

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

At our January meeting memories were shared of "the day War broke out". A time of courage, endurance, laughter and tears. May we never forget. On Friday 13 February another battle will take place — but this time it will be a "battle of wits"! The competition will be a *brooch / tie pin*.

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The meeting at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday on 28 January will be a general meeting, in the Assembly Rooms.

On Ash Wednesday, 25 February at 2.30 p.m. we are invited to the Vicarage for our meeting, at which the Vicar will lead us in worship and also speak about *Samuel Thomas - Dedham's First Missionary*.

Laura Lovelock writes

GIRL GUIDES

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my efforts to raise money for my trip to Malaysia and Borneo in 2009, either by making a donation or buying a Christmas cake or pudding. I hope you all enjoyed them: the total I made came out to 45 Christmas Cakes and 34 Christmas Puddings raising £425. So many, in fact, that our oven broke and we had to buy a new fan for it!

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The *Dedham & District Horticultural Society* welcomes members and friends to the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 4 February at 7.30 p.m. for the its first meeting of 2009. The speaker will be Sylvia Norton, whose topic will be *Plant Hunting in Chile*.

FUZZLES

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

**HORSE
STRHOARSEEM**

LICRISISFE

ANSWERS

1. Changing horses in mid-stream
2. mid-life crisis

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**February
2008**

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

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13 February**

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



SPECIAL, ADDITIONAL, OR CHANGES TO SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 1 February

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer CW

Sunday 8 February 'Education Sunday'

10.30 a.m. Family Service

Wednesday 25 February *Ash Wednesday*

10.00 a.m Primary School Service

IMPORTANT NOTICES PLEASE READ PAGES 4 AND 5

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Friday 6 Feb. *H.M. Queen's Accession*



From the Registers

SERVICE OF DEDICATION after a CIVIL MARRIAGE

12 December 2008 Thomas & Helen ALLEN

FUNERAL

19 December 2008 Greta Babs EVERETT (89)

13 January 2009 John WOODWARD (76)

COLCHESTER CREMATORIUM

19 January 2009 Joan Mary HODSON (88)

INTERMENT OF ASHES

14 December 2008 Selina Joan FINCHAM (85)

21 December 2008 Sylvia Rose HASTINGS (89)

21 December 2008 Horace Herbert HASTINGS (94)



SONGS OF PRAISE



*God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious, happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us: God save the Queen*

Hymns Old & New No. 177

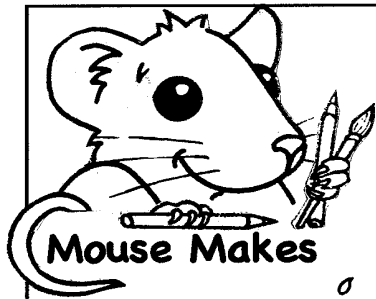
Should our National Anthem properly be regarded as a hymn? It is addressed to the Almighty and it appears in almost every major hymn-book. This month also sees the 57th anniversary of the Accession of H.M. The Queen (Friday 6 February), which seems reasons enough to include it in this series.

Its origins and authorship are obscure. The anthem first appeared in the form we now know it (with 'King' and 'him' in the appropriate places) in the *Gentleman's Magazine* in October 1745, where it was described as having been sung in several London playhouses. This was at the time of the Jacobite rising ("Bonnie Prince Charlie") and it seems likely that the song was initially an anthem for Hanoverian loyalists.

The words have been attributed to a Henry Carey (?-1743), the poet who was also said to be responsible for the words and music of the popular song *Sally in our Alley* (which Gracie Fields sang so often during the 1940s). Other authorities attribute the tune to Dr John Bull (?-1628), who was organist at Antwerp Cathedral. Indeed, a French song, uncannily similar in language, structure and metre, was sung at the court of Louis XIV in 1686.

A distinctly "xenophobic and bellicose" (i.e. foreigner-hating and war-like) verse is usually omitted. In 1836 William Hickson (1803-70), a London boot manufacturer turned social reformer, re-wrote the verses to better reflect Christian principles. It is from his version that the present third verse is taken:

***Not on this land alone —
But be Thy mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see that all humanity
Should form one family the wide world o'er.***

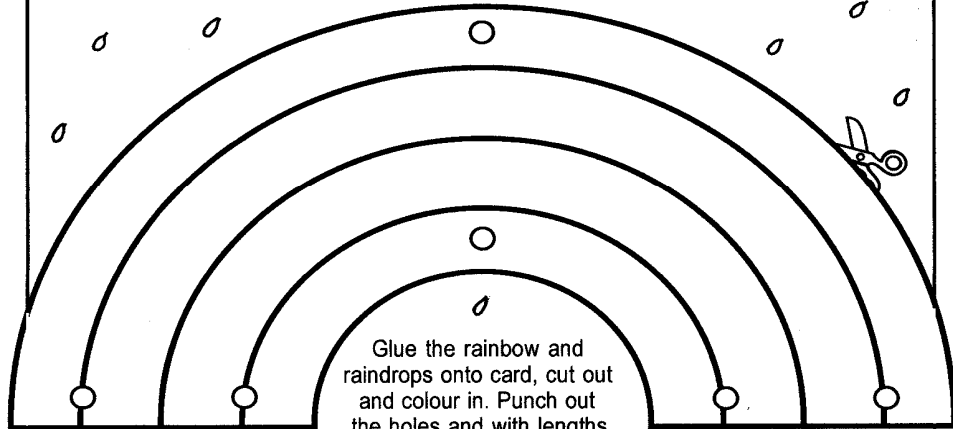


GOD'S PROMISE
 When the great flood covered the earth, only Noah, his family and at least two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark God had told Noah to build. When the flood went down, Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

And God made a promise:

"I have set a rainbow in the clouds and it will be a sign... Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life."

God **ALWAYS** keeps his promises, He **NEVER** changes His promises. God's promises **ALWAYS** come true.



Glue the rainbow and raindrops onto card, cut out and colour in. Punch out the holes and with lengths of thread, tie the raindrop

promises on to the rainbow and hang by the window

God **FORGIVES**
 See: 1 John 1:9

Look up these promises in your bible

God **SETS FREE** from fear
 See: Psalm 34:4

God **PROVIDES**
 See: Phillipians 4:19

God **PROTECTS**
 See: Psalm 91:11

Look out for more of God's promises as you read your Bible

Jesus will come **AGAIN**
 See: John 14:2-3



FORWARDS — BACKWARDS?

Queen Adelaide was a British monarch of whom I had never heard, until my first visit to York. She was the widow of King William IV, who had reigned in the early 1830s, during a period of great change and reform (which he had done his best to hinder).



Queen Adelaide

This is, of course, how many people approach change; by going forwards reluctantly and by looking backwards all the time. Our age can have a bearing on this, though some older people seem to be 'growing every day' while others half their age are paralysed by the demands that change makes upon them.

During the early part of Victoria's reign Adelaide was rather like a 'Queen Mother' (although she was actually the young queen's aunt). Somehow she was persuaded to have a royal carriage made for her, for use on the London & Birmingham Railway, from its new station at Euston. So, in 1842, when she was 50 years old, she took delivery of the world's first, a royal saloon carriage for use in a Royal Train.

There is a kind of 'looking backwards' which can be a positive blessing. In the Bible we may read of God frequently encouraging his people to remember the past; not with nostalgia for "the good old days" but with thankfulness at how faithful God had been to them down the years.

This year will bring challenges to many people, some of whom will face life-changing events. Often these are brought about by matters beyond their control. It is easy to see how this can lead to a sense of helplessness, of a kind of fatalism which asks, in a rather hopeless way, "what can you do?"

I do not know if she had a hand in the design. One thing is very striking is that it is a replica of the *previous* kind of transport which the wealthy of the period would use — a horse-drawn carriage. The conventional railway saloon had been developed by this time but it is clear that this was thought far too advanced for use by Queen Adelaide. If she was going to have to go forwards on this new-fangled railway, then she was going to do it by firmly 'looking backwards' to the very age that it was about to replace.

If you are someone facing such changes, there is a good way to 'look backwards', to the faithfulness of God, which is quite different from using out-of-date ideas to shape one's future. God grant us the wisdom to know the difference.



Adelaide's Royal Saloon Carriage

Gerard Moate
 Vicar & Lecturer

NOTICEBOARD

PARISH CHURCH — INCREASED SECURITY

The Vicar & Churchwardens have been made aware of a significant increase in thefts from and vandalism to churches in our region. Sadly, in recent months, our church has not been exempt from such crime. We appeal to the people of Dedham to be vigilant in protecting both its church building and churchyard.

Among other security measures, such as the application of *SmartWater* (which provides a digital 'fingerprint') to all church metals, we have decided on two particular actions which will make it easier for the people of this village to be able to tell the difference between scheduled work carried out by genuine contractors and suspicious activity by those who, it seems, may pretend to be such workers.

1. NOTICES All scheduled work, whether on, in, or near the building, will be listed on the main church noticeboard, for which purpose there will be a pink Scheduled Works notice form displayed.

2. PARKING No vans or trucks will be allowed to park inside the churchyard at any time unless they are displaying a dated parking permit; this will be a copy of the Scheduled Works permit referred to above. N.B. No vehicle is ever given permission to park immediately in front of the North Porch. *Treat those which are parked there as suspicious.*

3. LIGHTS For the time being, some of the internal church lights will be left on all night, which will enable the police and others to see better any unauthorised activity in or near the church.

If you have cause to be suspicious for any reason, do not hesitate to call one of the following telephone numbers:

During Office Hours

ROGER BARRELL : 322 370 (*Quinlan Terry & Son, church architects*)

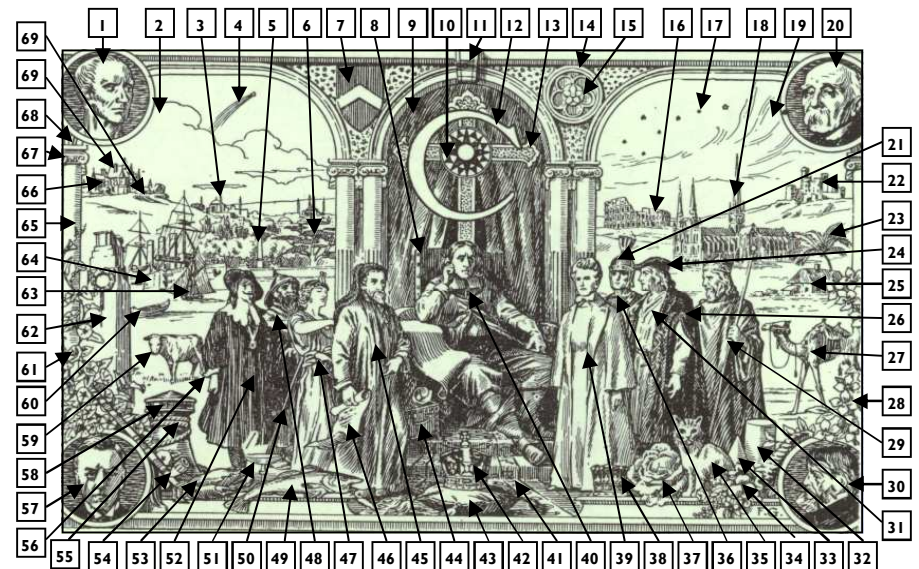
VICARAGE : 322 136 (please don't just leave a recorded message)

24 Hours

ESSEX POLICE: 0300 333 4444

PLEASE KEEP THIS NOTICE NEAR YOUR PHONE

CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ — ANSWERS



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|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Caesar | 23. Coconut Palm | 45. Chaucer / Caxton |
| 2. Cumulus / Cloud | 24. Cap | 46. Charter / Contract |
| 3. Constantinople / City | 25. Cottage / Croft | 47. Cleopatra |
| 4. Comet | 26. Cape | 48. Coxswain / Coastguard |
| 5. Cleopatra's Needle | 27. Camel | 49. Cod / Carp |
| 6. Cedar / Conifer / Cypress | 28. Clematis / Creeper | 50. Cane / Crutch |
| 7. Chevron / Coat-of-Arms | 29. Charlemagne / Canute | 51. Cup / Chalice |
| 8. Chair | 30. Carlyle, Thomas | 52. Charles I / Cavalier |
| 9. Curtain / Cloth | 31. Columbus / Cabot | 53. Crab |
| 10. Compass Rose | 32. Cylinder | 54. Calumet pipe |
| 11. Capstone | 33. Cone | 55. Cuff |
| 12. Capital 'C' | 34. Cornucopia | 56. Chamberlain, Joseph |
| 13. Cross | 35. Cat | 57. Capstan |
| 14. Circle | 36. Centurion | 58. Coil of Rope |
| 15. Cinquefoil | 37. Cabbage / Cauliflower | 59. Cow |
| 16. Colosseum | 38. Coronet | 60. Canoe |
| 17. Constellation | 39. Cavell, Edith | 61. Convolvulus |
| 18. Cathedral / Church | 40. Cromwell, Oliver | 62. Cenotaph |
| 19. Cirrus | 41. Carpet | 63. Cutter/ Caravelle |
| 20. Clemenceau, Georges | 42. Cushion | 64. Cruiser |
| 21. Casque | 43. Crown | 65. Column |
| 22. Castle | 44. Chest | 66. Chateau |
| | | 67. Capital / Chapter / Chaptrel |
| | | 68. Colonnade |
| | | 69. Chimney |
| | | 70. Cliffs |

PRIZE WINNER

There were many entries this year, but sadly none from Primary School pupils. Equal in 4th place was **Brian & Sue Connery** and **Lucy Marshall**. In 3rd place the **McShane -Erith** family. Runners-up were the **Lambert** family & **Rosemary Hartley**. The outright £25 voucher Prize Winner was **Margaret Turner**. *Congratulations!*

VILLAGE PUMP

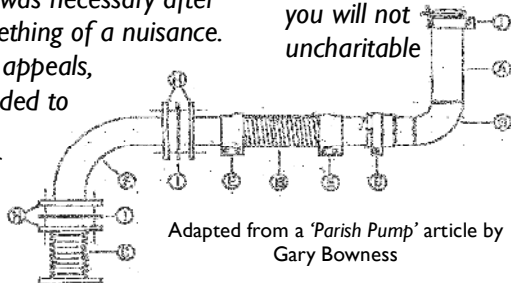
LETTER (not) FOUND IN ARCHIVES

The Vicarage
Dedham

My Dear Archdeacon,

In response to your Annual Statistics for Mission Survey, and in particular question number 89, "Is your church heated, and if so, how?", I regret to have to inform you that our Heating Steward, Miss Asquith, retired from stoking our church boiler last year. She was ideally suited to the job; being only five feet tall, so she didn't have to stoop too much to get into the cellar. That she had done the job for very nearly 50 years seemed another good reason for her continuing. Just because she turned 94 at the end of last month and was finding it difficult to negotiate the cellar steps with her walking frame, she decided to 'throw in the towel'. Her rash decision has placed us all in a dilemma.

The boiler had been lit each Wednesday, so that the church would become almost bearable by Sunday morning. It therefore meant that it had to be stoked three times a day for four days - not too onerous a duty I would have thought, especially as it gave an ample three days afterwards for recovery. Admittedly, that a complete change of clothing was necessary after each visit was something of a nuisance. So, despite several appeals, no-one was persuaded to take on this duty. Such is the level of Christian commitment these days!



Adapted from a 'Parish Pump' article by Gary Bowness

With almost indecent haste (a mere 16 meetings of the Vestry) we have installed a smaller oil-fired boiler. With so much extra space, the cellar was instantly occupied by the flower arrangers. It is now full of vases and stands that no one can bring themselves to throw away and lengths of string and chicken wire that seem indispensable to their mystical art. The Scouts were then looking for a store for their tents, but they were repulsed by the 'occupying forces'.

One challenge is that we now have a system with so many options on the clock that it renders it incomprehensible to the persons responsible for using it (i.e. the Churchwardens, to whom I explained that their duties under Canon E.1.4 included "all such duties as others shall fail to do") Apparently, a simple on/off switch was not an option. Naturally, there have been teething troubles; for several weeks the church was quite well heated on Tuesday mornings (when it is generally unused), but arctic on Sundays. On another occasion, the frost-thermostat took over, but would not let go, keeping the building heated continuously. We shall be holding an additional Gift Day to pay the bill.

So 'technology' is beginning to make an appearance in our church. I trust you will not think me at all uncharitable when I conclude by saying that Miss Asquith has a lot to answer for.

Yours fraternally, &c

NOTICEBOARD

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DEDHAM CHURCHYARD RE-USE PROJECT

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2009

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

DUCHY BARN, THE DRIFT, DEDHAM

The PCC has obtained a Faculty (i.e. planning permission) from the Chancellor of the Diocese of Chelmsford to allow a designated area of the existing Dedham Churchyard to be cleared of memorials and re-used for new burials, when the extension to the Churchyard (consecrated in June 1997) becomes full.

This Public Meeting will give an opportunity for anyone interested in the project to view the plans that have been approved. Descendants of those named below are particularly encouraged to attend so that discussions can be held with them about the memorial stones that are going to be removed as part of the project.

William BARBER (1814 - 93) • Susannah BARBER (1824 -1902)
William BIRD (1817 - 87) • Jessie May CLARKE (1842-96) • Abraham COLE (1817- 84)
Hannah DENNY (1812 - 97) • James DENNY (1810-98) • Ernest Albert DENNY (1865 - 91)
Sarah EDWARDS (1814 - 93) • Robert GARWOOD (1814 -91)
Eliza GARWOOD (1814 -1900) • Anna Jane HARRIS (1824 - 83)
Samuel HUBBARD (1831 - 1900) • John Edward HUNT (1830 - 89)
Christopher HUNT (1811 - 98) • Hannah HUNT (1812 - 1901)
John OSBORNE (1816 - 83) • Mary Ann OSBORNE (1813 - 85)
Mahalath OSBORNE (1822 - 88) • Samuel OSBORNE (1852 -1902)
William RAISON (1791 - 1869) • James WG RANDS (1818 - 1890)
Eliza ROBINSON (-1903) • Sarah Ann SEDEN (1818 - 98) • John SEDEN (1818 - 1905)
Sarah SHARP (1820 -96) • Philip THORRINGTON (1827-96) • Mary Ann THORRINGTON (-)
Mary Ann TURNER (1827 - 88) • Philip USHER (-1884) • William WHITE (1866 - 84)

All enquires or requests for further information regarding this Meeting or the Churchyard Re-use Project should be directed to

The Rev'd. Gerard Moate

The Vicarage, High Street, Dedham, Colchester, CO7 6DE

or by contacting the Parish Office ☎ 01206 322 136.

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FILMING IN DEDHAM CHURCH

Curiosity was greatly roused in mid-December when the makers of a feature film, *The Rapture*, moved in to use the Parish Church for a day. The film is scheduled for release in April. Actors include Billy and Jaime Murray, Martin Kemp and Colin Salmon. To find out more see : www.seencreative.com

TOWER TOURS

It is quite possible that, in ascending to the top of the church tower as guides on so many of the Tower Tours offered from April to October last year, Philip Erith and Neil McShane qualify for honorary membership of a mountaineering club! The combined height of ascent must equal a 'Munro' or even an Alp. Our thanks to them and to the other guides who made the first full season of our Tower tours such a success.

BOOKBINDER FIND

When Richard Ruff visited his brother in East Lane, Dedham, just before Christmas he did what many people do and looked in at the church. Having been a professional bookbinder for many years he took a particular interest in the lectern Bible. He was delighted to discover that it was one which he had made, when working for W.T. Morrell of Holborn, London. We are certainly grateful for such skills. The church now uses Richard Lane of Fakenham for the many book repairs needed in our Muniment Library.

Lesley Sant writes

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent collection raised a total of £587.54 for the Society. Thank you to all box holders. [Thank you for your generosity and commitment, which is worth of our praise. *Ed.*]

Sara Curtis writes

SMARTYS PRE-SCHOOL

The Dickensian Christmas Fair proved to be another successful fund-raising event for Smartys. It was great to see so many children staring over the table top (mainly at the iced biscuits). Thank you to all who came to support us and also to those parents or carers who helped on the stall or made contributions. With your help we raised close to £250. The staff and committee will have no trouble thinking of how to spend the money.

It was also great to see so many faces at our Christmas performance in the Assembly Rooms. The children gave a wonderful musical Nativity show in full costume (including a lion and Batman). Both children and staff had clearly been working hard practicing their songs and moves. Many parents, grandparents and friends stayed afterwards to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. Donations were kindly made for the refreshments, which totalled around £50. Each year Smartys decides on a suitable charity or cause for this money. This year the donations will go to the *Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch*.

**English-Speaking Union
Colchester Branch**

*An illustrated talk by
Irina Nikitina
on*

The Palaces of St Petersburg



at the *m*School
Colchester County High School for Girls
Norman Way Colchester
7 p.m. Tuesday 17 March

Tickets: Adult £6 (to include a glass of wine and nibbles)
Student £3 (to include a soft drink and nibbles)

Geraldine Watson ☎ 322 130 Dr Paul Sharpe ☎ 576 973
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paul_sharpe@cchs.colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk by 10th March, please.

**SNAFFLES FASHIONS
DEDHAM**

are holding a
BIG BIG BARGAIN SALE
at the Assembly Rooms
on Saturday 21 February
starting at 10 a.m.

Jumpers, suits, dresses,
wedding outfits, holiday wear,
blouses, evening wear,
trousers, skirts and jackets.
Bargains starting at £5.

Tea & Coffee available

☎ 322 036

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH
COUNCIL TENANTS'
ROADSHOW**

Arrangements have been made
for a Tenants' Forum
to be held in the

Duchy Barn
2 p.m.
Friday 3 April 2009

All tenants are very welcome to
attend so that they can comment
and report on any repairs and
problems they may have.

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METHODIST CHURCH CLOSES

Christmas service at a small church in Dedham was poignant for its small congregation – as its doors closed for the last time afterwards. Dedham Heath Methodist Church had seen numbers dwindle over the years, and the idea of shutting it down had been mooted for some time. With the 135-year-old building also falling prey to more and more problems with subsidence, it was decided to close it for good at the end of December 2008.

Joan Houghton, who has been involved in church life at Dedham Heath for 38 years, said the last service on Sunday had gone well, led by Ian Wales and Katie Jackson. “A number of people who used to go to the church years ago came to the service,” said the organist, treasurer and secretary. “Some of them had been school-children there, and are now in their 70s! It was quite sad at the same time though, especially for my husband Bernard, who has been connected to the church for 50 years. He’s done all sorts there, like running the Sunday school, welcoming the preachers and looking after its general upkeep.” Mrs Houghton, 64, who lives in Coggeshall Road, Ardleigh, explained that the once-buoyant congregation had declined to about six members by the time it closed. “People got increasingly elderly

and couldn’t come any more,” she said. “Ardleigh Methodist Church is also just up the road so a lot of new people had decided to go there instead.” Dedham Heath, which is situated in Long Road, will now remain empty until a purpose can be found for it. “It may be turned into a prayer centre later on,” said Mrs Houghton. “It’s been open since 1863 so it has done its job for now”.

METHODISTS IN DEDHAM

From: *Dedham: Nonconformity, A History of Essex: Volume 10: Lexden Hundred (Part) including Dedham...* (2001), pp. 183: “In 1767 the vicar [Rev’d Samuel Newman] reported one Methodist in the parish. [*Lamb. Pal. Libr., Terrick papers 14*]. By 1841 a Primitive Methodist chapel stood on East Lane. [*E.R.O., D/CT 113*]. The congregation moved to a new chapel on Long Road between 1855 and 1863. [*E.R.O. DINM 19111, 3; Kelly’s Essex (1855); Charles Jones, History of Dedham, p.142; Methodist statistical records, 1990*]. (It is a) simple red brick chapel, with Gothic windows and white brick decoration on the front.”



Dedham Heath Chapel Photo: Bob Cox

Roy Laverick writes

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Barry Stewart has resigned his Parish Council seat and two residents expressed an interest in filling this position. We did not, however, receive the 10 written requests from electors that would legally trigger an expensive by-election. Consequently, after consideration and discussion, the Council has appointed Mr. Steve White to fill the vacancy. Steve has strong interests in both the commercial and architectural aspects of the village, and we welcome him to the Council and look forward to his assistance with the various challenges that confront us.

ALLOTMENTS

In December the Parish Council received an excellent presentation from Mr. Penny, Colchester Borough Council’s “allotment expert”. He said that there is currently phenomenal demand for allotments (the CBC waiting list features over 400 names) but he unfortunately also confirmed CBC’s lack of funds to expand the stock.

Dedham Parish Council has long recognised that it has neither the funds available to buy, nor the resources to run allotments in the village. With an almost total absence of council-owned land, it is becoming increasingly clear that a successful outcome to this matter will rest on a suitable agreement being reached between a local



landowner and a group of residents wishing to take up allotment gardening. Within this context the Council stands ready to offer whatever assistance it can, and to this end a meeting with Colchester Allotment Association is to be arranged. If you have already recorded an interest, you will be contacted with details of the meeting. If you wish to add your name to the list please phone Mrs. Kim Spencer ☎ 322 773.

A GOOD READ

The Essex Mobile Library calls at the village regularly, and we are advised that from the 5th January it will visit fortnightly on Tuesdays (starting on the 6th, 20th etc.). Calls will be made at Royal Square at 9.15, Parson’s Field at 10.15 and Dedham Meade at 10.40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 11 February** in the Assembly Rooms.

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago February 1999

◆ **ROOF SHIELDS** The death of Charles Ward, painter of the church roof shields [all except one — the shield of the Diocese of Chelmsford was painted much later by Terry Jeffrey], was reported; ◆ **ASSISTANT MINISTERS** The Rev'ds Ray Gibbs and John & Carol Mitson were licensed as assistant priests to the church; ◆ **FIRST DEDHAM SHOEBOX APPEAL** The first Operation Christmas Child 'Shoebox' Appeal was held in Dedham and 204 shoeboxes were collected; ◆ **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** Carters coaches were offering a Dedham bus service throughout the winter.

Fifty Years Ago February 1959

◆ **ARMY CHAPLAIN** The death of John Herbert Baynham, Chaplain to the Forces, and who had retired to Dedham, was reported; ◆ **PASSION PLAY** Rehearsals began for a Passion Play to be put on in March; ◆ **MOTHERS' UNION** The 25th anniversary of the Dedham branch was celebrated, ◆ **PRIZE WINNERS** Among the Sunday School prize winners were: Rhoda Smith, Kenneth Jackson, Marjorie Smith, Sheila Pask, Avril Garwood, Carol King, Pauline Whitehead, Pamela & Jacqueline Everitt, Jill Bradbrook, Edna Buckland, Donald Kitson, Mary & Wendy Langton, Margaret Gosling, Linda Gant, Susan Nichols, Lynne Coomber, Linda & Michael Barber, Christopher Fincham, Philip & Stewart King, Roy Arnold, Barbara & Kathleen Pask, Ann Hitchcock and Carol Buckland.

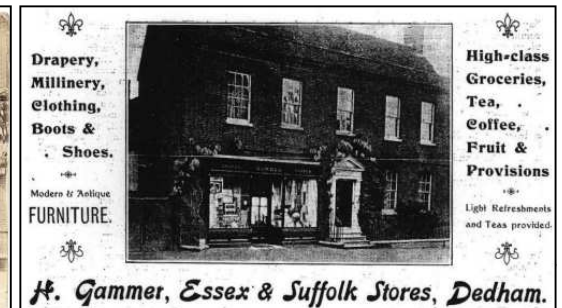
A Century Ago February 1909

◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT** This was held at the Memorial Hall, where *'the curtain fell and disclosed a brilliantly lit Christmas Tree, with Father Christmas standing beside it, waiting to distribute the numerous presents round. There was a special parcel for each boy and girl, and then sweets and knick-knacks, and last of all a garment to every girl, and the younger boys... provided by Miss Hewitt...and by the Ladies of the Needlework Guild'*; ◆ **EAST LANE COTTAGES** Mr Tinning and Mr H. Dunnett were congratulated on the *'[four] new cottages they have erected in East Lane...'*

PAST TIMES

IVY HOUSE

The recent restoration of Ivy House in the High Street, including the pillars and woodwork, made the Editor think that you might be interested to see copies of some old pictures of the house, which belong to **Daphne Langton**. One of them shows it when it was Gammer's shop / tea house, and is taken from an advert in a booklet called *Picturesque Dedham* which was published in 1908.



DEDHAM HEATH SCHOOL c.1935



The Editor is grateful to **Mrs A.G. Coates**, who attended the school in 1937, who suggests an earlier date for the photograph printed in the Christmas magazine, and also writes: *"The teacher was Miss Mabel Williams who travelled from Victoria Road, Colchester. The Eastern National bus was re-routed for her convenience. The pupil named 'Shippam' might have been 'Shippen', and 'Gandy', 'Candy'"* and gave other some information.

WANTED

Dedham memories, especially photographs, particularly if they are or can be dated, and any people in them can be identified.

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. ☎ 01206 322 136