

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Audrey Mattack writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting (our AGM) will be held 2.30 pm, Wednesday, 26 March. There is also the annual *Women's World Day of Prayer Service* which will take place at Mistley Church on Friday, 7 March at 10.30 am. Anyone wishing to go, please contact Audrey on ☎ 322 824.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm, Wednesday 5 March in the Assembly Rooms. The speaker will be Matt Tanton-Brown from 'Place for Plants' who will talk about '*The fragrant garden throughout the year*'. Visitors welcome.

Ian Rose writes

U3A

This month's lecture, which will take place on Wednesday 12 March at 2.15 pm, will be on the subject of *The 1953 East Coast Storm and Flood*, and given by Adrian Wright, FRGS. It will cover a geographical analysis, description of events, and likelihood of a recurrence. Venue: Constable Hall, East Bergholt.

Roy Laverick writes

DEDHAM QUIZ 2014

This was a great success and raised £1,314 for the *Breast Cancer Campaign*. Our thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes, to David Druitt and his team for asking the questions, and to all those who attended on the night.

MEET THE MISSION WORKERS

We have been supporting the Van de Ruits in Uganda for more than 20 years. Only occasionally do we get to meet them. On **Monday 17 March**, beginning at 7.30 pm, the Vicar will be hosting an evening for Richard and Sue so that we can hear what they have been - and will be doing. You are warmly invited to attend - but Gerard would appreciate knowing if you intend to do so.

MISSION WORK COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on **Saturday 22 March**, at The Vicarage, from 10 am. In addition to morning refreshments, there will be bring & buy, jewellery, Fair Trade and a cake stall. All monies raised will go towards Beacon House and the Van de Ruits in Uganda. Please come and support this event. All useful donations gratefully received. Contacts: ☎ 322 598 or ☎ 322 931.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP
1st Sunday in month

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.

Evening Prayer BCP
1st Sunday in month

5 p.m.

Re:Vive @5
4th Sunday in month

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
1st Sunday in month

In groups on other Sundays

**DEADLINE FOR
APRIL EDITION:
11 March 2014**

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



SPECIAL SERVICES OF WORSHIP :

Ash Wednesday, 5 March
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion
*Followed by a simple lunch at the Vicarage
in aid of the Barnabas Fund*

Lent Prayers
8 p.m. Every Wednesday in Lent
[i.e. 12, 19, 26 March; 2, 9 April]
**there will be a short said service
of Night Prayers in Church**



TOWER FLAG DAY THIS MONTH

Monday 10 March *Commonwealth Day*



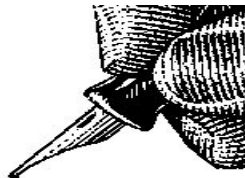
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21 January 2014 Leslie 'Les' Frank BROOKS (92)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

21 February 2014 Jill Doreen HADDOCK (76)



Great things can grow from a small decision...

Please Remember
DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH
in your Will

GOD IN THE ARTS

'He gave us eyes to see them'

THE TWO MOTHERS BY DUTCH SCULPTOR FRANS STRACKE

This month, we look at a statue of a young mother to focus our attention on the fourth Sunday of Lent which we know as Mothering Sunday. This is the day when we traditionally give thanks for three mothers: mother Church, our own mothers and mother Mary – three mothers, who each watch over their offspring with love and care. Motherhood of course is a mixture of joy and sometimes sorrow. The pride and happiness of seeing children grow go hand in hand with worry and concern over their wellbeing.



Stracke's *The Two Mothers*

When we look at the life of our Lady in the Gospels, we meet these times of joy and times of worry and sadness. In the Middle Ages the Church proclaimed the seven joys of Mary – those key moments in her life from the Annunciation to her Son's Resurrection – but also the seven sorrows of Mary.

In the sculpture called *The Two Mothers*, we see a vivid depiction of the joys and demands of motherhood. The work was created in 1893 by the Dutch sculptor, Frans Stracké. He is now remembered for his impressive memorials, which are on a grand scale, but in this intimate scene he has portrayed a young mother with a child carried on her left arm. The other mother is the dog at her feet who is looking up to her newborn puppies, nestling in the folds of her clothes. It seems a gentle, sweet scene. But we look again and realise there is a world of hardship and struggle here. The mother is barefoot: she has been fishing in the sea with a net. But there are only two fish in her pocket and the net behind is empty. And yet there is a purpose in her step and a calm resilience in her young face.

The dog is worried over her puppies. The mother has to look after her own child as well as the new litter. A world of demand and responsibility sits on her shoulders. It is that over-arching love and care that we give thanks for on Mothering Sunday: the love and care of our mothers and those who are concerned for us, of mother Mary watching over her son's growth to maturity and ministry, and of our mother the Church, feeding us in the sacraments and guiding our pilgrimage through life.

We think of that maternal care that has nurtured us in our families and in the family of the Church – a care that remains constant, true and watchful on whatever path we take through life.

For 2014, the Rev Michael Burgess is surveying works of sacred art that can be found in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam...you can see the image by googling the title of the painting and the artist. This series began in January and will run until December.



FORDS AND BRIDGES

In the late nineteenth-century Charles Jones, then Vicar of Dedham, wrote:

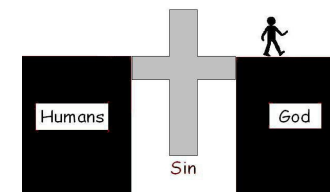
'The ford of Dedham lay half-way between Strat-ford and Flat-ford, and the names recall the days when the river was still unbridged. Strat-ford (the ford of the Via Strata) marks the point where the great Roman road from Colchester to Ipswich crossed the Stour; the ford itself probably lay below the present bridge, while at the bend above it was the Roman Camp Ad Anson, the half-way halt for legionaires on the march from Colchester to Ipswich. The Stour formed the old dividing line between the Icenii and Trinobantes tribes of [earlier] days, and later between the Angles who took possession of East Anglia, and the East Saxons of Essex. Dedham ford was the lowest at which the river could normally be crossed because Flatford was only available at dry times and seasons, and until the construction of the Mill lock was flooded at all spring tides.'

The earliest reference to a bridge over the Stour at Stratford dates from 1441. In 1548 the churchwardens of Dedham sold some of the communion silver to fund a foot bridge near to Dedham mill. Clearly, in a community bounded by a river which, with its tributaries and seasonal expansions, shapes the landscape, the people of Dedham have always needed to have had 'one eye on the weather'.

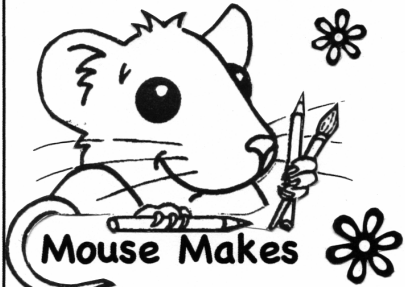
As the news of widespread and sustained flooding in the south and west of England, and of high winds in the north and in Wales, and with considerable coastal erosion in Norfolk, we should be grateful that, so far, here in north Essex we have been spared the worst effects of this winter.

There are no bridges as such to be found in the Bible, though river fords get a mention in four Old Testament books. Yet the whole course of the salvation narrative of the scriptures is to explain that, in effect, there is a river of sin that divides heaven and earth, God and humanity; one that, despite our repeated and ingenious attempts at fording it, proved impassable until Jesus Christ, through his death on the Cross, provided the first, the only and the enduring bridge that spans the chasm.

In the course of the weeks leading up to Easter, a time of preparation that the Church calls Lent, there will be extra opportunities provided to re-examine the design, structure, cost and course of that bridge (for example, Night Prayers every Wednesday evening at 8 pm) and, on Easter Day, a joyful commemorative celebration of its opening. You are invited to join in!



Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer



Mouse Makes

The 4th Sunday in Lent is celebrated as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say 'thank you' to our mothers and to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are....

Matt 1:16 M _ _ _

Num 26:59 _ O _ _ _ _


Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ T _

1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ _ H

Genesis 4:1 _ _ E

Gen 25:21-26 R _ _ _ _ _

Gen 21:1-2 S _ _ _ _



Thank you Mum
for all you do,
For all your
love and care,
For helping me
as I grow up,
For all your
loving prayers.

For teaching me
about Jesus,
Of how he loves
me too.

Thank you Mum
for loving me,
I LOVE YOU!

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

**STOP PRESS
Dedham Films LIVE!**

The National Theatre presents

WAR HORSE

**7pm Thursday 27 February 2014
Assembly Rooms, Dedham**

(see p. 10 for contact details)

Lyn West writes

LONDON MARATHON 2014

The Paralympics last summer inspired us all and demonstrated what disabled people can achieve given the right support. PHAB is a national charity which promotes and encourages people of all abilities to come together on equal terms to achieve complete inclusion within the wider community.

Through *Phabkids*, it organises and subsidises a programme of amazing residential projects for young people at fully accessible centres offering a wide range of outdoor activities. I am running the London Marathon on 13 April to raise funds for *Phabkids* and ask you to support me by donating to such a special cause. For more information, call me on ☎ **322 905**, visit my web page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LynWest> or send a cheque payable to PHAB Marathon to Lyn West, Grove Hill House, Dedham. Many thanks and if you see me out running, give me a cheer. The training is hurting!

Pete Keeble writes

CONSTABLE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Annual Checks If you have a long term medical condition such as Asthma, Diabetes, Hypertension etc, you will be invited for an annual check, which enables the practice to monitor your condition and adjust treatment if needed.

Care.data Care.data is a government initiative to collect information centrally to improve NHS services both nationally and locally. Very strict rules govern how patient information can be used, and patients' identity is protected. More information can be found at www.nhs.uk/caredata. If you do not wish your information to be shared, then please let the practice know.

Text alerts The practice uses a text message system to confirm appointment times booked by patients. When you speak to our receptionists please update your mobile number and confirm that you are happy to receive text messages from the practice.

Home Visit Requests If you cannot get to either of the practice sites but need to see a doctor, then a home visit can be arranged.

Test Results If you have had a test under a GP, they will advise you to contact the practice for the result. Please call after 1pm when the phones are less busy.

New Baby Registrations Just a reminder to expectant mothers to register your new baby at the practice, ideally within a week of delivery.



St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

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HOSPICE LAUNCHES PIER TO PIER WALK FOR 2014

St. Helena Hospice is pleased to announce that registration is open for this year's Pier to Pier walk, which takes place between Clacton and Walton on Sunday 27 April. Participants can either walk seven miles from Clacton Pier to Walton Pier or really go for it and walk back again for a 14 mile challenge. There will be a staggered start with people doing the longer distance starting at 10am and those doing the shorter walk starting at 11am.

Registration is free, although the Hospice ask that you raise a minimum sponsorship of £25. Once you have signed up you will receive a sponsorship form, so you can begin raising money for St Helena Hospice, helping those in your local community affected by life-limiting illnesses. Registration closes on Tuesday 22 April. There are limited places so participants should register as soon as possible to get a place to take part!

If you are interested in taking part in Pier to Pier, you can register online at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/piertopier14 or pick up a registration form at any of St Helena Hospice's retail outlets. For more information on the Pier to Pier event, or to get a form sent to you, call the events team on ☎ **791 740**.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUPER LUNCH

There will be an opportunity to support *Christian Aid* at a *Souper Soup Lunch* at the Farmers Market on Saturday, 8 March, in the Assembly Rooms.

Soup is being made by pupils from the school and they would love to have your support and participation while raising money for this worthy cause.



MUSIC continued

- ❖ **Sat 22 Mar:** 7.00 pm **Colchester Chamber Choir:** The Romantics: sacred choral works, St Teresa's Colchester. 7.00 pm **Music in Felixstowe:** Classic Strings, St John the Baptist Church Felixstowe. 7.30 pm **Aldeburgh Music Club:** *B minor Mass* By J S Bach, Snape.
- ❖ **Wed 26 Mar:** 7.30 pm **Jesus College Choir:** *St Matthew Passion* by J S Bach, Bury St Edmunds Cathedral.
- ❖ **Fri 28 Mar:** 7.30 pm **Quattro Amici:** quartet of classical singers, Headgate Theatre Colchester. 7.30 pm **St Botolph's:** Piano Recital - Emma Firth, Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 29 Mar:** 6.30 pm **Kelvedon Singers:** *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn, Kelvedon Church. 7.30 pm
- ❖ **Bury Bach Choir:** *St John Passion* by J S Bach, Apex, Bury 7.30 pm
- Headgate Theatre:** Andrew Lloyd Webber's music, Colchester. 7.30 pm
- Royal Hospital School:** concert, Holbrook.
- ❖ **Sun 30 Mar:** 2.45 pm **Kingfisher Ensemble:** String sextets by R. Strauss, Mozart & Brahms, Lion Walk Church Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 5 Apr:** **Tiptree Choral Society:** *Coronation Mass* by Mozart, **Woodbridge Choral Society:** *Easter Oratorio* by JS Bach, St Mary's Church Woodbridge. 7.30 pm **City of London Sinfonia:** Matthew Barley, cello, Apex Bury St Edmunds. 7.30 pm

Ipswich Bach Choir: *Requiem* by Fauré, St John's Church Ipswich. 7.30
St Botolph's: Choral works by English Composers, Colchester.



Paul Bunyan
by Benjamin Britten
28 March

OPERA

- ❖ **Sat 1 Mar:** 5.00 pm **Metropolitan Opera New York - live link:** *Prince Igor* by Borodin, firstsite Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 15 Mar:** 4.55 pm **The MET - live link:** *Werther* by Massenet, firstsite.
- ❖ **Thu 27 Mar:** 7.30 pm **English Touring Opera:** *The Magic Flute* by Mozart, Snape, Aldeburgh.
- ❖ **Fri 28 Mar:** 7.30 pm **ETO:** *Paul Bunyan* by Britten, Snape.
- ❖ **Sat 29 Mar:** 7.30 pm **ETO:** *King Priam* by Michael Tippett, Snape.
- ❖ **Tue 1 Apr:** 7.30 pm **Headgate:** *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim, to Sat 5 Apr.
- ❖ **Sat 5 Apr:** 5.55 pm **The MET - live link:** *La Bohème* by Puccini, firstsite Colchester.

For programme details, contacts and future events see: www.eamaa.org

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PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr. Jane Hughes writes

BROADBAND FOR DEDHAM

Cities, towns and urban areas continue to benefit from the rollout of fibre connectivity, providing opportunities for Superfast Broadband access speeds. Villages such as Dedham do not present a commercially viable opportunity for the investment by business in the infrastructure required.

The options for Dedham are to:

- do nothing and go with whatever the commercial world provides us
- pay a private company to survey and install a wireless mast-based system
- track the progress of the Government's BDUK (Broadband Delivery UK) initiative, with the view that Dedham could benefit via this route.

The Parish Council agreed to support the BDUK approach and this briefing provides update on progress. BDUK is a government initiative that provides £530m of funding for areas that do not provide a commercially viable opportunity. The aim is to provide superfast broadband to at least 90% of premises in the UK and to provide universal access to standard broadband with a speed of at least 2Mbps.

Essex County Council has agreed contracts with BT as its partner. BT is contributing £11.7m towards the overall cost of deployment, while ECC is contributing £6.46m, with £6.46m coming from the Government's BDUK funds. The project is on target to deliver superfast broadband

infrastructure (minimum 24Mbps) and better broadband uplift (2Mbps-24Mbps) to 87.4% of premises in Essex by Summer 2016. The aim is to increase that figure to 90% and then to 95% by 2017.

I am pleased to say that Dedham has qualified to be included in the programme and on the last set of plans that I have seen, we have an indicated rollout of July-September 2014. This is subject to change at this time. At this stage it is not possible to say which of us will get the full 24Mbps access, but we will update as planning progresses.

In the meantime you need to help yourselves by registering your interest at www.superfastessex.org. This will provide the planners with a guide as to which areas of our village are most keen to take up the service.

Cllr. Kevin Taylor, ☎ 322 122

PARKING STRATEGY FOR DEDHAM

DPC were expecting to put a substantive report on this item to the February meeting of the Council. This was not possible because we did not receive appropriate responses from CBC in time for the meeting. These have now arrived and a full report will be put forward at the next meeting on 10 March.

Cllr. Jane Hughes, ☎ 323 750.
Parish Clerk: Emma Cansdale
clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

WHAT'S ON : FILM & MUSIC

FILM

❖ **Fri 7 Mar:** 7.30 pm **East Bergholt Cinema:** *Le Week-end*, Constable Hall.

❖ **Mon 10 Mar:** 7.30pm **Ipswich**

Film Society (members): *Café De Flore* Directed By Jean-Marc Vallée, Corn Exchange, Ipswich.

❖ **Wed 12 Mar:** 8pm **Colchester Film Society (members):** *Five Easy Pieces* with Jack Nicholson, firstsite Colchester.

❖ **Wed 19 Mar:** 7.30pm **Dedham Films:** *Philomena* with Judi Dench, Dedham Assembly Rooms.

❖ **Fri 21 Mar:** 7.30pm **Polstead Films:** *Hitchcock*, Village Hall.

❖ **Mon 24 Mar:** 7.30pm **Ipswich Film Society:** *Klute*, Corn Exchange.

THEATRE

❖ **Thu 27 Feb to Sat 1 Mar:** 7.45pm **New Wolsey Theatre:** *Frozen* in collaboration with National Theatre Studio, Ipswich.

❖ **Wed 5 Mar:** 8pm **Headgate, Colchester:** *Woyzeck* by George Büchner, to 8 Mar.

❖ **Sat 8 Mar:** 2pm **National Theatre, London - live link:** *War Horse* Michael Morpurgo, firstsite; and on 13 Mar, 7pm .

❖ **Fri 14 Mar:** 7.30pm **Dedham Players:** Review night, Assembly Rooms Dedham; to Sat 15 Mar.

❖ **Wed 19 Mar:** 8pm **Colchester Theatre Group:** *Accrington Pals* by



Peter Whelan, *The Headgate*; to Sat 22 Mar.

Tue 25 to 29 Mar: Propeller Company: Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Theatre Royal Norwich

MUSIC

❖ 7.30pm **Coggeshall Church:** English Choral Music.

❖ **Sun 2 Mar:** 7.30pm **St Botolph's Music Society:** Piano Duet Recital, Colchester.

❖ **Mon 3 Mar:** 7.30pm **Apex:** Julian & Jiaxin Lloyd Webber - two cellos, Bury St Edmunds.

❖ **Thu 6 Mar:** 7.30pm **Apex:** Janina Fialkowska piano Grieg, Schubert, Chopin, Bury St Edmunds.

❖ **Sat 8 Mar:** 7.30pm **Colchester Symphony Orchestra:** Wagner, Mozart, Mahler, St Botolph's Colchester. 7.30pm **Eye Bach Choir:** 40th Anniversary Concert, Eye Church. 8.30pm **Studio Music:** *Son Yambu*, Brightlingsea.

❖ **Fri 14 Mar:** 7.30pm **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra:** Beethoven including Piano Concerto no 5 with John Lill, The Regent Ipswich.

❖ **Sat 15 Mar:** **Colchester Choral Society:** *Requiem* by Mozart, St Botolph's Colchester.

❖ **Sun 16 Mar:** 4pm **Stour Valley Arts and Music:** Trio con Brio Copenhagen, East Bergolt Church. 6.30pm **Kingfisher Sinfonietta:** works by Wagner, Bruch and Schumann, Framlingham College.



in the Assembly Rooms,
Dedham

Wednesday 19 March
PHILOMENA (12A)

Wednesday 16 April
RUSH (15)

Admission 7 pm
Film Begins 7.30 pm

Tickets £4

Refreshments are available before
the film
and during the interval

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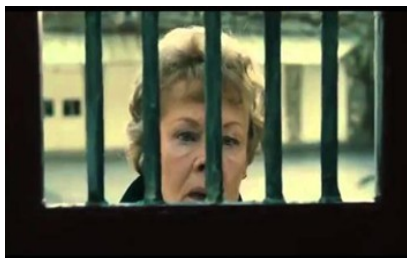
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Philomena

Directed by Stephen Frear
(2012)



Starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan

Based on the 2009 investigative book *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee* by BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith, the film focuses on the efforts of Philomena Lee (Judi Dench), mother to a boy conceived out of wedlock - something her Irish-Catholic community didn't have the highest opinion of - and given away for adoption in the United States.

In following church doctrine, she was forced to sign a contract that wouldn't allow for any sort of inquiry into the son's whereabouts.

After starting a family years later in England and, for the most part, moving on with her life, Lee meets Sixsmith (Coogan), a BBC reporter with whom she decides to discover her long-lost son.

SUITABLE HYMNS FOR A...

- Medical Student:** *Lift up your hearts*
- Zoo Keeper:** *All creatures of our God and king*
- Refuse Collector:** *Disposer Supreme*
- Librarian:** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*
- Insurance Salesperson:** *Blessed assurance*
- Choirmaster:** *O for a thousand tongues to sing*



SPRING CRAFT AND FARMERS MARKET

Will be held on **Saturday 8 March**, at the **Assembly Rooms**,
10.30a.m. to 1.30 p.m.



Including a wide range of arts, crafts, gifts, and fresh produce for sale. Refreshments available and free parking.

Support Dedham Year 5 children cooking and serving their own recipes! All proceeds go to the Dedham C.E. Primary School cookery club.

☎ **07867 640 650** to book a stall.

**POPPY FARM
WEEKLY SALE @ DUCHY BARN**



Poppy Farm continues to be at the Duchy Barn **every Wednesday** from **9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** selling a wide range of seasonal fruit,vegetables,eggs and home cooking. Please support them - in order to retain this service. The Duchy Barn is situated on the Drift near to the playing fields.

For more information call Cindy ☎ **07521 646 434.**

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago **March 2004**

- ◆ **TRADCRAFT** The parish church began to hold a regular monthly Traidcraft stall on Sundays.
- ◆ **DOROTHY JOHNSTON** The final obsequies for the widow of the former (and late) Vicar and Lecturer of Dedham were held - the end of an era.
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF DEDHAM CHURCH** An exhibition of local photographs and a concert by the London Community Gospel Choir were announced as part of the planned Friends' Launch Weekend in May.

Fifty Years Ago **March 1964**

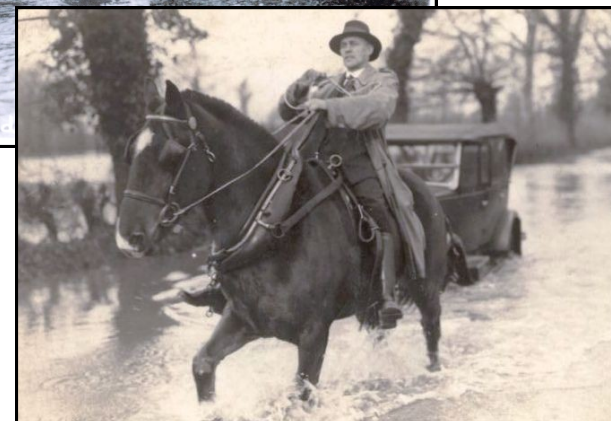
- ◆ **NEW KNEELERS** *'We hope to order new kneelers for the nave in a week or so but in the meantime we would like to know the names of people who prefer to supply their own... [that] must be no less than four inches in depth.'*
- ◆ **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** *'Despite the cold weather there was a good attendance. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Miss Cooper's talk and slides on her "Journey through Asia". A general knowledge quiz was arranged by Mrs. Johnston. Miss Sage won... with Miss Russell second and Miss Erith third.'*

A Century Ago **March 1914**

- ◆ **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS** *'The improvements to the National School ... have been carried out... in two instances the sill of the windows have been lowered to let in more light [as the Board of Education had insisted upon] though this seemed hardly necessary... It is not so very long ago that the order came that Infants' Class Rooms were to be provided with a gallery... then a few years ago (1908) came the order that it was to be done away with.'*
- ◆ **CHURCH PARTY AT THE MARLBOROUGH HEAD** *At the invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the Sidesmen, Choirmen and Bellingers dined together at the Marlborough Head on Wednesday evening, February 11th, when a very pleasant evening was spent. The Lecturer and Dr. Rendall were also of the company.*

PAST TIMES

Flooding, Dedham Road, Stratford St. Mary, 1939



These pictures were last seen on this page in early 2008, following the floods of that winter. E.C. ('Shaver') Ray (pictured on the horse) wrote of this incident: "Floods below Dedham Bridge 1939 - (3ft deep the Stratford end) - One Horse Power - The horse is one of the last "chargers" of the Inniskillen Dragoons (mechanised in 1936) at Colchester. E.C. Ray pulling out his car. Being only a Cavalry Charger he objects to pulling, as can be seen by his sidestepping. I had much trouble in Breaking him in to the shafts when he would rise upon his hind legs & pore the air". The other man, thought to be John 'Jack' Howe, was later killed in May 1940, in action near Crete on a ship that was hit as it was carrying evacuating service personnel from Heraklion to Alexandria. His name is on the Dedham war memorial.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR THE ARCHIVES

Have you any old photographs of Dedham (or perhaps recent ones of buildings that have gone?) Please consider making them available to be copied for the Muniment Library archives (the original will be returned).