

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The January meeting was held at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Moate. The Vicar gave a very interesting talk on early 18th-century Dedham history. On Wednesday 25 February, members will meet at the Assembly Rooms at 2.30 p.m. There will be a Bring & Buy sale.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4 March in the Assembly Rooms when the topic will be *Flower Arranging: Petite and Miniature* given by Ruth Prior. All are welcome.

Susanne Grimwade writes

SMARTYS PRE-SCHOOL

The recent cold snap was a hit with the children at Smartys who have enjoyed playing with the snow and discovering ice. The stepping stones in the garden area also proved to be very popular in the icy weather! This half term has seen the election of the new committee and our thanks go to all the outgoing members who have given up their valuable time to ensure Smartys continues to thrive as a preschool for the children of Dedham and the surrounding areas. Our thanks also extends to Victoria Plum's who are based in the High Street who have once again generously agreed to sponsor Smartys healthy snacks.

DESTINY MAJORETTES

Local band 'SOLID GOLD' will play at the Venture Centre, Lawford, in aid of the Majorettes, Sat. 14 March from 8 p.m. - midnight, with a fully licensed bar and raffle. Tickets £7.50
Susi Long ☎ 391 655. Do not miss the chance to see this popular band and also support a local youth group

Judith Fowle writes

'THE DISSOLVED'

(formerly the *Dedham Village Design Statement Association*). Our thanks to everyone who attended the Village Quiz Night for helping us to raise £920 for the chosen charities, *Alzheimer Research* and the *Essex Young Musicians' Trust*. Special thanks to those who gave raffle prizes (£301 raised), to John Osborn who provided the Bar (£150 raised), those who helped with the cost of the food and, not least, David Druitt and his team who made the whole evening possible with another enjoyable Quiz. £460 will be sent to each charity.

Brian Hindley writes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

At our Annual General Meeting I announced that I shall be resigning as our Area Co-ordinator in September. If there is anyone who is willing to help the Langham and Dedham villages and your neighbours by volunteering to take the job on do please contact me. We have a very healthy bank balance!
☎ 323 009 e-mail briaris@hotmail.com

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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
APRIL EDITION :
18 March**



CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

- The Church Electoral Roll is the list of those who worship as part of the fellowship of Parish Church. It is important that this is an accurate record of the church membership.
- If you have been baptized, are aged 16 or over, and either live in Dedham or worship in the Parish Church then you should be on the Church Electoral Roll.
- A copy of the Roll is on display in the Church.
- If you are not on the Roll and would like to be, or would like to ask a question about it, speak with Lynne Al-Sad, our Electoral Roll Officer, or one of the Churchwardens.

TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Monday 9 March *Commonwealth Day*



From the Registers

SERVICE OF DEDICATION after a CIVIL MARRIAGE

14 February 2009 Jill & Philip STRANGWARD

FUNERAL

21 January 2009 Wesley Clifford MAYHEW (85)

11 February 2009 Joan Cecily BOND (81)

INTERMENT

6 February 2009 Joan Maud LOCKE (89)



John Newton

***Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind but now I see.***

Hymns Old & New No. 27

There was a time, after the recording of the version by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (as a filler for their L.P.) when it would have been difficult to turn on a radio for any length of time without hearing the words or melody of this hymn. 'Top of the Pops' for nine weeks in the early 1970s, it has once again got to the top of the charts, but this time on www.yourchurchwedding.org as the most popular choice for a wedding hymn in Britain. Yet, surprisingly, this hymn does not appear in many (and at one time, most) modern British hymn-books. The situation is different in the United States where it has long been popular and widely printed.

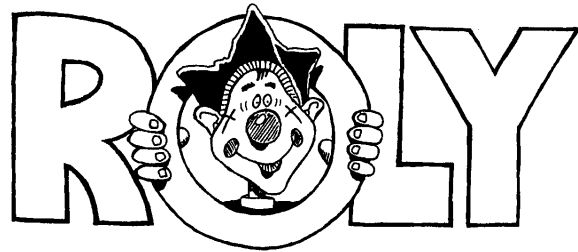
John Newton (1725-1807) who wrote the words was one of the most remarkable figures of the eighteenth-century. His father was a sailor, his mother died when he was seven. After only two years of schooling, he was sent to sea at the age of eleven. By his own account his early life was both godless and dissolute. Flogged for deserting from the navy, at the age of twenty-two he became the captain of a ship engaged in the slave trade.

Three years later he underwent a dramatic conversion to Christianity, which seems to have started while he was reading Kempis's book *The Imitation of Christ* on a stormy voyage across the Atlantic. He later became friendly with John Wesley and George Whitfield, and collaborated with William Cowper to produce the Olney collection of hymns, including 280 of his own, among them *Glorious things of thee are spoken* and *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*. Some versions of *Amazing Grace* have an additional verse, which is of uncertain origin.

***When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.***

The tune to which it is invariably sung is also called *Amazing Grace*. It is based on an American folk melody, which itself was probably of Scottish origin.

Dedham Parish Church
warmly invites
children of all ages and their families
to join



award-winning professional clown
and Anglican priest, Roly Bain, for an hour of

Faith Fun Foolishness

1 p.m. on Good Friday, 10 April
at Dedham Assembly Rooms

Roly's show, which combines circus, comedy, slapstick
and Gospel storytelling, will end with an invitation to join
him for the closing stages of the Good Friday service in
Dedham Parish Church, between 2.30 and 3.00 p.m.

Admission free—no need to book
Free parking in Assembly Rooms
grounds for the earliest arrivals

Dedham Assembly Rooms
200 yds from Church,
on the High Street.



WHEN WORDS MATTER

According to the magazine *The Week*, publishers of the *Oxford Junior Dictionary*, have decided to omit a number of words associated with Christianity, British history and rural life. Among the words which have been lost to many school children are: *altar*, *parish*, *empire*, *acorn*, *starling* and *mistletoe*. Removal of these words is presumably to make way for some new entries, which include *blog*, *celebrity*, *biodegradable* and *endangered*. Oxford University Press responded by saying 'the changes reflect a more urban, technological and multicultural society'.

I am not supposing that children, or their teachers, will notice the change. But when a child goes to check one word and they often look at other words while they are about it. Now there will be less chance of them finding the meaning of words which once meant so much to our country.

In Dedham at least, due in no small way to the excellence of our local Church of England Primary School, children need not go on to their secondary education in ignorance of either the words which have been removed from that dictionary nor, for that matter, of the ones which have replaced them.

I am very grateful that as a child I was given by my mother a love of reading. Developed by teachers who, with skill and enthusiasm encouraged me, it has become a life-long love. Of course, not every child learns to read easily, but no child should leave their primary education without at least being introduced to the fun of words and the joy of reading, which so often comes from listening to good stories being read well.

God used the same idea with Moses: "Assemble the people before me to hear my words ... that they may teach them to their children." (Deuteronomy 4:10)

This month the Primary School will be celebrating *World Book Day* (5 March) by holding a week-long festival in which staff, parents and others from the village will be invited to encourage the children in their reading. Even if you can't be involved directly, you can still encourage a child in their reading. By taking time to read a story to them, or by giving them a book, or even by explaining the meaning of a word (especially if it has been omitted from the dictionary!)

you will have shown that words matter—and so does the child.



Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

NEWSROUND

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate a lily to decorate the church in memory of a loved one, please send your order and £1.50 per lily by **Friday, 3 April**, at the latest to Sally Gotelee, Whalleys, Stratford Road. ☎ 322 652

'EASTER FLOWERS' MEETING

The next meeting of church flower arrangers will be on **Tuesday 24 March at 10.30 a.m.**, at Whalleys, Dedham Road, Stratford St. Mary, the home of Sally Gotelee. ☎ 322 652. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

In a recent local wildlife review conducted by Colchester Borough (the first time was back in 1991), Dedham's churchyard was once more confirmed as important for the presence of several uncommon plants, namely the Lesser Calamint (*Clinopodium calamintha*), Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*); also Maiden-hair Spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*) and Black Spleenwort (*Asplenium adiantum-nigrum*) which grows on the walls. All of these species are Essex "Red Data List" plants (the national list of endangered plant species). In the same report the lichen on the walls and gravestones is also noted as of interest.



Harebell

GERMAN FLYING COLOURS

As part of clearing the Muniment Room of things that have no obvious local link, we have come across some WWI German 'flying colours' (flags which would have been put on a plane or Zeppelin airship). These are framed in double-glass so that they can be seen from both sides. They are now need skilled conservation. The Vicar is inclined to donate them to the IWM at Duxford. Before he does, however, can anyone throw some light on how and why they come to be in Dedham Church in the first place?

TELEPHONE BOX REMOVED

An inevitable consequence of the proliferation of mobile phones is that people have cause to use the traditional phone box only very rarely. When a box is removed, however, a significant part of the street architecture is gone. The removal of the one on Long Road East at the end of January is noted here for that reason. It was a "K8", which designed by Bruce Martin and unveiled in 1968 as a modern version of the 'classic' red phone box. With its large glass panels, even brighter shade of red and distinctive illuminated top, the K8 won a competition organised by the GPO in 1965 and was hailed as a masterpiece of industrial design. 11,000 were manufactured, but now less than a dozen examples remain in Britain as working phone boxes.



VILLAGE PUMP

MONEY IN MIND

Clerk: "I want you to give me a raise in pay. After all, there are three other companies after me."

Employer: "Is that so? Which ones?"

Clerk: "The building society, the phone and gas companies."

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Driver: "I need three litres of petrol and a cup of oil, please."

Garage: "And shall I cough into the tyres, while I'm about it?"

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Son: "Dad, what is a financial genius?"

Father: "A financial genius is a man who can earn money faster than his family can spend it."

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Everyone works for the government: either on the payroll or the tax roll.

LESSONS FROM LIFE

Teacher: "What is the difference between results and consequences?"

Pupil: "Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get."

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Professor: "What happens when a human body is immersed in warm water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."

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"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Abraham Lincoln

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"If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, then you have probably failed to grasp the seriousness of the situation."

Anon.

COMMONPLACE BOOK

LOOSE ENDS

*I lately lost a preposition;
It lurked, I thought, beneath my chair.
And angrily I cried, "Perdition!
Come up from out of under there!"
Correctness is my vade mecum
And straggling phrases I abhor.
And yet, I wondered, what should it come
Up from out of under there for?*

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

DEMONSTRATION BY MANDY STEWARD

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, DEDHAM

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tickets £15 each, to include morning coffee and lunch.

Tickets: Vee Druitt ☎ 322 000 or Ann Shaw ☎ 322 192

In aid of Church funds

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

The *Constable Country Medical Practice* Christmas quiz, raised almost £100 for the hospice.

Next quiz is *London Tube Stations* and will be available in March from Capel and East Bergholt surgeries. The prize will be £25, entry fee £1. Completed entries should be returned to either surgery by **Thursday 9 April** and marked for attention of the Practice Manager.

CONCERT DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

7.30 p.m. Saturday 28 March

Stour Choral Society will be giving a Concert to mark 200 years since the death of Joseph Haydn with a performance of his great work

'Creation'

A large chorus will be accompanied by *Colchester Chamber Orchestra*, leader Beth Spendlove, and feature excellent soloists, Daniela Bechly, Andrew MacKenzie-Wicks and Timothy Dawkins; conductor Duncan Archard.

Tickets £10 (£4 students) from the Newsagents, High Street, Dedham or by phoning ☎ 395 263.

Jane Timms writes

AARON & AIR AMBULANCE

As many of you are aware, my son Aaron Timms was involved in a serious and tragic car accident in September last year. He fractured and dislocated his spine and was paralysed from the waist down. In October he was moved to the National Spinal Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville for rehabilitation. He has since made miraculous progress and is now able to walk without aid. Considering that doctors thought it highly unlikely that he would ever walk again, we are immensely grateful.

Aaron has shown courage and determination and is an inspiration to all who have followed his progress, overcoming not only his injury but his trauma and grief. We are blessed to have had support from not only a loving family and good friends but from this wonderful community whose love and support have meant so much to us. I know so many have prayed for Aaron and those prayers have truly been answered.

When Aaron was taken for his surgery the *Essex Air Ambulance* were called, not for speed but to reduce risk of further injury. The *EAA* operates entirely from gifts. My sister, Tracy, is going to run the London Marathon in April to raise money for the *EAA*.

If anyone would be willing to sponsor Tracy please call me on ☎ (01206) 323 407.

The Vicar writes

DEDHAM'S LENT APPEAL

The *Church Mission Society* established an Anglican Hospital in Gaza more than a century ago. The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev'd Suheil Dawani, has made an appeal for the wider Church to support it.

During the best of times the staff of the hospital are stretched to meet the medical needs. Every day during the conflict the hospital received 20-40 injured or wounded patients, which were in addition to those with severe illnesses. About one-quarter of the patients are children. The conflict also brought patients with chemical burns and acute psychological trauma.

As we pray for communal Israeli and Palestinian peace (which will be one of the daily prayers said in our Parish Church throughout Lent), we especially remember the peace-seeking people who could leave but remain to do all they can to help, among them the staff of the *CMS* hospital in Gaza.

CMS is able to accept donations to pass on to partners bringing relief to families in need in Gaza, including the hospital. During Lent there will be special collection taken in Dedham Church for this cause, for which your generosity is invited. Please make cheques payable to "Dedham PCC" — and also make it clear that it is for the "LENT APPEAL".

John Osborn writes

NEW DEDHAM SURGERY

It was on 26 March 2004 that the long-established branch surgery in Parsons Field, Dedham closed. Since then, apart from a period of 21 months (when infrequent surgeries were offered in the Assembly Rooms), the village has been without any medical provision. For nearly two years prior to the closure and for the whole of the five years since, the battle to restore a regular GP presence in alternative premises in Dedham has continued.

Even after a new site was found, and most of the development and building finance for new purpose-built premises obtained, the battle was far from won. The decision to pull out of the project by Suffolk-based Constable Country Practice left Colne Housing Society with a medical centre in Roman Place, still required by patients, but unable to be used. Interest by Essex GPs was apparent but funding issues ruled out this becoming a reality.

Until 23 January 2009, that is. Four months earlier the newly-formed *Dedham Vale Community Health Assoc.* had signed a 99-year lease on the premises and found part-time users from the *Dedham Vale Network of complementary therapists*. The prize of an NHS practice, for which supporters and their representatives had fought for so long, remained elusive. That was until one of the partners from *Ardleigh Medical Practice* visited, was impressed,

and made application to use Roman Place for GP and other consultations for two days each week. The bid was welcomed by the *North Essex PCT* Chief Executive who soon issued a positive press release. By late Spring or early Summer 2009 doctors and nurses from the much-respected *Ardleigh Practice* will commence regular fully-functioning surgeries in Dedham. This day cannot come soon enough for local patients, especially those that have suffered such difficulty in accessing a doctor in the period since March 2004.

Christine Henderson writes

NEW SCHOOL HALL

By the time you read this, building of the long-awaited extension to the school hall and refurbishment of the main entrance should have begun. It will take several months to complete and involve a major upheaval for the school community. There will be some disruption to the day-to-day running of the Primary School but we are all determined that the children's education will not be affected.

There have been several sporting activities with children from years 2 & 5 visiting Manningtree High School and years 5 & 6 playing squash at *Ardleigh Squash Club*, which was great fun.

The children also enjoyed making snowmen on the school field, which was lovely to see. All part of a being a successful school.



FRIENDS OF DEDHAM CHURCH

Charity No 1103634

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Hintlesham Golf Club

Tuesday 12 May 2009

For entry form contact Beth Mitchell

01206 322 072

LENT LUNCH

A simple lunch of homemade soup and bread will be held at the

Duchy Barn

Thursday 26 March

from 12:15 - 1:45

All welcome.

Donations, if wished, may be made to the charity *Beacon House*, who run a *Health Care Centre* in Colchester that offers services to the homeless and those in insecure accommodation.

For more details please contact

Vee Druitt ☎ 322 000

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.

PARISH MAGS - FOR 150 YEARS

The Church of England has launched a new section of its website celebrating 150 years of the parish magazine. Dedham's own Parish Magazine dates from 1876, although production has intermittently ceased down the years. It has been in its present form (A5, separate adverts on coloured paper, editorial on central pages) since 1985.

The Church estimates that the combined readership of its parish magazines exceeds that of several national newspapers, taken together. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, writes "A good parish magazine is a wonderful resource that places the local church at the heart of the community it serves. We owe our gratitude to all those who labour lovingly to produce this regular shop-window for their church or parish. As a team or solo, with a generous budget or an alarmingly fraying shoestring, this is a ministry we need to recognise and to support."

Visit: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/diocesesparishes/parishmags>

DON'T SHARE EASTER EGGS

With dogs, that is. Many brands of chocolate have *theobromine* in them. It is a chemical compound which, although harmless to humans, is potentially lethal to dogs. Even a 30g bar of dark chocolate can contain more than 700mg of it, enough to kill a small dog such as a cocker spaniel. Symptoms include vomiting, hyper-activity, an increase in heart rate and fits.

Graham Stevens writes

THANK YOU, DEXTER

You are invited to an exciting evening of praise, testimony and teaching with special guests, John Pantry, George Verwer and Richard Hubbard. It will take place on Saturday 14 March at St. Johns Church in Ipswich Road, Colchester at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

This evening is arranged by way of a thanksgiving for nearly 40 years of faithful ministry to the churches in Cthis area by Dexter Slatter, who was manager of the Christian bookshop. There will be opportunity in the evening to show appreciation for all he has done in a practical way through a gift offering for him. A large selection of books will also be on sale at greatly reduced prices including the offer of 'filling a bag for £10' - a real bargain. Tickets are free and available from St Andrew's Book Shop in St John's Street, Colchester, or to reserve tickets please ☎ 735 980.

VANDALISM CAUSES HURT

Thieves attempted to remove a bench seat on Stratford Road, Dedham by towing it with a vehicle. They were interrupted, and left the seat and base in the road where it could have caused an accident. The chair had been given to the village in memory of a local man. His widow was naturally very distressed at such cruel vandalism.



Roy Laverick writes

POTENTIAL DISASTERS

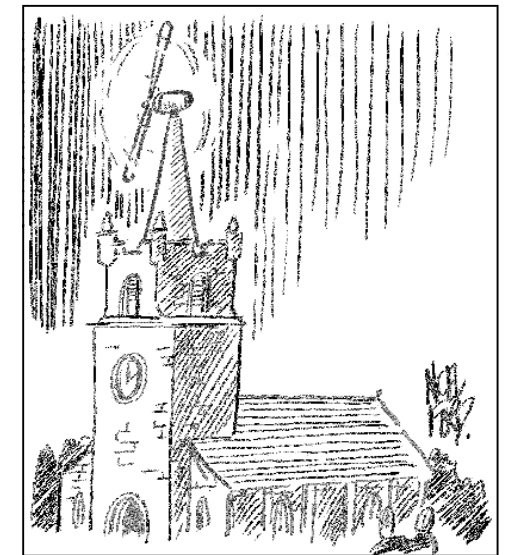
One of the lesser-known areas of Parish Council involvement is in establishing that measures are in place to alleviate the effects of a disaster, were one to afflict our community. This is not easy, since the nature of a disaster is largely unknown until it strikes, but prolonged power cuts and catastrophic flooding are potential contenders. Thus the Parish Council maintains a register of assets (such as residents with specialist skills, tractors, cutting gear, and recovery equipment etc.) that could be helpful in emergency situations. Additionally we try to ensure that good communications can be maintained with Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council, who have teams ready to "swing into action" should need arise.

Thankfully, the Parish has so far been spared such a catastrophe, and hopefully will never experience one. The ECC /CBC Team is preparing some helpful literature on the subject, however, and this will soon be distributed to every household. One of their biggest concerns is in ensuring that companies take elementary measures to make sure that they can stay in business following a setback such as fire or flood. In this context, the recent fire at the Cowdray Centre proved to be a cautionary experience, with several companies going out of business, and many people losing their

jobs, with consequent impact on the commercial health of the Borough. In an attempt to try to minimise such disruption in future, if you run a company in the Borough of Colchester (even a one-person business) the CBC Business Continuity Unit would very much like to talk to you. They have plenty of helpful advice to offer (although you are not bound to take it), and there is no charge for the service. Don't let a disaster put you out of business. Those interested should email paul.walker@colchester.gov.uk or phone Paul Walker on ☎ 507 157.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be 7.30 p.m. **Wednesday 11 March**,



*"Planning permission?
I thought anything 'green' was OK..."*

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago **March 1999**

◆ VILLAGE GROUPS were meeting in different homes and neighbouring villages, while the Hewitt Hall was being re-furbished ◆ NADFAS volunteers from this nation fine arts society were engaged in listing and describing contents of the parish church, a task which took them two years.
◆ PARISH CHURCH SURVEY results were published; including requests for *more outreach by the Church, a higher profile by the Church in village activities, playing a unifying role in the village, and addressing the needs of young people.*

Fifty Years Ago **March 1959**

◆ DEDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY performed Faure's *Requiem* ◆ WOMEN'S INSTITUTE An outing was arranged to see a performance of 'My Fair Lady'
◆ BROWNIES Betty Squirrell had "recently formed" the First Dedham Brownies; there were 21 members ◆ SOUTH CHAPEL The Bishop of Colchester consecrated the altar which had been installed in the South Chapel ◆ CHURCH LIGHTING A committee reported to the PCC on ways to improve the lighting in church ◆ H & K MABBITT of 203 Mersea Road were advertising — this was the firm that was to carve and install the nave pews during the next decade

A Century Ago **March 1909**

◆ CHANCEL RESTORATION "Not a few felt...that the proposed window on the side westward... "Sermon on the Mount", was the least successful of the four designs...found to agree with artist himself...eventually agreed...the subject of "Christ among the Doctors in the Temple" be substituted for it, and that a slight rearrangement be made in the position of the windows [revised scheme given].
◆ CHURCHWARDENS' TREAT? a dinner was hosted at the Marlborough Head to which "the senior members of the Choir and the Sidesmen of the Church" were invited. ◆ SEXTON'S SHED the sum of just over £8 was raised at a Whist Drive and Dance held at the Memorial Hall which was to go towards "erecting a small building in the Churchyard for storing the Sexton's tools, coke etc., which at present are kept in the very unsightly structure in the passage under the Tower ruining thereby the effect of the delicate tracery of the vaulting."

PAST TIMES

DEDHAM HUNT C.1901-09



The Muniment Room Society is very grateful to **Ann Pearce** (nee Eley) for the gift of a large print copy of the photograph shown above. In the foreground are two arrows marking her great-aunt Connie and grandfather Ted Eley, as children. Another arrow points to Mr Evans, outside the shop "W.H. Smith", who was the grandfather of Sue Evans-Avlonitis. Of particular interest are the children of the school at Sherman's House, standing on the steps, and the faces at several of the windows, which can be clearly seen on the larger print of this picture.

YOUR HELP PLEASE :

If you can name any of the people or help to date this picture more precisely.

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**