

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Martin Broom writes

### DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Next walk: Sunday 11 March 10.30 am public car park Chappel. Walk leaders: John Rann ☎ 769 626 and Ruth Parmenter ☎ 01245 494 621.

Daphne Langton writes

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Members will be meeting in the Vicarage on Wednesday 29 February. On Wednesday 28 March we will meet at 2.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. Lyn West will talk about her recent travels. There will be a Bring & Buy. On Wednesday 25 April at 2.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, Tom Blair will make a return visit to reminisce about his life in the Marines.

Paw Slingo writes

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We next meet Wednesday 7 March, 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. The speakers will be Richard and Mary Ford who will talk about *Water in the Garden*. The Spring Flower Show will be on Saturday 31 March, at 2 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms.

Karen Swain writes

### NATIONAL TRUST

Colchester & NE Essex is the group supporting the National Trust in our area. We hold monthly talks, some outings, lunches, social events, walks and usually an annual holiday.

Our next talk will be at 2.30 p.m., 14 March, and will be by Dan Johnson, on *Smuggling on the East Coast in the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century*, at Christ Church, Ireton Road, Colchester, CO3 3AT. Visitors are welcome £3; centre members free. Tea & coffee after the talk. For more information, see our website:

[www.colchesternt.org.uk](http://www.colchesternt.org.uk)

Sherri Beresford writes

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We would like your support, we have many ways you could help people and their families living with cancer. If you wish to be involved call Sherri on ☎ 07834 191 207 or email [sberesford@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:sberesford@macmillan.org.uk)



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## DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

# March 2012

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP

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

5 p.m.

Re:Vive @5  
4th Sunday in month

5 p.m.

WINTER TIMING  
Evening Prayer BCP  
1st Sunday in month

### JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 a.m.

Family Service  
1st Sunday in month

In groups on other Sundays  
during school terms

DEADLINE FOR  
APRIL EDITION:  
14 March

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



### SPECIAL SERVICES OF WORSHIP :

**Sunday 4 March**

**5 p.m.** Choral Evensong

**Sunday 28 March**

**10.30 a.m.** *Mothering Sunday* - Parish Communion

### YOUR HELP PLEASE



*There will be a Work Morning  
to get the church and churchyard ready for Easter*

**10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturday 24 March**

### TOWER FLAG DAY THIS MONTH

Monday 12 March *Commonwealth Day*



### *From the Registers*

#### FUNERAL

2 February 2012 Florence Daphne LONG (89)

#### INTERMENT OF ASHES

26 February 2012 Florence Daphne LONG



*Great things can grow from a small decision...*

*Please remember  
Dedham Parish Church  
in your Will*

## SONGS OF PRAISE



**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beams,  
thou silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Hymns Old & New No. 9  
St. Francis of Assisi  
trans. by W.H. Draper (1855-1933)*

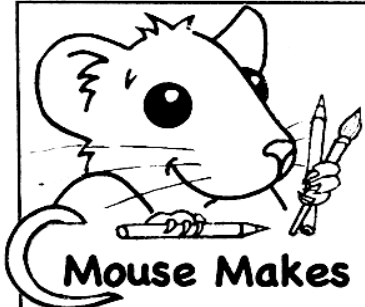
St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) wrote his *Cantico di frate sole* ('Canticle of Brother Sun') towards the end of his life, though not in one session but over a period of time. This is reflected, it is thought, in the change of focus of the last three verses. The first four verses are a hymn of praise to God for creation, based on imagery from *Psalms* 148, with the fourth verse being particularly appropriate for Mothering Sunday, which occurs this month;

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:**

The fifth verse asks for all those with 'mercy in your heart' to share in the work of forgiveness, and may have been occasioned by a dispute between the then Bishop of Assisi and the community. The sixth verse, which speaks of 'most kind and gentle death' was composed when, in pain and almost blind, Francis had a vision that his own sufferings would soon be over.

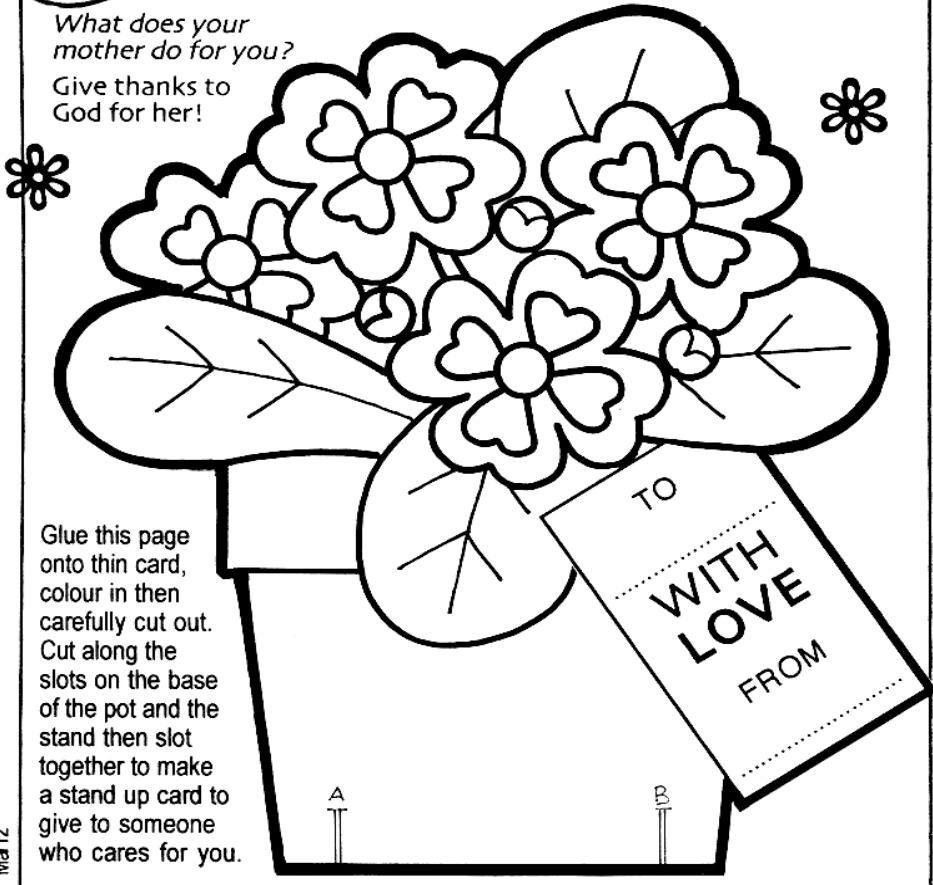
Matthew Arnold (1822-85), the poet and educational reformer, made the most faithful translation of Francis's poem in 1865, but it is the version by William Henry Draper, vicar of Adel, Yorkshire, that has become the most popular. He wrote this adaptation for children to sing at a Whitsunday festival.

The tune to which these words are invariably sung, *LASST UNS ERFREUN* ('Let us with gladness'), was first published in Cologne in 1623, and was first used for these words in a school hymn book published in 1919, having been arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).



Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...  
 ...she **cared** for him, **worried**  
 about him and **prayed** for him,  
 she washed his clothes,  
 cooked his food and  
**hugged** him when he cried.  
 Mary cuddled Jesus when he was  
 born, cried when he died and rejoiced  
 when he rose from the dead.

What does your  
 mother do for you?  
 Give thanks to  
 God for her!



Glue this page  
 onto thin card,  
 colour in then  
 carefully cut out.  
 Cut along the  
 slots on the base  
 of the pot and the  
 stand then slot  
 together to make  
 a stand up card to  
 give to someone  
 who cares for you.

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THANK YOU

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B

STAND



**CLEARING OUT THE GUNK**

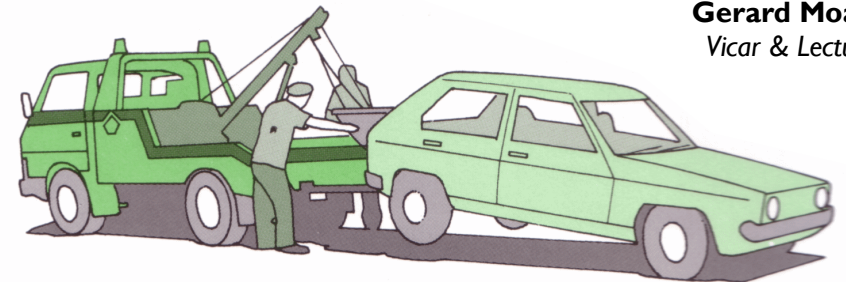
Tom Wright, the former bishop of Durham (he retired early so that he could go back to teaching), tells of when he had just learned to drive and he was driving on a lonely country road when the car ran out of petrol. He gratefully accepted fuel from a farmer. What the farmer didn't tell him was that it was a two-stroke mixture, one designed for a lawn mower. The car got him home, but then behaved liked a sick animal, coughing and spluttering. A garage mechanic showed him the thick, messy stuff in the carburettor where there should have been clear petrol. Cleaned out, the engine once again sounded better and ran smoothly.

The Church season of Lent invites people to confess their sins before God. True, some Christian traditions hardly mention this idea, as if somehow confession might spoil the happy mood they wish to maintain. But, as bishop Tom says, that's like trying to carry on driving while the engine is complaining that it's running on the wrong fuel. Confession is not 'being gloomy', it's facing up to what's wrong.

If you read *Psalm 32*, you will see that there are several kinds of wrong fuel that can block our spiritual carburettor. The first is **offence** (what the older translations used to call 'transgression') which is the breaking of a known command or law. Then there's **sin**, which despite the old advert does *not* mean 'naughty - but nice'! Instead, it means 'missing the mark' of genuine and fulfilling humanness. Then there's **guilt** (or, as the older versions have it, 'iniquity'), which is the murky stuff inside us that may, or may not, be an accurate view of what we have done.

Lastly, there is **deceit**, which is the vain attempt to pretend that all is well - which is a common problem today. The reason for confessing our sins before God is not to be gloomy, but is the same reason that that car had to go to the garage - to be cleaned of that which prevents 'good running' in our lives. Yet it is not enough just to have the gunk removed. We also need to have fresh, good fuel restored. That's where praise and a sense of God's purpose for our lives comes in. May your approach to Easter restore you to 'good running'!

**Gerard Moate**  
 Vicar & Lecturer





**GENEROSITY TO DEDHAM - 1**

Clifford and Jill Welch lived in Dedham for more than thirty years. Clifford worked in printing and was involved in many charities both nationally and locally. For many years he was Chairman of the Dedham Lectureship Trust. He also served on the PCC, Deanery Synod, and as a trustee of Munnings' Museum. Jill was an accomplished artist, a member of the church choir, and probably one of the most widely-read people in the village. Clifford died in 2007 and Jill died in April last year.

Having no children, Clifford and Jill left most of their estate to eight charities; NSPCC, St Helena Hospice, Colchester, the Company of Horners Charity Fund, Salvation Army, Wood Green Animal Sanctuary, Katherine Dormandy Trust (which supports research into care and cure of haemophilia and allied disorders), Essex & Herts Ambulance Trust, and also to the 'Vicar Churchwardens and PCC of Dedham.' Each of these charities received a cheque for more than £91,000 a few days before Christmas.

This substantial gift, through which God is praised, comes as the parish church faces significant challenges in making such a fine medieval building 'fit for purpose' in the 21st-century. The PCC had already begun a process of consultation and of seeking advice and permission to enable this to happen.

At its January meeting the PCC agreed that *one mark* of its gratitude to Clifford and Jill will be through the restoration of the chancel memorials, all of which all have connections with the Lectureship Trust, which Clifford served, and also because of their historic and artistic importance, that were admired by Jill.

**GENEROSITY TO DEDHAM - 2**

John Woodward was born in Dedham, in Pennypot Cottages, and lived in the village all his life, apart from his time in the R.A.F. His family had been here for hundreds of years - there was a 'John Woodward' here in the 1600s!

John was a kind and generous man throughout his lifetime. Among those to benefit from his quiet generosity were all those who worshipped in the church during several cold winters - because John helped to pay for the heating oil. John joined the church choir as a boy and gave a lifetime of service to it, including being the crozier for many years. At its January meeting the PCC approved a proposal from John's cousin, John Goulding, to a wooden plaque being placed in the choir stalls with the following words:

*John Woodward  
1932-2008  
chorister and crozier  
who served this church generously  
for over 65 years*

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**Bring your picnic, drinks and even a gazebo!**

**Gates open: 6:00 pm**

**Concert starts: 7:30 pm**

**Free Car Parking**

**Adults: £15 (16 or under: £5)**

**For tickets: David Druitt on 01206 322000**



in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham

**Wednesday 21 March**

**The Ides of March**

Evening 7 pm  
Film begins 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 25 April**

**The Queen**

Tickets £3.50

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**THE IDES OF MARCH**



*Director:* George Clooney (2011)  
*Stars:* George Clooney, Ryan Gosling,  
Jennifer Ehle, Philip Seymour Hoffman

This is a political thriller taking place during the frantic last days before a heavily contested Ohio presidential primary. George Clooney stars as Democrat governor Mike Morris, a centre-left poster boy, manoeuvred towards the nomination by a pair of driven back-room advisers. On the surface, Morris is a squeaky-clean liberal dream, with an adoring wife (Jennifer Ehle) and all the right strategies to deflect flak from his opponents. Paul (Philip Seymour Hoffman) is the rumpled, battle-hardened veteran, nominally in charge but increasingly outpaced by Stephen (Ryan Gosling), his hotshot young lieutenant.

Morris is within a whisker of securing a crucial endorsement that would put him within sight of the White House. The way ahead is rocky and fraught with danger. After bedding down with a teenage intern (Evan Rachel Wood), Stephen inadvertently intercepts a 2 a.m. phone call that promptly sends the campaign clean off the rails.

This film has been nominated for the *Best Adapted Screenplay* Oscar.

Roy Laverick writes

**ANOTHER QUESTIONNAIRE**

Every home in the Parish should recently have received a "Housing Needs Questionnaire" together with return-paid envelope. Questionnaires can be tedious, and the Parish Council apologises for asking you to complete yet another one. This is important, however, since it relates to housing needs within the Parish.

In particular, we wish to establish how many residents have aspirations of "downsizing" to a smaller property in the village in later life. We are also very interested in those on modest incomes who wish to live within Dedham, but are prevented from doing so by a lack of suitable properties. Within this group might be people who were brought up in the village but were financially obliged to move away when they left the family home.

Only with the benefit of this information can we try to ensure that people's aspirations are met, so please do take the trouble to spend a few minutes completing the questionnaire and returning it in the envelope provided.

**FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS**

Elections for the Parish Council will be held in May, and we know that a number of councillors will not be seeking re-election.

*Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor? The job need not be particularly time consuming, and almost everyone has skills that can provide useful input to the wide range of activities that we do.*

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

In order that potential candidates may hear informally what's involved, and have their questions answered, we are holding an Open Morning at the Duchy Barn between 9 a.m. and 12 on **Saturday 24 March**. Please do come along and join us for coffee and a chat, without any obligation. A strong Parish Council is essential to the well being of the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 March** in the **Assembly Rooms**.



## NOTICEBOARD

### VACANCY MAGAZINE EDITOR

Do you have an interest in this village, an eye for detail, and a day a month (ten times a year) to give to being the Honorary Editor of this Magazine?

- ✦ Good English and basic office skills, such as the use of emails and attachments, are essential.
- ✦ Use of computer programs such as MS Word, and MS Publisher, will also be required, for which some training can be given.

#### PLEASE CONTACT

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parishchurch.org.uk

The Next Meeting  
of the  
**Muniment Room Society**  
*scheduled for this month*  
  
**has been postponed  
until later in the year**

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

☎ 322 136

### EASTER FLOWERS

The date for the planning meeting will be **Thursday 22 March**, at 10.30 a.m., at the home of Sally Gotelee, Whalleys, Dedham Road, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LY.

If you would like to give lilies in memory of someone, please send your order to Sally Gotelee. Lilies are £2 each.

*The final date for ordering is*  
**Friday 30 March.**

### Dedham Arts Group Spring Exhibition

Littlegarth Studio  
High Street, Dedham

**Friday 6 April** until  
**Monday 9 April**

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

*Private viewing  
open to members and their friends*  
**Thursday 5 April**  
at the Studio at 7 p.m.

## NOTICEBOARD

### Dedham Players Proudly Present Our Spring Production

## SEE HOW THEY RUN

by Philip King  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.45pm**  
**Assembly Rooms, Dedham**

A classic English farce, the play is set in 1943 in the vicarage at Merton-cum-Middlewick. The unexpected arrival of the Bishop, an escaped German prisoner of war and a visiting clergyman cause chaos.

'See How They Run' was first staged in 1944 and the West End opening night was not without its perils. Three 'doodle-bugs' (V-1 flying bombs) exploded nearby. It has been a popular comedy ever since, revived and adapted on a number of occasions, made into a film in 1955 and a television play in 1984.

**Tickets: £7.50 from W. A. Hood Newsagents, High Street,  
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Ralph Vaughan Williams **Sancta Civitas**



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DEDHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Saturday 10 March**

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10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

If you would like to run a stall  
please contact **Sarah Curtis** ☎ 322 663

Local community groups/organisations and small businesses welcome



## BIG IRISH BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2012**

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Assembly Rooms, Dedham**

**8.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.**

Tickets £7.50 on the door (donation for the under 10s)



## DEDHAM'S CELEBRATION of H.M. THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR

**SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2012**

### CIVIC SERVICE

*held in the Parish Church*

*which will be specially decorated to mark the occasion*

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### VILLAGE CRICKET MATCH

*on the Duchy (of Lancaster!) Field*

\*

### LIVE TV RELAY OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVER PAGEANT

*in the Assembly Rooms*

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### BIG VILLAGE JUBILEE PICNIC

*on the Playing Field*

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Bring your own picnic, choose your space,  
and be ready to share with your friends and neighbours.

There will be a HOG ROAST and BAR available  
for those who wish to purchase.

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*To end the day*

### GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY + A SURPRISE

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We will confirm the times of each event when we have them finalised.

We wish to thank you for the donations so far received,

however, we do need more to pay for the cost of the fireworks.

Please contact either Beth Mitchell ☎ 322 072 or Jill Strangward ☎ 322 006.



## PAST TIMES

### Ten Years Ago **March 2002**

◆ **WATERWORKS** 'It's been a long time since vehicle traffic could move easily through all of Dedham. First there was the floods, then the bridge repairs on Stratford Road, then the bridge repair on Mill Lane, then the water mains work in Mill Lane, then the road works in East Lane and Long Road, then the water mains work to the High Street...'

◆ **IF GOD HAD VOICEMAIL...** "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following : Press 1 for Requests, Press 2 for Thanksgiving, Press 3 for Complaints, Press 4 for Angels... I'm sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order received. Please stay on the line...you are now 10,364<sup>th</sup> in the queue...'

### Fifty Years Ago **March 1962**

◆ **BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)** ' Meetings have been very poorly attended recently and the President, Chairman and Committee would be glad if more members would try and come.'

◆ **FROM THE REGISTERS** Baptisms on 10 March :  
**George Seymour Curtis** and **Rebeckah Erith**  
**Brian Reginald Whitehead** and **Patricia McSweeney**

### A Century Ago **March 1912**

◆ **BY LIME-LIGHT** 'Dr. Rendall has kindly promised to give a lecture on "John Bunyan and the Pilgrim's Progress"... in the Memorial Hall. The lecture will be illustrated by lime-light views. All are cordially invited, but children, unless accompanied by their parents, cannot be admitted.'

◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT** 'There was just under a hundred children who sat down to an excellent tea, which the kindness of Mr. and Miss Hewitt had provided for them... By each plate was a couple of crackers... when tea was finished... no restraint was laid upon them: they were free to enjoy to the full the novelty and excitement that crackers give.'

## PAST TIMES

### Flatford Mill



c. 1908  
artwork by 'Jotter'  
i.e.  
Walter  
Haywood-Young



c. 1935  
from a post-  
card given to  
Muniment  
Room  
archives  
by  
Richard  
Brown

### **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 for the Muniment Room archives (the original will be returned)

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