

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

Our Christmas get together was enjoyed by all. A sale of items for S.O.S. (Supporting our Soldiers) charity was generously supported. Due to the adverse weather conditions our January meeting was postponed. Our next meeting will be on Friday 12 February. Competition: 'A gentleman's tie'.

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday 27 January there will be a change of venue and speaker; members are kindly invited by the Vicar and Mrs. Moate to meet at the Vicarage at 2.30 p.m. The Vicar will speak on the work of the *Muniment Room Society*.

At 2.30 p.m. Wednesday 24 February in the Assembly Rooms, the Rev'd. Keith Lovell, vicar of Tollesbury and author of 'History Through Essex Town and Village Signs', will be the speaker.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first meeting in the New Year will be on Wednesday 3 February at the Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be John Burrows who will be talking about 'Preparation and Presentation of Horticultural Exhibits'.

Geraldine Watson writes

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

There will be an Afternoon Tea at 2.30 p.m. for 3 p.m. on Sunday 28 February, in the Assembly Rooms, at which a scholarship student from Chile will be speaking on *Latin-American History and Culture*. Tickets are £5, and £2.50 for students. ☎ **322 130**.

Janette Kelly and Anna Mortimer write

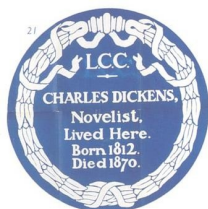
DPS PARENTS GROUP

Dedham Primary School Parents Group will be holding a *Wine-Tasting Evening* at the Assembly Rooms on Friday 5 March. Tickets are £10, which includes a cheese and pate hamper and five bottles of tasting wine for each table of ten guests. For tickets please contact: ☎ **323 997** or ☎ **230 200**.

Ian Rose writes

U3A STOUR VALLEY

An illustrated lecture will be given by Keith Lovell, on the subject of *Blue Plaques*, at 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 10 February, in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. ☎ **392 870**.



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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
or Duchy Barn
on all other Sundays
during school terms

**DEADLINE FOR
MARCH :
17 February**

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



SPECIAL, ADDITIONAL, OR CHANGES TO SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 31 January
'Education Sunday'
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship



Wednesday 17 February
Ash Wednesday
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Saturday 6 Feb. *H.M. Queen's Accession* [58]



From the Registers

BAPTISM

1 November 2009 Anna Juliette TIERNAN

THANKSGIVING for the GIFT of a CHILD

1 November 2009 Isla Grace Joscelyne MALBY

FUNERAL

6 November 2009 Anne Carolyn PERRY (51)
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15 January 2010 Carol Helen BANBURY (44)



INTERMENT OF ASHES

6 December 2009 Ivy May Victory SAGE (90)
3 January 2010 Andrew Raymond Wasteneys HOLTZER (46)

SONGS OF PRAISE

*What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

Hymns Old & New No. 541



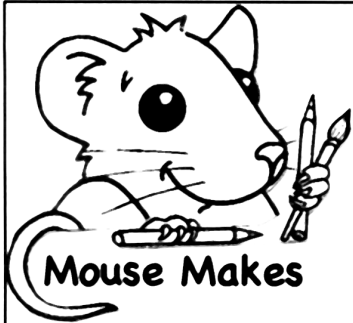
Joseph M. Scriven
1820-86

Joseph Medicott Scriven was born in Dublin, and was a graduate of Trinity College. His early hopes for a military career were dashed by ill-health, from which he suffered throughout his life. At the age of twenty-five he was engaged to be married when his fiancée fell from her horse and was drowned the evening before their wedding. Scriven emigrated to Canada and settled at Rice Lake, and then at Port Hope, Ontario. He earned his living as a tutor, and spent his spare time as a lay preacher with the Plymouth Brethren, and working among the poor and destitute.

In 1859 he and Eliza Roche became engaged, when he was 39 and she was 22. She was baptized by full immersion in Rice Lake with the ice barely gone. Eliza, who was already ill with consumption, developed pneumonia, weakened over a four-month period and died in 1860.

Scriven became a familiar sight around Port Hope, a big man with bushy white hair and full white beard, carrying a 'buck and a bucksaw', offering to cut wood for anyone who was unable to cut his own or pay someone to do it for him, although he refused payment. He used to preach wherever he found people gathered, in the country or on the street corners, sometimes to their express annoyance. Pelting with fruits and vegetables did not stop him and arrest didn't deter him. Shortly before he died Scriven told a friend that the verses of this hymn, which had been published anonymously, were by him and that he had written them to comfort his mother back home in Ireland 'at a time of particular sorrow'.

In the third verse, instead of '*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?*', it originally read '*Has thy brother, sister grieved thee?*' The tune CONVERSE is the work of Charles Converse (1832-1918), who was friendly with Liszt. This hymn was parodied during the First World War, a version of which was used powerfully in the later film, *Oh What a Lovely War!*



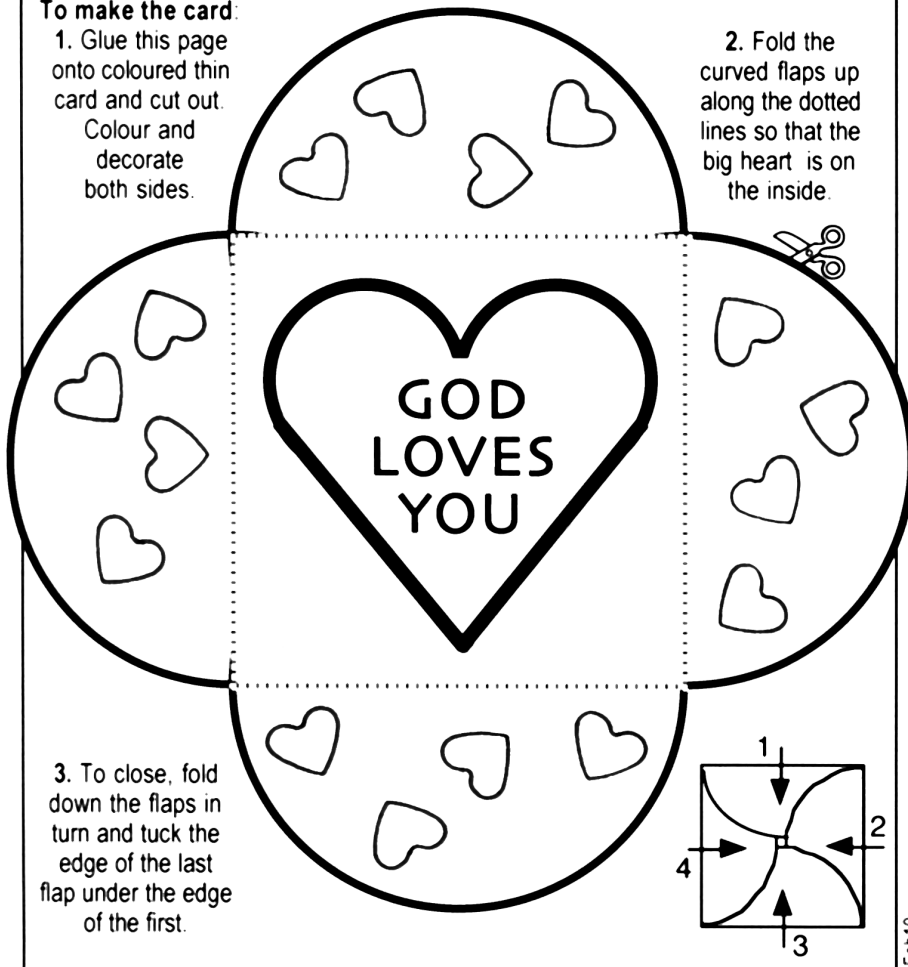
The Apostle Paul said:
*"I am convinced that **nothing** can ever separate us from **God's love**. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow, not even the powers of hell can separate us from **God's love**."*
 Romans 8:38-39

To make the card:

1. Glue this page onto coloured thin card and cut out. Colour and decorate both sides.

2. Fold the curved flaps up along the dotted lines so that the big heart is on the inside.

3. To close, fold down the flaps in turn and tuck the edge of the last flap under the edge of the first.



Feb10



COLD COMFORT

Some younger people may speak of the winter of 1985; for others (of my vintage) it will be the winter of 1963. For older people there will be nothing to compare with the winter of 1947, when the snow fell in January and lasted until March! The very oldest people may be able to speak from experience of the winter in 1917, or the worse one in 1909. To that list the children of today will certainly be able to add 'that winter of 2010' when Dedham was, with the rest of the country, caught in the grip of a true Northern latitude winter.

Writing this on the coldest day of the year, so far, with the scene from my window more like Norway than North Essex, it may be that by the time you read these words it will all be a memory, or the dedicated people who deliver the *Parish Magazine* to every home in this village may have had to battle through snow-drifts to do so. If the latter, then let me add my thanks to yours for their efforts. The elderly who may have been forced to stay indoors will be grateful for your brief contact and for the news you bring. It is good that we have this informal scheme for visiting every home regularly, and as a consequence we could raise a neighbourly alarm if concerned.



However hard this winter, it will have to go some way to beat the one John Evelyn recorded in his *Diary* :

'The frost continuing more and more severe, the Thames before London was still planted with booths in formal streets, all sorts of trades and shops furnished and full of commodities, even to a printing press....coaches plied from Westminster to the Temple... as in the streets, sleds, sliding with skates, a bull baiting, horse and coach races, puppet plays...so that it seemed to be a...carnival on the water...[yet] it was a severe judgement on the land, the trees not only splitting as if lightning-struck, but men and cattle perishing in diverse places and the very seas so locked up with ice that no vessels could stir out or come in. The fowls, fish and birds and all our exotic plants and greens, universally perishing... London by reason of the excessive coldness of the air hindering the ascent of the smoke, was so filled with the...steam of sea coal, that hardly could one see across the streets and...one could scarcely breathe. Here was no water to be had from the pipes and engines, nor could the brewers and...other tradesmen work, and every moment was full of disastrous accidents.'

God's voice speaks in marvellous ways... He says to the snow 'fall on the earth'!

Job 37 : 5

The Victorian novelist R.D. Blackmore set his story *Lorna Doone* on Exmoor during that same winter, of 1684, for dramatic effect. Now, that was a winter!

Gerard Moate
 Vicar & Lecturer

NEWSROUND

Beth Mitchell writes

DUSTBUSTERS

As you may be aware the work that is taking place in the chancel of our parish church causes a covering of dust throughout the building. The church caretaker, Andrew Hodson, does his best each day but it needs extra help to make sure the church looks its best for our services of worship and to welcome visitors.

Would you have an hour or two to spare on *the last Thursday of each month*, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, to take part in a 'communal clean'? There would be no heavy work, although maybe just a little bending (good for the waistline), to pick up the hassocks so that a good sweep can take place under the pews and a thorough dusting of all the surfaces. Coffee and biscuits (not so good for the waistline) will be served and we hope that you will find the time spent will be a congenial and satisfying experience. Many hands make light work!

If you are able to help, please leave your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the church. The group will meet first on Thursday 28 January, and continue monthly until the internal building works have been completed.



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Vicar invites you to a series of classes with the theme of *Christianity Explored*, which will begin in February and be weekly until the end of March. If you would be interested in attending, please let him know and he will confirm the time, dates venue and topics of the classes with you. These classes will make a suitable preparation for Confirmation, although the invitation to attend the classes is not limited to those who wish to be confirmed.

BIG BREAKFAST

Bringing warmth to a cold morning, the annual post-Christmas relapse from dietary good intentions was another great success. The Assembly Rooms was once again the setting for a superb standard of hospitality and welcome. Thanks are due to the committed team of volunteer-helpers and to the great number of regulars and first-timers who supported the event. In addition to the amount raised for church funds, the raffle raised £440 which has been paid into the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal for the Haiti disaster. Thank you!

GOING FOR A SONG

The Church Choir have for several years agreed to donate the money they would have spent on Christmas cards and stamps to one another to a charity. This year they added £330 to the Haiti disaster appeal. What a great initiative!

CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ - ANSWERS

CHRISTMAS TREE WORD PUZZLES

The challenge was to:

1. enlarge the word on top of the 'tree', one letter at a time,
2. rearranging the same letters so as to create a word with all the letters of the previous, shorter word
3. until it becomes, with one further letter added, the word at the bottom of the 'tree'
4. then add a word to any one of the four at the bottom of a tree, following the rules above, to make one nine-letter word.



Some nine-letter words using the rules above:

FILTERERS / CROCHETS OR RICOCHETS / DRAFTINGS or INGRAFTED / BEFRIENDS

THE WINNER

Such is the richness of the English language that each of the correctly completed entries received had used a different sequence of words to get to the required result. Among those who completed the puzzle successfully, the names of the usual 'School Lane Masterminds' (i.e. Lambert, Marshall and Turner) were all in the 'Vicar's Hat' for the final draw, but it was **Frank Beavis**, a pupil in Year 6 at Dedham C.E. Primary School, who was the eventual winner. Congratulations! He was one of several pupils encouraged by Headmistress, Mrs. Tetchner, to take part, but he was the only one to submit a completed entry. He will soon be receiving his £25 voucher for the *Dedham Gourmet* or *Dedham Bookshop* (as he chooses). Although he is the first winner of our annual competition to still be a school pupil, we hope that he will not be the last!

VILLAGE PUMP



THE GARDENING DOCTOR

Do you suffer from *plumbago*? Is your back a little sore?
Or perhaps it's *pyracanthus* which you caught in Singapore?
You've a nasty little *hosta* which I think you'll have to lance,
And I notice a *spiraea* has been leading you a dance.
Are you getting forgetful? Is *nemesia* the cause?
Does your *antirrhinum* pain you when you're walking out of doors?
You've had *skimmia rubella*, I can see that by your nose
And *cornia capitosa* has played havoc with your toes!
How is your *viburnum tinus*? Have you lost your sense of smell?
Use a *syringa reflexa* that should keep it clear and well.
I'm afraid your *macrocarpus* isn't really up to scratch,
And do avoid *nigella* - it's a nasty thing to catch!
Still I think you're doing nicely; watch the *quercus* in in your knees,
Take your *berberis* twice nightly. Next patient please!

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

When it comes down to it, people may be seen as belonging to one of only two types and, perhaps surprisingly, that is not male and female. The first type are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord!" Then there are the second type - who wake up and say, "Good Lord! It's morning!"

IF ALL ELSE FAILS - READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

A small boy told his father, "I know what the Bible stands for!"
When his father asked him what that was, the boy replied,
"Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!"

NEWSROUND

Deryck and Dorothy Perry write

ST. HELENA HOSPICE

We have received a letter from Rosy Stamp, Hospice Director, acknowledging with gratitude 'the kind support of our work at this difficult time' through the considerable generosity of all those who gave in memory of our daughter, Anne Perry, who died last October. A total of £1,514.50 was given to the work of the Hospice. We would add our own gratitude for such kindness.

Bob Cox writes

WORLD-WIDE READERSHIP

During 2009 the Parish Church website: www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk (which includes the Assembly Rooms) had 27,126 visits, with visitors viewing a total of 75,055 pages. The viewers came from 61 countries and non-country domains (shown in *italics*):

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, *Network* (a specialised domain), New Zealand, Niger, *Non-Profit Organizations*, Norway, *Arpanet*, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, *Unknown domains*, *US Commercial*, *US Educational*, *US Government*, Vietnam.



LATE NEWS

In all the fun and frivolity of the *Dickensian Christmas Market* and *Christmas Tree Festival* which has, for several years, curiously and delightfully marked the beginning of Advent in Dedham, we were surprised to be accorded a most gracious visit by several distinguished visitors *incognito*.

Mr. Jason Partrick, a successor to the late Mr. Frederick Artis as a Dedham photographer (see page 8) has kindly provided us with a photogravure illustration which is most faithfully reproduced above using, we presume, a development of Mr. William Friese-Green's wonderful and inventive techniques, and which records for posterity that we were privileged to welcome to our small village a noble and courtly party of the very highest distinction, who deigned to walk among us and even address persons of humble station, among them some whom, regrettably, had not been taught the courtesies that such an encounter should rightly afford...
[That's enough crawling. Ed.]

NEWSROUND

Antony Watson writes

DEDHAM – EMBU LINK

This year the Diocese of Chelmsford is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its link with the Kenyan dioceses of Embu, Kirinyaga, Mbeere and Meru (collectively known as the Kenyan Dioceses of Mount Kenya East) that encircle Mount Kenya, 100 miles north east of Nairobi.

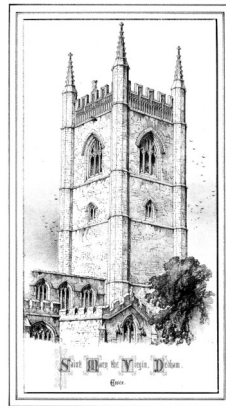
We are excited that our Primary School has been invited to form links with the Gatunduri Primary School, in the Diocese of Embu. This month Headmistress, Heather Tetchner, and I, as the Parish Church's Director of Music, will be visiting Kenya, where we will spend a week in the Kenyan school, getting to know the staff and pupils.

Once this local link is established, there will be a variety of funds/grants that will be available in the future to help maintain it. However, this first trip is to be funded entirely by Dedham's school and church communities. We invite you, therefore, to support this project, which will enable children both here and in Embu to have a fresh global perspective and to forge friendships across 4,000 miles.

There are special envelopes for your contributions, for which we would be extremely grateful, and these should be put in the red safe by the main entrance of the church, or through the letter box of the Vicarage.

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TOWER TOURS

Guides are need for the 2010 season of Tower Tours. Philip Erith, who conducted most of them in 2009, is unable to continue to do so to the same extent. If you would like to brush up on the history of the church, meet fascinating and interested visitors, and are keen to keep fit into the bargain (bearing in mind the 132 steps to the top) then please let the Parish Office know, soon. An honorarium will be paid to the Guide for each Tour.

NOTICEBOARD

The Next Meeting
of the
Muniment Room Society
will be on
Saturday 6 March

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

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

A rural rendezvous
to raise the roof for
Dedham Parish Church

**Come and sing
the songs you all know
at the Duchy Barn**

7.30 p.m.

Saturday 6 March

Price £7

to include light refreshments
Bring your own drinks and glasses
Information and tickets phone

Carolyn Nolan ☎ 323 551

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Vee Druitt ☎ 322 000

TEXTILES FOR REFRESHMENT

TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY

An Exhibition of work by
Sue March, Beth Taylor & Margarita Moate
in Dedham Parish Church

SATURDAY 13 MARCH 10 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY 14 MARCH 1 PM - 5 PM

Flower arrangements for gifts Baked goods / Coffee & Tea

In aid of Beacon House, Colchester, and Christian work in Uganda

1210 to 2010 - St Albright's Stanway
800 Years of Christian Witness and Ministry

7th February 2010

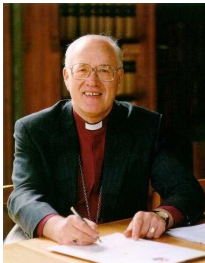
The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10:30am The Parish Eucharist

Guest Preacher: Archbishop George Carey
(former Archbishop of Canterbury)

Visiting Choir: The Mersea Island Chorus

You are invited to join us
for the beginning of our year of celebration



Dedham C of E Primary School
invite you to their first

"Craft and Farmers' Market"

Saturday 27 February
in the new School Hall

10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
50p entrance fee (children free)

*Sample homemade soups created by our Year 6 pupils,
and vote on your favourite one*

*A huge variety of stalls
including homemade produce and arts and crafts*

*To run a market stall contact Sarah Curtis ☎ 322 663
Local community groups / organisations welcome*

Roy Laverick writes
PARISH PLAN

For people living and working in Dedham to have a greater say in the future of our community, Dedham Parish Council has started the process to create a *Parish Plan*. A steering group of local people has been established to manage the process and will follow the community-led planning guidelines set out by Government and promoted by the Rural Community Council of Essex.



The Plan process will encourage the whole community to identify local needs and solutions. The process will take place over eighteen months, involving all sections of the community and covering all matters that affect the quality of life in our area. The process will result in Action Plans which will not only specify and prioritise the local needs identified, but will also propose ways in which to address them. Action Plans will include those that the community can take forward itself, as well as those that need external support to achieve. The Plan will not seek to directly address planning and development aspects as these were well covered by the *Village Design Statement*.

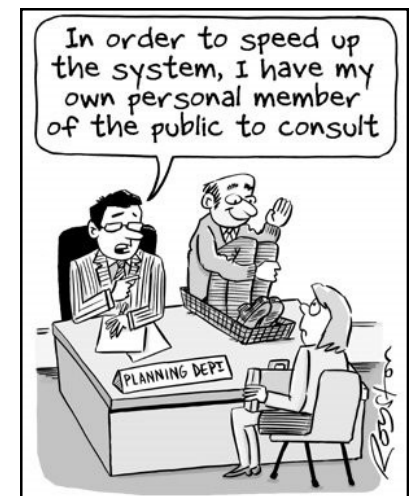
The first stage of the consultation process will be a public workshop, to be held in April, to commence the identification of local needs. This will

be followed by a comprehensive questionnaire involving the entire community. The key areas to be addressed will then be identified and action plans proposed as to how these needs can be met. Finally, a report will be published and processes set in place to ensure those action plans get progressed.

Please do look out for announcements about the *Parish Plan* as your participation is critical to its success. You will also be able to follow progress of the Plan on our website: www.dedhamparishplan.org.uk

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 10 February** in the Assembly Rooms. Police Inspector Jason Bloom will attend to talk about dealing with anti-social behaviour.



PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago **February 2000**

DEM' BONES The following item was included and is as true today as it was a decade ago: *'The membership of any organisation can be said to be made up of four sets of bones. There are the wishbones - who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work. Along with them are the jawbones - who do all the talking about the work and very little else. Another group is the knucklebones - who knock everything that anybody else tries to do. But most valuable are the backbones - who get under the load and actually do the work.'*

Fifty Years Ago **February 1960**

◆ **RE-DECORATION AND RE-LIGHTING** *'Messrs. Campbell Smith, of London, have presented to us their proposals for redecorating the church and these proposals will very soon be considered by the P.C.C. As soon as a decision has been reached a faculty will be sought and the work put in hand. I also believe that it will not be long before the new lighting will be installed. This obviously must come first and the decorating afterwards.'*

◆ **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** The Vicar wrote *'I went to the recent inaugural meeting of the Dedham Horticultural Society. They have produced an interesting and imaginative programme. There is to be a Spring Show and I hope that their enthusiasm will be rewarded.'*

A Century Ago **February 1910**

◆ **CANADIAN ARCHDEACON VISITS DEDHAM** Archdeacon Lloyd of Saskatchewan gave a lantern lecture in the Memorial Hall.

◆ **HEALTH & SAFETY?** *'The cinematograph that had been arranged...[for the Sunday Schools Christmas Entertainment] had to be abandoned at the last moment, on account of the new regulations that came into force at the beginning of the year...and there was not time to comply with them...Mr. Artis [a professional photographer, whose shop was next to the Vicarage] very nobly came to the rescue...and the children experienced no disappointment.'*

PAST TIMES

Dedham Church & Street - winter scene - a century ago



This undated postcard pre-dates the introduction of pavements to the High Street. Some boys are standing by road works, possibly the laying of a sewer (electricity was not introduced to the village until the early 1930s). Close inspection reveals a cantilevered portico on the front of the Master Weaver's House (see detail, left, taken from another photo). Seen from the other direction, the detail of 'The Sun Hotel' and its neighbouring shop front can be seen to have changed.



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
(the original will be returned)

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