

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Rhoda Smith writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

The next meeting will be on Friday 11 May, when the speaker will be Mr P. Gant and the competition will be 'A Pretty Tea Towel'.

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Sue Wilshaw was the Speaker at the March Meeting. She gave helpful suggestions of gentle exercises for all ages and each member was given a chart to enable them to continue at home. In May there will be a 'Bring & Buy'. Lucy Lock from the NSPCC will be the speaker. On 27 June Sue Evans-Avonitis will describe the three treks for charity she has done in recent years. Visitors are always welcome.

Robin Jackson writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 2 May the Society AGM will take place in the Assembly Rooms, starting at 7.30 p.m. This will be followed by a talk on 'Butterflies & Wild Flowers'. On Saturday 5 May, from 8.00 a.m. to 12 Noon, there will be a 'Bring & Buy' Plant Stall in Royal Square, Dedham. On Saturday 2 June there will be a coach outing to the Little Bentley Waterways & Garden Show. Cost members £8, non-members £9.

Jasmin Hicks writes

DEDHAM VALE AONB PROJECT

Please see details of the Guided Walks in Dedham, on page 11.

Roy Padgham writes

STOUR VALLEY U3A

On Wednesday 9 May the lecture at 2.15 p.m. in the Constable Memorial Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, will be entitled *Slightly on the Huh*, about Suffolk and Essex dialects, and will be given by Charlie Haycock.

Caroline McShane writes

BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN

To all who contributed to or helped with the Coffee Morning in aid of the Breast Cancer



Campaign back in March, particularly those who came and spent money on the day, a huge and unreserved thank you!

To judge by the noise levels, and the empty stalls by the end of the morning, everyone had a good time and were both generous and supportive. The event raised £811 for the charity.

IF YOUR LOCAL GROUP OR CHARITY HAS NEWS IT COULD BE REPORTED TO DEDHAM HERE

FUZZLE ANSWER

A Tall Order

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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

LOCAL NEWSROUND



Tower Flag Days this Month



- ✓ **Thursday 17 May** Ascension Day
- ✓ **Sunday 27 May** Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Church Gift Day

Let there be lights...



On Saturday 12 May there will be a Gift Day for Dedham Parish Church. All gifts received for this occasion will be used to fund the installation of new lighting for the Chancel and some other places in the church building.

Please consider being generous in support of this project.

From the Registers

WEDDING

31 March 2007 James Charles Airdrie DAVIDSON & Emma Jane WILSON

FUNERALS

4 April 2007 Phyllis May HOOD (84) at Weeley Crematorium

14 April 2007 Margaret Jean TAGG (74)

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind. Make wild wind sounds: Cut a drinking straw in half, flatten at one end and cut into a ^ shape. Put this end between your lips and blow! Cut straws to different lengths and see what sounds they can make.

**ATHEAVENS
PSWITBOL
SPINTELLIL
PENTECOST
GODGETWES**

The wind has jumbled the words, can you find them?
PENTECOST • HEAVEN
BLOW • GOD • SPIRIT
NOISE • WIND

Jesus did not leave us on our own after he had gone to heaven to be with God his Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and to help us...

The Holy Spirit helps us to know we belong to God

The Holy Spirit lives with us and he lives in us!

The Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak and gives us words to pray

The Holy Spirit speaks God's word to us

The Holy Spirit teaches us about God and helps us to understand

The Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about Jesus

Read what happened at PENTECOST in Acts 2: 1-41

FAN-TASTIC!

1. Tape 2 sheets of paper together, then decorate
2. Fold the paper backwards and forwards to the end. (each pleat = 2cm wide)
3. Fold the pleats up at the bottom and tape. Open out your fan and fan!

Dedham Lecture 2007

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

Do we have faith in our schools ?

8 p.m. Thursday 7 June

For further information
or a CD recording of this Lecture :

Telephone: 01206 322 136

E-mail: office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

*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*

From the Vicar May 2007

STICKABILITY

*"To him that overcomes will I give to eat
of the tree of life which is in the midst of
the paradise of God,"*

St. John (who wrote the Bible book
Revelation) could have spent his time
feeling bitter about his exile on the
island of Patmos. But he didn't. He
understood that it's no good giving up
'half way' and that God rewards those
who show spiritual perseverance, or
'stickability'

William Wilberforce
had it. He and his friends
of the Clapham Group
were born into a cynical
and violent society which
held views such as that
'religion causes problems rather than
cures them'. The National Lottery
(which Wilberforce called 'a national
scandal') meant that many, mostly the
poorest, were duped into betting on
near-impossible odds. Sound familiar?

There were also other 'national
scandals': annual consumption of gin
averaged three gallons for every man
woman and child, and for stealing a
handkerchief a child could be executed.
MPs 'purchased their seats' and some
represented constituencies with no
people living in them. Arguments
against slavery and child labour were
initially ignored and later, during the
wars with France, advocates of
abolition were said to be 'unpatriotic'.

Through prayer and unwavering
dedication, William Wilberforce and his
friends set about transforming society
and changing the character of Britain
and in his memorable phrase, "made
goodness fashionable". After 20 years
and as many attempts, in 1807, the
Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill was
passed. The recent film 'Amazing Grace'
gives a dramatic and graphic account,
which is well worth seeing.

In 1886 in the United States, a 22

year old man lost his job
as a clerk. The following
year he became a
partner in a business,
which failed. Aged 37,
on his third try, he was
elected to the state



legislature, but two years later he lost
the re-election. Aged 40, he was
rejected for a political appointment.
He then had what we would now call
a 'nervous breakdown'. Aged 41, his
four-year-old son died. At 45, he was
defeated for the Senate and at 47, for
Vice President. Aged 49, he was again
defeated for the Senate. Aged 51, he
was elected President of the United
States. He was Abraham Lincoln.

*"Therefore...let us throw off everything
that hinders and the sin that so easily
entangles...let us run with perseverance the
race marked out for us, looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith."*

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

BEATING THE BOUNDS

Rogation means 'an asking of God' - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather. The traditional practice of 'beating the bounds' began with the Romans. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and 'driving away Winter' with sticks.

In 465 A.D. Europe had suffered from earthquake, storm and and epidemic. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With this decision, the practice began to become a Christian ceremony.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little group would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their school master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow. At certain points along the route, at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or *rogation* was said, imploring

God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting for the walkers.

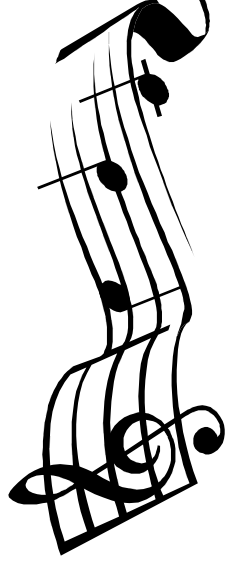
In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. Few people today, however, know the exact boundary of Dedham!

OUR VICAR TO DO IT!

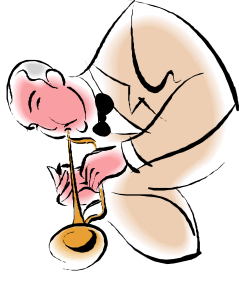
So, on **Saturday 12 May** the Vicar of Dedham will be walking the whole boundary of Dedham's ecclesiastical parish. As far as he knows this will be the first time it has been done for



more than a century (no mention of the practice has been found in our magazine archives). He will be doing this by following as closely as possible the exact boundary of the parish (in his cassock), along with volunteers to carry a processional cross, and with others who are welcome to join him for all or part of the journey. There will at some point be a break for beer and cheese! He will be doing this to draw attention to the Gift Day which will be taking place in the Church at the same time. (see p. 4)



Essex Police Band



Summer Concert

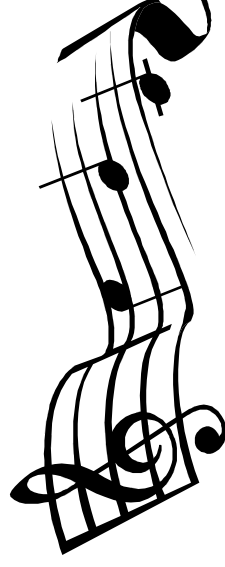
7.30 p.m.

Saturday 26 May 2005

Dedham Parish Church

Tickets £ 10
(Under 16s, £ 4)

from
Dedham Pharmacy
or
01206 322 072
or
01206 322 000



NOTICEBOARD

Orwell Park School

SINGING WEEKEND

at Dedham Parish Church



Saturday 5 May

2.15 p.m. Organ Recital by Huw Jones

8.15 p.m.

Rossini : *Petite Messe Solenne*

conducted by

Sir David Willcocks



On Sunday 6 May the composer John Rutter will be meeting singers at the School.

Email: headmaster@orwellpark.co.uk ☎ 01473 659 822

FUZZLE

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

HALT!

The answer is on page 16.

LOCAL NEWSROUND

Christine Henderson writes

THANK YOU, MRS CLAYTON

At the end of last school term Carolyn Clayton retired as the Headmistress of Dedham C.E. Primary School. She had been with the school for 22 years, gaining promotion to eventually lead the school. A farewell was organised with parents, present and former colleagues, governors and pupils attending, and giving tribute to her achievements. A gift of life-long membership of the National Trust was made. Staff had their own farewell meal which was great fun.

At the end-of-term

service in the Parish Church

the Vicar presented Mrs

Clayton with a photograph

of her home, Octagon House, Mill

Lane, taken from an 1890s 'magic

lantern' slide (see p. 9). On return to

school she found that her office had

been festooned. The final Friday

afternoon assembly was packed to

capacity. Children took the lead with

their own memories and songs, the

preparation for which had been a well-

kept secret. Mrs Clayton was

presented with a 'book of memories'

that every child had helped to make,

including photos taken over the years.

She presented the school with a ship's

bell, which the children will love to ring

loud and long.

Our best wishes are with her for a long and happy retirement, enjoying visiting all those houses and gardens.

Christopher Bailey writes

HUNT FOR A HEADTEACHER

The Governing Body is continuing the process of selecting and appointing a new Headteacher for Dedham C.E. Primary School against a background of a national shortage of Headteachers and Deputy Heads. It hopes to be able to announce a permanent appointment in time for the Autumn Term.

Meanwhile, with the support of the LEA, Dedham will share a very capable and experienced Headteacher with another school.



For the Summer Term only, Brian Combes, Headteacher of Stanway Primary School, has agreed to assume the additional responsibility of

being Headteacher in Dedham. As far

as possible he will be spending some

time each day during the term at each

School. Mr Combes appreciates the

ethos of our School. He is also keen

to maintain strong relationships with

the wider community and with the

Church. I believe it says something

about Mr Combes that the latest

OFSTED report on his School is very

similar to our own in its praise of the

Head's leadership and management

qualities. The Governing Body is most

grateful, both to Mr Combes and to

the Governors of Stanway Primary

School, for the support they are

affording us. I am sure we will all give

Mr Combes a warm welcome as he

takes on his new duties in Dedham.

Parish Councillor John Osborn writes

SKATEBOARDING AND BMX

Dedham Parish Council agreed again to support the Manningtree and Mistley 'Summer Initiative'. This year Mistley Councillors will be sponsoring the larger apparatus, which was available for only one day last year, for the whole of the summer period. Their decision on the location is yet to be made but a possible site is on Furze Hills.



A number of skateboarders from Dedham enjoyed the facility in 2006 and it is hoped that they and others will be able to get along to the new venue.

More information will be displayed when the details are known. Dedham Parish Councillors agreed to look for ways to bring skateboarding apparatus, initially for a trial period, into Dedham itself next year.

CAR PARK TOILETS

There appears to be a need for toilet facilities over the summer period to be available in the Mill Lane car park. Initial discussions have taken place with Mr. Dave McManus from Colchester Borough Council and an opportunity to discuss the matter further will be at the start of the Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m. on 9 May when it is hoped Mr. McManus will be present.

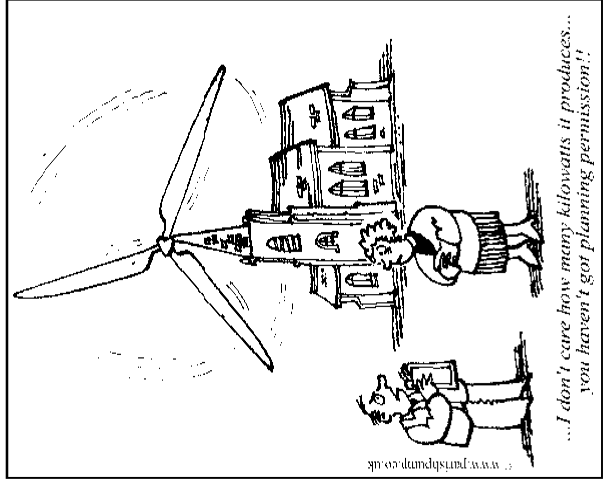
PCSO ARRIVES IN JUNE

The Parish Council learned that our Police Community Support Officer will be Natalie King and that her 4-week training period will start on 8 May 2007. This slight delay means that the 'tutor' period, when Natalie will be seen in and around the village for the first time, will not be until Monday 4 June. Her base in Dedham is likely to be the Duchy Barn Community Centre.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Assembly Rooms at the earlier time of 7.00 pm on Wednesday 9 May 2007. The annual Parish Assembly will follow. Minutes of all meetings can be seen by accessing the Web site:

dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk



Dedham Parish Church

PLANTS SALE

**Bank Holiday Monday
28 May 2007**



Tea, Coffee & Cakes
(donations gratefully received)

Dedham Arts Group Spring Exhibition

Littlegarth Studio
High Street, Dedham

**Saturday 26 May until
Monday 28 May**

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

Private viewing
open to members and their friends
Friday 25 May
at the Studio at 6 p.m.

Guide Dogs for the Blind
Stour Valley Branch

Sponsored Dog Walk 20 May

First walk 10.30 a.m.,
last walk 2.45 p.m.

We would be pleased for you
to join us, with or without a dog,
sponsored, or a donation
if you would prefer.

Details from
Rhoda Crisp ☎ 870 194
Marjorie Culham ☎ 393 504



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 cost of the day will be £35 a head.

ENQUIRIES Mrs Beth Mitchell ☎ 01206 322 072

Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project

Dedham Guided Tours

Think you know Dedham?

Combine the chance to learn about this village, with its connections to Constable, with a visit to the Sir Alfred Munnings Museum.

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, 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.

Sally Pearce writes

EAST BERGHOLT SURGERY

The results of a patients' satisfaction survey have now been received and discussed with the Patient Representative Group. Overall the satisfaction is at the national average, but several comments were received and we intend to address these issues. More details are published in the Practice Newsletter.

Minor Illness Clinic This is currently available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings and run by specially trained Practice Nurses, in conjunction with a GP. The clinic deals with all minor illnesses such as conjunctivitis, urine infections, sore throats, coughs, colds and 'flu.

Missed appointments Recently a substantial number of appointments have been missed by patients. If you are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer it to someone else.

Blood appointments You may have recently been given an "odd" appointment time with the phlebotomist because they are now run every seven minutes. The nurses would be very grateful if you could come prepared, i.e. 'coat off and sleeve rolled up'! If you have any other queries please make a separate appointment to see a nurse.

CORRECT PHONE NUMBER
Please make a note of the correct number to call for the East Bergholt Surgery **01206 298 272**.

The old Dedham Surgery telephone number has now been reallocated by BT to another customer, and this poor person is regularly being called for appointments - over 100 calls so far.

IN EMERGENCY

An alternative to A & E is the *Riverside Clinic Minor Injuries Unit* in Ipswich. No appointment is necessary, and it is open every day, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Riverside Clinic MIU 2 Landseer Road Ipswich IP3 0AZ ☎ **01473 299 622**.

TRIPLE GOLD

Our village butchers have won three top national awards for their home-cured bacon. Tony and Richard Clark, together with Tom Smith, who serve the community at Evans & Sons in the High Street, were photographed and featured in the *Essex County Standard* after their success in impressing the BPEX judges at a produce show in Sussex. These accolades come just two years since their decision to start curing and smoking their own bacon, which they do using locally-produced pork. Their initiative and success will be applauded by all who appreciate what local businesses have to offer.



Ten Years Ago May 1997

An unusually long list of funerals was reported *From the Registers*, back to the beginning of the year. Among the names were *Maurice MacWilliam*, military hero, of Rye Farm; *William ('Bill') Woodward* (John Woodward's brother); *Stanley Booth* (co-founder of the Munnings' Trust); *Olga Whybrow* (widow of the former manager of Spearrings' shop); and the redoubtable *Elizabeth ('Betty') Mallett*, co-founder of Littlegarth School, and benefactor of Littlegarth Cottages. A village 'quiz evening' was held in aid of the Hewitt Hall; and a Deanery Festival service was held in the Parish Church, at which the preacher was the Rural Dean, the *Rev'd Christopher Woods*.

Fifty Years Ago May 1957

It was reported that more than 50 young people from the parish had attended a 'Youth Conference', led by the Vicar in the Hewitt Hall, over two days during Easter; the Dedham Choral Society had sung excerpts from *Messiah* on Good Friday evening, the funeral of Charles Burney ('CB') Shepherd of Rye Farm was reported (see box above); Easter was 'as late as possible' and the Spring had 'been exceptionally early and lovely' which meant that the flowers in church were 'different from the usual yellows'.

A Century Ago May 1907

'The condition of the Churchyard has been a matter of anxiety to the Churchwardens [James R. Trigg and William W. Hewitt] for some time' so the Vicar was 'very glad to announce that Messrs. Saunders have consented to keep it in repair'. The death of Dedham-born *Thomas Alfred Dunnage* was announced and his life extensively reported; he had been a key supporter of the Cricket Club, Flower Show, Royal Harwich Yacht Club, and had been Master of the Cutlers' Company. An elaborate Sunday School Prize-giving ceremony took place in 'the Schoolroom', with costumes and sketches, candles and footlights, and with scenery made and curtains loaned for the occasion, at which William Hewitt presented the prizes.



MILL LANE
looking towards
OCTAGON
HOUSE

One of several hand-coloured slides bought for the Miniment Room, and thought to date from c. 1895.

A copy of this photograph was presented to Mrs Carolyn Clayton (see p. 5)



PARISH CHURCH
Tower Repairs - April 1984

Note the missing pinnacle!

From the collection of 35mm photographic slides taken by the late Jim Eley, and donated to the Miniment Room archives in 2005.

The Miniment Room Society would like to purchase a specialist 'slide scanner' to be able to add hundreds of slides to a digital collection. If you would be willing to sponsor this, at a cost of £190, please let the Vicar know, or get in touch with the Parish Office.