CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Daphne Langton LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Members will meet at 2.30 pm. on 28 April in the Assembly Rooms. The speaker will be Rev. Nina Brown. There will be a Bring & Buy. A coach has been booked for members on Wednesday 26 May to go to Dunwich for the day.

Paw Slingo writes HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society is holding it's AGM on Wednesday 5 May in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be lan Roofe speaking on '365 days Ian Rose writes of Colour in the Garden'. There will be a U3A STOUR VALLEY glass of wine and nibbles. A reminder that there will be a Plant Sale in Royal Square on Saturday 8 May 8.30 a.m. till 12 noon. Please bring along any spare labeled plants to sell.

Betty Callaghan writes **GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB**

Our April meeting opened on a sombre note with the news of the passing of Mrs. Dale, who was a valued member. A donation will be given to Cancer Research. On a lighter note, a quiz relating to the 'garden' produced surprising results from answers that 'lie in the soil'.

At our meeting on the 14 May the speaker will be Mr. David Shearmur. The competition : *a* posy of flowers.

The May lecture will be Nelson, a talk by William Tyler, and will be held on Wednesday 12 May, at 2.15 pm at the Constable Hall, East Bergholt.

DEDHAM CHURCH WEDDINGS

If you wish to be married in Dedham Parish Church it is worth discussing your wedding plans with the Vicar (see p. I for contact details). Changes in marriage law means that it is possible for a man and a woman to get married in a parish church, even if neither live in the parish, if one of these apply:

BAPTISM: one of the couple was baptised or confirmed in the parish. (The man or the woman must have been baptised at some time, somewhere).

RESIDENCE: one of the couple, or one of their parents, has resided at some time in the parish for six months or more.

WORSHIP: one of the couple, or one of their parents, regularly attends public worship in this parish and has done so for six months or more.

MARRIAGE: parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

DIVORCED? In cases where either or both of the couple have been married before, it may be possible to arrange a Service of Blessing after a civil marriage.

DEDHAM PARISH CHUF www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk e-mail: office@dedham-parishchurch.or MINISTERS Gerard Moate Vicar & Lecturer	rg.uk (01206) ☎	DEDHAM Parish Magazine May 2010
The Vicarage, High Street, Dedham CO7 6DE Stuart Wilson Reader Emeritus Chris Slocombe Hospital Visitor	322 136 392 572 321 023	SUNDAY SERVICES
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Songs of Praise

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



Ascension Day 10 a.m. Thursday 13 May Primary School Service

You are invited on a Tower Tour on Saturdays (all day) and Sundays (afternoon)

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Thursday 13 May Ascension



Sunday 23 May Pentecost

Sunday 30 May Trinity

From the Registers

BAPTISM

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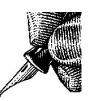
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WEDDING Joshua AKIN-GEORGE & Marie WARNES

FUNERAL 6 April 2009 Grace Elizabeth POWELL (85)

INTERMENT of ASHES



Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Hymns Old & New, 242

W. Chalmers Smith 1824 - 1908 It is said that the painter Gauguin died disappointed because he was never able to 'paint' light'. One is reminded

of this when singing this hymn, which links God with light; 'Unresting, unhasting and silent as light.' The writer puts, in one line, all that defeated Gauguin, 'In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.' A particular favourite of the Queen, this hymn was sung at the service to mark Her Majesty's sixtieth birthday. It is has only relatively recently gained wide popularity. It did not, for example, appear in Hymns Ancient and Modern until 1950.

Its author, the Revd Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), was an Aberdonian, who served a variety of Free Church of Scotland congregations, before becoming Moderator (like an archbishop) in 1893. The hymn is based on I Timothy 1:17 'Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.' The reference to the 'Ancient of Days' comes from Daniel 7:9, and other verses of the hymn have links to Psalm 36:6 and 2 Corinthians 3:15-16. The fourth verse in our hymn book is, as in most modern hymn books, an amalgamation of the writer's original final two verses:



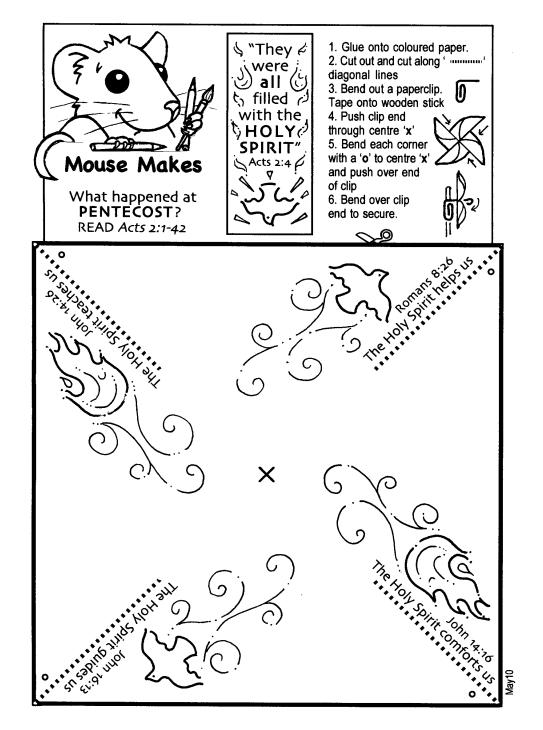
Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; But of all thy rich graces this grace, Lord impart -

Take the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.

All laud we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee, And so let thy glory, almighty, impart, Through Christ in his story, thy Christ to the heart.

The majestic tune known as ST DENIO or JOANNA, is based on a Welsh traditional folk song, *Can Mlynedd i'nawr* (*In a Hundred Years' Time*). It first appeared, unattributed, as a hymn tune in a collection published in 1839.

Gillian Frances SOUTHGATE (67)





VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

WHY BOTHER TO VOTE?

"I won't bother" he said, "they're all much the same". So I explained to that particular member of my family that *not* to vote is in fact to vote for extremists or an odd-ball outfit because it is generally those which benefit from voter apathy. "Oh", he said, "then perhaps I'd better vote".

It is the duty and responsibility of every Christian to vote and, where possible, to vote for leaders who will promote Christian principles. God is most certainly in control, but that does not mean we should do nothing to further His will. We are urged to pray for our leaders (1 *Timothy* 2:1-4).

In terms of politics and leadership, we can see in the Bible that God has, at times, been displeased with choices of leadership (e.g. *Hosea* 8:4). It is also clear that much suffering is because of godless leadership (see *Proverbs* 28:12). The Bible teaches us to obey legitimate authority - unless it contradicts God's commands (see *Acts* 5:27-29; *Romans* 13:1-7). Christians should therefore vote as they are led through prayer and Bible study - and the realities of the choices we face.

Christians in many countries in this world are oppressed and persecuted. They suffer under governments which they are powerless to change and that oppose their faith and wish to silence their voices. These believers trust the gospel of Jesus Christ sometimes at risk to their lives. In Britain, we have been blessed with the freedom to speak about our faith and to choose their leaders without fearing for ourselves or our families.

It is increasingly apparent that there are those who want to drive the name and teachings of Christ completely out of the public arena. The Christian Institute [www.christian.org.uk] is one agency which monitors and reports such efforts. Voting is an important opportunity to promote, protect, and preserve godly government. Passing up that opportunity means letting those who would denigrate the name of Christ have their way in our lives.

The leaders we elect - or do nothing to remove - will have influence on our freedoms. They can choose to protect our right to worship and spread the gospel, or they can (as some would do) restrict those rights. They can by so doing lead our nation towards righteousness or towards moral bankruptcy. Let us follow our Lord's command to fulfil our civic duties

(S. Matthew 22:21). And may God bless the resulting Government as it faces the many challenges which are ahead.

Gerard Moate Vicar & Lecturer

NOTICEBOARD

NEWSROUND

DAVID MAY'S COLLECTION

The auction of the late David May's collection of postcards, photographs, cigarette cards, and local ephemera was and other makers. One of the lots, a sensation. A former greengrocer from Great Horkesley, over more than an heraldic crest for Dedham on them fifty years Mr. May had amassed the greatest collection of local scenes ever assembled. Lots sold for up to ten times their estimates. Some of the photographs sold for more than £50 each. Such was the level of interest by dealers, who typically plan break up the albums and sell cards individually, that interested parties seeking to get local history for their village, were heavily outbid. Several lots of Colchester scenes sold for £1,000+ (including one lot of 85 cards for £1,600), Stoke-by-Nayland (£800), Nayland (£800), Long Melford (£1,000), Boxted (£920) and Lavenham and Aldeburgh($\pounds 2,300$). The auction of 534 lots raised more than £110.000 for Essex charities.

SUCCESS FOR DEDHAM!

In these circumstances, those who went to bid for the album of Dedham postcards were far from hopeful of securing it. Remarkably, we were able to get Lot 292, a collection of more than 200 views of Dedham, for £260. Thanks to the generosity of Muniment Room Society members Michael and Lucy Archer, George Beeken, Caroline Merriam and Colin West, we were able to secure this album for the village archives and also another lot detailed in the next paragraph.

DEDHAM CRESTED WARE

Another series of lots was early 20th -century crested china ware, by Goss containing more than 60 items, all had



and we were successful in our bid for them. Some will be kept for the archives but there are many available for people to purchase, for between $\pounds 15$ and $\pounds 25$.

All money raised will go to Dedham PCC, for the purchase and care of our village archives. If you would like to choose one, please write, phone, email or visit the Parish Office (details page 1).

CHANCEL PROGRESS

On Palm Sunday, just in time for Holy Week and Easter, builders finished all the painting, restoration of the choir stalls and (thanks to two generous gifts), the cleaning of the stone reredos, i.e. the screen behind the communion table. Temporary lighting was installed, pending delivery of new high-level and window lighting, which should be in place soon. Thank you to all who cleaned and prepared the chancel and who, together with the superb work by the flower arrangers, thereby made it a festival to remember.

To mark the completion of the chancel project there will be a special Service of Thanksgiving on

Sunday 20 June.



DEDHAM GUIDED WALKS

Take time to discover more about Dedham's fascinating and intriguing history from the Bronze Age, through Roman times and beyond to include its medieval wealth in the wool trade and, of course, its famous connection with England's greatest landscape painter, Iohn Constable.

Join our knowledgeable Guides on a walk through this charming village at the heart of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The walk concludes at Castle House, with an opportunity to see the impressive art collection at the former house and studio of Sir Alfred Munnings.

Tours will run on the following dates 2010

26 May, 13 & 27 June 7 & 25 July 5, 15, & 29 August 12 & 26 September

Tours meet at Dedham Car Park at 2pm. Adults £5 Children (5-18 years) £2 Admission to the Art Museum is included.

The walks last around $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Distance about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Allow an hour to explore Castle House and for refreshing afternoon tea in the new Studio Tea-room. Book a place through Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project

2 0 | 473 264 263

Bookings can be made online: www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

NOTICEBOARD

A Date for your Diary raising funds for the **Essex Air Ambulance**

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH



Saturday 12 June

COFFEE MORNING

10 a.m. - 12 noon

AFTERNOON TEA



2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library 400th Anniversary Exhibition 1610-2010

To celebrate 400 years since its foundation, Lambeth Palace Library is set to open its doors with a fascinating exhibition, 'Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library - 400th Anniversary Exhibition 1610-2010', opening in Lambeth Palace's Great Hall from Monday 17 May until Friday 23 July 2010.

On show will be key items collected during Lambeth Palace Library's four hundred years as a working library. Treasures include a *Gutenberg Bible*, 1455, the first book printed in Western Europe from movable metal type; a 12th-century *Lambeth Bible*, one of the monuments of Romanesque art; and King Richard III's 15th century manuscript *Book of Hours*, which was in his tent at the Battle of Bosworth in August 1485!

Lambeth Palace Library, Lambeth Palace Road, London SEI 7JU. For further information and advance bookings (recommended), visit www.lambethpalacelibrary.org or 20871 230 1107

NEWSROUND

Antony Watson writes KENYAN RECOLLECTIONS - I

Two months have passed since my return from a life-changing week spent in Kenya. This has been a great time to gather my thoughts. I shall attempt to capture something of the wonder of this amazing experience.

Dedham C of E Primary School was invited by the Diocese of Chelmsford to forge links with the ACK Gatunduri Primary School in Embu, in the foothills of Mount Kenya. I was invited to be a parish representative to travel with Mrs. Heather Tetchner. Despite some early misgivings about my suitability, I accepted the challenge, and so began a round of injections and preparations.

I thank everyone who contributed towards making the trip possible. We received countless donations and were able to take many gifts for the school in Kenya, which was a delight.

We arrived in Nairobi, late on a warm February evening, following the nine-hour flight from Heathrow. We were a group of a dozen-or-so delegates from schools and villages

across Essex. We were met by Bernard and Julius, our wonderful drivers and guides, and given accommodation in Nairobi, before leaving for the journey to Embu on Saturday. In the warm sunshine we made our way out of the chaos and clamour that is Nairobi, stopping in Karen (so named after Karen Blixen, of *Out of Africa* fame), to visit a giraffe sanctuary and a bead-making centre, where we were given a tour of the workshops and met those who work the beads by hand. These women are given health care for themselves and their families and it was wonderful to meet them and to see and purchase their beautiful jewellery.

The highway North out of the city is truly chaotic. It was almost impossible to tell from this journey whether Kenyans drive on the left or the right! My first impression was that of seeing people everywhere; the roadside verges being full of men, women and children walking, with animals, carts, hand trucks and bicycles.

The air was thick with fumes from ancient trucks lumbering along with acrid smoke in their wake. Ubiquitous *Matatus* (taxis) weaved their way like dodgem cars, crammed with people. Helmet-less motorcyclists weaved between the lanes of this slow, clogged artery through the city, and every-



where, including the middle of the road, people selling wares from stalls set up almost randomly. This was certainly a challenging place to be. [To be continued.]

NEWSROUND

Fiona Leisk writes **GODLY PLAY**

On Good Friday a time of 'Godly Play' was held in the Assembly Rooms. The three-hour session started with a contemplative hour. All sat on the floor in a circle while a story, *The Seven* the year. This year the group have Faces of Easter, was narrated using pictures of Jesus. Then 'wondering' questions were asked the children; for example, "I wonder which part of the story you liked best?" This is a good way of helping children to think deeply, express themselves and to be contemplative. Responses from even the youngest child (Isaac, aged four, was the first) need to be heard to understand the effect of this approach.

Then children made use of art and craft materials. They usually produce something related to the story. At the finish they were encouraged to clear up, with a little help from the adults. Those that wished to do so showed their work. Ella's clay cross, holding a nest of eggs on the cross-bar to signify 'New Life', deserves a special mention.

When calm had, more or less, been achieved, a prayer was said by a child, bread, grapes and water were shared in • 'the feast'. One of the children was even able to compare this to the Last Supper. Mrs. Tetchner then held a small exercise class until the parents arrived. Twenty-nine children attended this exciting and successful production. Thanks to Heather Tetchner, Elizabeth Hopkins & Maisie Leisk for their help.

Steve Woodgate writes MACMILLAN SUPPORT

Our fundraising group for Colchester organised events raising around £7,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. It meets one evening a month, to plan events for plans for a Winter Ball, an open garden and a family guiz and have exciting ideas in store. We would like to build on this successful team, if you are looking to get out, meet new friends while doing something rewarding, or gain some fundraising skills, we would love to hear from you. Meetings take place on the outskirts of Colchester. Transport can be arranged so do not be put off if you do not have your own. **2** 01245 345 280

Rob Marshall writes **PRISON FELLOWSHIP**

Prison Fellowship aims to transform the lives of prisoners and their families. Do you have time to support this vulnerable group?

Ways you can get involved include:

- praying for a local prison
- supporting chaplaincy
- Fundraising

If this sounds like the kind of challenge you are after then please come and join us! If you want to find out more.

e-mail: info@prisonfellowship.org.uk **201621 843 232**



THINK YOU CAN'T SING? YOUR CHANCE TO COME OUT OF THE SHOWER !

Come and join Antony, the friendly choirmaster, and have a fun day in the Choral Workshop — singing light music —



Saturday 22 May 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham



Coffee, light lunch with wine, and a final performance Cost £7.50 Everyone welcome !

For details and tickets T 322 006 or 322 000

Proceeds in aid of Dedham Parish Church

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NOTICEBOARD

Dedham Arts Group **Spring Exhibition** Littlegarth Studio High Street, Dedham

Saturday 29 May until Monday 31 May

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

Private viewing open to members and their friends Friday 28 May at the Studio at 7 p.m.

Ladies Pampering Evening with... The Body Shop at... Craft Nurseries on... Thursday 27th May 34 Harwich Rd. 7.30 - 9.30pm Lawford. CO11 2LS in aid of **Motor Neurone Disease Association** mnda Refreshments £3 entrance available For further information contact 01206 323723 Anne Lipscomb on ...

Dedham Duck Race



In aid of Girlguiding

Monday 3 May race starts at noon

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

Home made cakes Plant stall and Bookstall

Entry is £1 per duck please call

Tracey Lovelock 2323 521 or Ann Bailey 230 404 donation of plants or books would be appreciated

PARISH COUNCIL

Roy Laverick writes BULKY REFUSE DISPOSAL

As in previous years, an 'attended refuse freighter' (effectively a skip) will be visiting the village, allowing residents to dispose of bulky items of domestic waste, free of charge. It will be in The event needs one person

Parson's Field 9.15 am.-10.30 pm. on 19 June and 16 October.

Please note that fridges and freezers, and potentially hazardous items, cannot be accepted. To facilitate recycling, green garden waste should be separated from other items.



JOB VACANCY Village Day

August Bank Holiday

Monday 30 August

During the past six years this event has grown into a happy family day for visitors and those living in the village. Most village groups, societies, clubs and associations have taken part.

It is a good day for High Street shops and pubs and it raises much-needed funds for groups on whom the village depends. Clubs increase membership and charities and various groups raise awareness of what they try to achieve. All funds raised are kept by those who raise them.

No committee runs this event, yet it is a day when Dedham is seen at its best. People outside of the village are invited to do be involved only if it cannot be done from within.

The event needs one person who will act as the contact point. In early June that person would call a short meeting to discuss the day. They keep a list of what each group is proposing to do so that competition is avoided (there is little point in having lots of the same; variety is one of the things that makes the day work). Early in July they should remind all those taking part that they need to check their insurance and any licences which they may need. On the day they have the keys to various gates and doors. They are around in case there is a panic! Then take satisfaction in having done something worthwhile for the whole village. That's it!

There has to be someone in Dedham who can spare a few hours to do a little paper work, to be at the end of a phone or e-mail and to remind, encourage and occasionally soothe by trying to be fair to everyone. Is it you?

Please **322 938** or contact any member of the Parish Council.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7 pm.** on **Wednesday**, **12 May** in the Duchy Barn (*please note the change of venue*). The meeting will be followed by the Parish Assembly.

PAST TIMES

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago May 2000

♦ CHRISTIAN ALPHABET POEM Although things are not perfect, Because of trial or pain, Continue in thanksgiving, Do not begin to blame; Even when the times are hard, Fierce winds are bound to blow, God is forever able, Hold on to what you know. Imagine life without His love, Joy would cease to be, Keep thanking God in everything, Love by His grace is free. Move on from complaining, No weapon that is known On earth can yield the power Praise can do alone. Quit looking at the future, Redeem the time at hand, Start every day with worship, Thanking Him is your command. Until we see Him coming, Victorious in the sky, We'll run the race with gratitude, X-alting God most high; You have the hope of Christ: Zion is heaven—with attitude!

Fifty Years Ago May 1960

♦ CHURCH FINANCES 1960 'The Accounts were presented and all show a healthy balance. This is just as well, seeing that we must find £3,000 [i.e. £51,330 today] for the redecoration of the church... we hope this will begin about June 13th. It is hoped, too, that the new lighting will have been installed by that date.'

♦ CHURCH SCHOOL & CHURCHYARD '...plans for the future Church School in Dedham ...it might be necessary to take part of the Vicarage garden and part of the Duchy Field. As far as the Vicarage garden is concerned I do not think this will be difficult to transact, but the future of the Duchy Field... we must consider... the recent addition to the churchyard will last for another 10 or 15 years, after which other plans must be made. We must decide whether to take off another large section of the Duchy Field or look for another burial ground... we must think about these things NOW and plan ahead.

A Century Ago May 1910

◆ CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP 'It was necessary that the parishioners should realise...that proud as they were of their fine Church, its preservation entailed an expenditure of some £10 or £12 [i.e. £875-£1,050 today] every year...at the present moment the mullions of one of the windows have seriously decayed, and are temporarily shored up...the leading of the windows, especially in the clerestory which are very old, are in constant need of repair, and the flint facing of the Tower calls for attention from time to time owing to the loosening and falling out of old stones....With regard to the Chancel, the Bishop himself remarked when he came to re-open it after restoration, that he considered it the most beautiful of any Church in his Diocese.'

CHURCH FINANCES 1909-10 Receipts, £333.6s.3d [i.e. £29,165 today]; Expenditure, £325.9s.4d [i.e. £28,478 today], including £20 6s.4d to the 'Dedham Gas Company' and £1.1s for 'Subscription to Street Lamps'.



H. GAMMER, Grocer & Draper at Ivy Lodge (now Ivy House) High Street, Dedham c.1910

H. GAMMER, Draper, Milliner, Outfitter, Boot, Shoe & Furniture Factor, Grocer & Provision Merchant, DEDHAM.

Gammer's Tea Garden at Ivy Lodge (now Ivy House) High Street, Dedham c.1900



Two postcards from the Dedham album (of over 200 cards) which was part of the collection of the late David May and purchased for the Muniment Room archives in March 2010.

WANTED

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