.co.uk



Director: Tom Hooper (2010)

Stars: Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helen Bonham-Carter.

Synopsis: After his brother Edward VIII abdicates, King George VI (Firth), known to his family as 'Bertie', reluctantly becomes king. Plagued by a nervous stammer and considered by some as unfit to be king, the film is the private story of the struggles of this famous man, of Elizabeth, the woman who loved him (Bonham-Carter) and of an unorthodox Australian speech therapist, Lionel Logue (Rush). Through a set of unexpected techniques, and as a result of an unlikely friendship, the king is able to find his voice and boldly lead his country into the unwanted War. Although the film shows a man overcoming a serious disability, it is neither triumphalist nor sentimental. Its themes are courage (its source and how it is used), responsibility, and the oldfashioned necessity to place duty above personal pleasure or contentment.





Fred Merrin writes ARDLEIGH SURGERY

There is likely to be pressure on the Out-of-Hours service and the Walk-in Clinic as GP surgeries will be closed for an extended period, owing to Bank Holidays, including the Royal wedding. General practices would normally be open only three days over the 11-day period from the Friday 22 April until the Monday 2 May 2010. This Surgery will also be open on Bank Holiday morning, Friday 29 April, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm for urgent appointments and the collection of medicines. Between Easter Monday and Friday 29 April the surgery will be running only same-day appointments. Patients will need to telephone on the day to obtain an appointment. Patients are also asked to make sure that they do not run out of medicines during this period. Order early!

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Solution on p. 13

Antony Watson writes KENYAN RECOLLECTIONS (6)

We were keen to see the school children of Gatunduri in their classes, but we were welcomed by the staff to an impromptu meeting, which quickly developed into a question and answer session, with Heather Tetchner and I seated at a large table in the centre of the staffroom, as ambassadors of 'The West', with Mr. Njue graciously chairing the session. This went on for several hours, whilst the children played outside, their faces occasionally appearing at the windows, in an attempt to get another look at these strange-looking visitors.

We learned that the children walk to school and arrive hours before the staff, who have their smallholdings to keep. The children are responsible for cleaning the school compound, classrooms and latrines, and for preparing the school for lessons. Many children are orphans, and some have come from homes where they are the carer for younger siblings. They walk great distances to get to school.

After the long meeting, we were able to visit the classrooms and share stories and exchange questions, before a wonderful lunch of stew (goat, I think), sweet potatoes and arrowroot, followed by freshly-picked mango and banana. This area is the breadbasket of Kenya; if this part is going hungry, then the rest of Kenya is surely starving.

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Laura Valentine writes **THEMES & CELEBRATIONS**

Winter, Traditional Tales, Kings and Queens, It's a Wonderful World, World War II, Ancient Greece and The Victorians: variety of stalls from local businesses are the class themes going on in School at the moment. If you had stepped into the Primary School last month you may have wondered whether you were indeed in our School, as the children and staff had 'dressed up' in characters for National Book Week. You may have bumped into Winnie the Pooh in Mrs. Tetchner's office, or Prince Caspian in Class 2, Toad of Toad Hall in Class 3, or Oliver Twist in Class 6. Not what you'd usually find, I think you'd agree!

A few days later and our School hall saw a very different sort of celebration, with our third 'School Eucharist', led by the Revd. Canon Pat Prestney, who has recently retired from being the Vicar of Lawford. Parents were invited to join their children in celebrating Holy Communion. I'm sure they'd agree that the singing, prayers and Pat's teaching all came together beautifully to create a spiritually inspiring morning.

There are certainly no two days quite the same in School. From a talent show, in aid of Comic Relief, to our first Infant Music Festival. And only a few weeks ago, Class 6 were learning about life as a Victorian child a hard way, by polishing their shoes! Next month there will be yet more adventures in education to report.

Sarah Curtis writes **EPPa**

We had a very successful Craft and Farmers Market last month with a and community organisations. The main event was the pupils cooking and serving. This time, Year 5, had designed their own curry and spent the morning cooking two large batches in front of the guests and then served it up. All of the curries were a popular and many mouths were fed. Everyone could then vote on the cooking team that they thought looked most professional.

The voting box was crammed full; the children did so well and should be very proud of cooking and serving a meal to an audience. Some children had produced posters, recipes sheets and wore home-made badges. The winning team was Captain Curry Powder, who cooked a creamy coconut vegetable curry. The winning team members were Tom Curtis, Blair Kelly, James Manser, and Charlie Ranson. Very well done to all Year 5 children and a huge thank you to everyone who helped and came to support us.

St Helena Hospice SUMMER FETE Saturday 7 May 2011 I lam until 3pm

We welcome to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, food, drink, and shopping in the beautiful grounds of

St Helena Hospice, Barncroft Close, Highwoods, Colchester. Admission is by donation

We are also looking for anyone who wishes to hold a stall at the Fete to get in touch.

Further information **2791 740** or email: kalden@sthelenahospice.org.uk

ARDLEIGH PRE-SCHOOL RACE NIGHT Saturday 21 May 2011

NOTICEBOARD

Doors open 7pm, racing starts 7.30pm

in Ardleigh School Hall,

Tickets £7 includes a Fish and Chip supper

Hot drinks and snacks available Bring your own alcohol

> **Ticket enquiries** Samantha Tree

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Walk on the Riverside



Monday 9 May 2011

Come and join us on a 12-mile walk through beautiful Constable Country and help to raise money and awareness for research into Breast Cancer.

The walk will begin at The Boathouse Restaurant and will depart at 9.30 am PROMPT. Cost £15 for the walk only, or £25 to include morning coffee and a lunch. Dogs welcome (on leads and with poo bags!)

> Helen Allen 231 735 / 07850 916 717 helenwarburton1@talktalk.net

NOTICEBOARD



LADIES' EVENING

DEDHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY I APRIL 7 – 9 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS * RAFFLE BEAUTY TREATMENTS * BODY SHOP COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES HOME WARE * JEWELLERY CANDLES * CARDS AND GIFT IDEAS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

TICKETS & INFORMATION MICHELLE SMITH 2 322 062 or 07719 589 855

Dedham Arts Group Spring Exhibition

Littlegarth Studio High Street, Dedham

Saturday 28 May until Monday 30 May

Admission is free open every day 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Private viewing open to members and their friends Friday 27 May at the Studio at 7 p.m.

Dedham Duck Race



In aid of *Girlguiding* supporting Guides and Rangers locally

Guides and Rangers locally Girlguiding UK girls in the lead Monday 2 May o starts at 12 noon at Mill Bridge Dodham

race starts at 12 noon at Mill Bridge, Dedham

£25 prize for the first duck to cross the finish line

Home-made cakes / Herbs & Plant stall / Bookstall

Entry is $\pounds I$ per duck

Tracey Lovelock 🖀 323 521 or Ann Bailey 🖀 230 404 donation of plants or books would be appreciated

PARISH COUNCIL

Roy Laverick writes PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Because of a resignation, the Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a new member until next year's elections. The post offers an ideal opportunity to gain an insight into the way the Council functions, and offers scope to become involved in various aspects of village life. Those wishing to get more details of what is involved, or to put their name forward for consideration, should please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Jean Flewin, **2** 322 215.

BROADBAND

Some neighbouring parishes have taken steps to improve the quality of the broadband internet service that they receive. The Parish Council would be interested in whether this is an initiative that you would support in Dedham. Are you content with the service that you are receiving? Do you have a genuine need for a faster line speed? Please phone Brian Hindley **2** 395 579 with your views.

CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

Essex County Council have advised us that they will be taking over the concessionary



bus-pass scheme from their agents. This will result in a small change in the appearance of newly-issued cards. ECC emphasise that there is no change to the terms of the scheme and that existing passes will remain valid until their expiry date, when they will be replaced with a new-style pass.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30pm Wednesday 13 April**

in the Assembly Rooms. Details of many aspects of the Parish Council's work (including the Minutes of its meetings) may be found at its website:

wwww.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

(This is also where you can report the location of pot-holes found in Dedham roads, so that we can notify the relevant authorities.)

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at

12.15 p.m. Sunday 10 April

There will be an election for a new Churchwarden and for several other church officers.

PAST TIMES

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago April 2001

♦ A LATE SPRING The Vicar wrote that, following a hard and wet winter, with the national foot-and-mouth epidemic in cattle, and widespread flooding throughout our area, it seemed as if Spring would never come.

♦ AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL The Primary School won an *Excellence for School Achievement* award from the Department for Education, because it had done better than most schools in similar circumstances.

 \circledast RE-ELM ESSEX? The CPRE appealed for cuttings from healthy elms to help 're-elm' the county.

Fifty Years Ago April 1961

NEW ENGLISH BIBLE 'One of the main topics of conversation among the cast of our Passion Play has been the New English Bible... I hope that the present interest will continue and that it may be the means of giving the Bible once again an honoured and rightful place in every home...'

THAT BLUE CROCKERY 'We are most grateful to Mrs. Radcliffe for her generous gift of four dozen new cups and saucers to the Mothers' Union.'

THEY WERE TOUGH BACK THEN On Easter Day the Vicar, Revd. A.R. 'Johnny' Johnston, conducted seven services. Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and Noon; Mattins & Address at 11 a.m., Family Service at 3.30 p.m., Evensong & Address at 6.30 p.m., with a service of Holy Baptism at 3.30 p.m. for good measure!

A Century Ago April 1911

♦ 'AUTHORISED VERSION' TERCENTENARY The sermon which had been preached by the Vicar, Rev'd. F.G. Given-Wilson on Sunday morning, 26 March, was printed in full. Its subject was the tercentenary of the publication of the King James Version (or 'Authorised Version') of the Bible.

♦ YOUNG MARKSMEN 'Scouts training for the Marksman Badge will be allowed 5 shots a penny at the miniature range. The ammunition required for the test, viz.: - 20 rounds, may be had for 3d. The three highest scorers in each shoot... will have the cost of their ammunition returned.



STOUR HOUSE

This picture is from a rare postcard showing *Stour House*, Dedham, in about 1925. When the Dedham Heath was enclosed in about 1800 (there was an Enclosure Act in 1801) it comprised about 1,000 acres, stretching from *Stour House* in the south-east of the parish, to

beyond Lamb corner in the south-west. By 1875, when William Herbert Dunnett was in resident (he is mentioned in the *Post Office Directory* of 1874) there was an ornamental park and grounds surrounding the house. This 8bedroom house is now up for sale. Below are some recent pictures from the



estate agents. If you can supply any further information for the local-history archives (see below), this would be appreciated.



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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