CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The February meeting was well attended when Natalie King, Dedham Community Support Officer and Colchester Crime Presentation Officer advised members on ways of keeping themselves and their property as safe as possible.

The speaker on Wednesday 26 March was Tania Lyle, whose subject was *Chelmsford Prison from the Inside*. Mrs Lyle has been a Magistrate and an Official Visitor for many years.

Fellowship members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due.

Ian Rose writes

U3A

Our next lecture, which is held in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt at 2.15 p.m. will be:

9 April: The European Space Programme by D.C. Dale, former Technical Director of it. Enquiries 392 870

If you would like to keep Dedham informed of your Club or Society then there is room to do so here.

Please send the information (in no more than 100 words) to the Parish Office before the publishing deadline shown on page 1.

80 YEARS ON

For those in our community who can cast their minds back four-score years or more, and also for the many who cannot, it may be of interest to know many things were more expensive then, in relative terms, than they are now.

A reasonably well-paid manual worker would earn 50p a day. Today the 'average national wage' is more than £70 a day. These two calculations are not identical, but it still may give us some useful guide if we multiply the 1928 prices by a factor of 140 to make a true comparison with today's prices.

Thus alcohol was more expensive than it is now: a bottle of gin would cost 60p (£84!) and a pint of beer 5p (£7). A packet of 20 cigarettes would cost 11p (£15.40). Motoring was also more expensive: a small car cost £200, (the equivalent of £28,000 today) and a gallon of petrol 6p (or £8.40 today). For those who are used to pricing in litres, petrol costs about £4.50 a gallon today. Posting a letter cost only $\frac{1}{2}$ p, but that is the equivalent of 70p today.

So when we hear of the "good old days" we may take time to reflect that they may have been, but only if you were wealthy. For ordinary people, affording things was far harder!

FUZZLE ANSWER

A STITCH in time.

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8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP Every Sunday (not August)

10.30 a.m.

Family Service

Ist 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.

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I 0.15 a.m.
Family Service in Church
Ist Sunday in month
In the Assembly Rooms
on all other Sundays
during school terms

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16 April

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CHURCH NOTICEBOARD





TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH



Monday 21 April H.M. The Queen's Birthday ✓

✓ Wednesday 23 April St. George

E+PLORED

Christianity Explored is an 8-week course which is intended for anyone interested in finding out about Christianity. Using DVDs, booklets and discussion, the course will work through Mark's Gospel and begin to explain who Jesus Christ is and what he has done. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to attend; and you won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing! You can ask any question you like or, if you prefer, you can just come along and listen. This course will provide a good foundation for those who wished to be Confirmed in the Church of England, if you want to be, but there will be no pressure to do so.

The next Christianity Explored course begins on Wednesday 2 April. The sessions will take place in the Vicarage on successive Wednesday evenings, 8 - 9.30 p.m. For more information, contact the Parish Office 2322 136 or email: vicar@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

From the Registers

FUNERAL

3 March 2008 Robert John 'Bobbie' RUDGE (58)



SONGS OF PRAISE

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Hymns Old & New No. 188

This hymn is a product of the Christian revival in Wales in the 18th century. It has gained immense popularity though its association with the much later tune *Cwm Rhondda*, which was composed for a song festival in 1905 by John Hughes (1873-1932), who was an official of the Great Western railway.

William Williams, the author of the hymn, was converted as a young man through the preaching of Howel Harris and took holy orders in 1740. Three years later he left the Established Church and spent the rest of his life as a wandering evangelist. He was a great preacher and a great poet in Welsh.



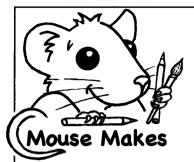
Capel Rhondda, 1865, in Hopkinstown, Glamorgan, where the hymn tune 'Cwm Rhondda' was first sung in 1905.

This hymn was first published in 1745. It was not until 1771 that the hymn appeared in English, having been translated by Peter Williams (no relation).

The imagery of the whole hymn is drawn from the story of the Exodus and the Israelites' journey through the wilderness to the promised land. Thus the 'Bread of heaven' (v.1) refers to the manna (Exodus 16: 4-18; John 6:30-36); 'the crystal fountain' to the water from the rock which was struck (Exodus 17: 4-6) For 'the fiery, cloudy pillar' see Exodus 13: 21; and for 'the verge of Jordan' see Joshua 3: 14-17. probably few people who sing the hymn realise that the words 'Death of death and hell's destruction' Christ is being addressed. He himself is 'the destroyer of death, the vanquisher of hell' (cf. 2 Tim. 1: 10; Rev. 1: 17-18).

The hymn has been translated into many languages and variations have appeared in many books. The name 'Jehovah' in the first line of the hymn was changed to 'Redeemer' in the first edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern*' in 1868. Such changes to this and other hymns were not immediately well received; the hymn book was disparagingly call 'Hymns Altered and Mutilated', before it eventually took its place as one of the standards of English hymnody.

YOUNG READERS



God gave Moses ten laws to help and quide his people and it is still important for God's people to keep these commandments today.

The first **four** commandments are to do with our friendship with God. The last six are to do

Read Deuteronomy 5: 1-22

with our friendships with one another.

GOD'S LAWS FOR LIFE

The Ten Commandments WORSHIP NO GOD BUT ME

Put God first

DO NOT -MAKE OR . WORSHIP IDOLS

onto the back of 4 DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME Watch what you say!

OBSERVE THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY

Keep a special day to rest and worship

RESPECT YOUR " PARENTS

DO NOT MURDER

Don't take away someone's life

DO NOT COMMIT **ADULTERY**

Don't take away someone's husband or wife

DO NOT STEAL

Don't take something that is not yours

9. : DO NOT ACCUSE **ANYONE** FALSELY Don't tell lies

about others

10. DO NOT COVET

Don't be jealous of what belongs to others

Jesus' summary of the law:

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR λS YOURSELF

Matthew 22:39

Make a mini book of God's Commandments:

Cut out the strips then glue them together to make one long strip. Zig-zag fold along the dotted lines





VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

AN ENGLISH KIND OF FAITH?

One writer observed that that natural religious state of an English man is to believe in a god with whom he is on "nodding terms", that is vaguely acquainted, but not so as to know that god by name. Or, in the writer's more technical language, 'the English are a nation of Pelagian deists'.

Having a vague belief in a god is one thing but an active faith in Jesus Christ is quite another. The festival of Easter which we celebrated a few weeks ago will have meant very little to many, perhaps most, in our country (apart from the holiday), but to a Christian it means everything.

Over the years I have met many atheists, those whose determined denial of God might be respected (even if the Bible rather unflatteringly refers to them as "foolish", Psalm 14). Yet I've never really understood the wishy-washy belief in a god who can be ignored most of the time. If lesus really did defeat death, which is what Easter is all about, then he is alive and active in the modern world. That is the Christian claim. And if it is true, then shouldn't it make a difference?

Over the years I have met many people who have been transformed from living without purpose, as selfish or unhappy people; to a life which is exactly the opposite. Each of them

would describe the 'someone' who changed them like this: lesus died for my sins and is alive today. He has influenced and changed them, not only by his wonderful teaching and matchless example, but by his sacrificial love.

Some of the evidence for the risen. living lesus is much less dramatic, but significant just the same. Countless ordinary Christians have an unshakeable sense of being 'accompanied' through life by Jesus. Often this brings strength and comfort. It sometimes brings a challenge to love, forgive and to serve our troubled world.

Eventually we will have to decide. Is this Jesus uniquely significant? Do we accept him as our rescuer and the rightful Lord of our life? Or, should we write him off as a well-meaning lunatic? Should we try to ignore or forget his claims about himself and his claims upon us? C.S. Lewis was quite plain on the subject:

'Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.'

My prayer for parishioner and visitor alike is that, in this season of Easter, you will never again find your Christian faith only 'vaguely matters'.

> **Gerard Moate** Vicar & Lecturer

Adapted from an article published here, April 1999

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 20 April 2008 12.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.



in the Assembly Rooms

You are invited to the next meeting of the

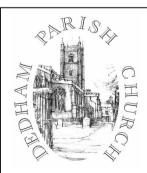
Muniment Room Society

Dedham's Local History Group

Saturday 26 April 2008

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

at the Vicarage



Ascension Day

Thursday I May 10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

NEWS

MANNINGTREE VEHICLE SHOW

Where: Manningtree High School

Colchester Road, Manningtree

When: Sunday 20 April, 2008

II a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

What: Vintage and classic vehicles

Kit cars, Motor bikes, Commercial vehicles

This is the tenth year that the MHSA have hosted a Vehicle Show and enthusiasts will be heading for North East Essex to take part in the annual Manningtree Vehicle Show.

The owners of over 500 vintage, classic and commercial vehicles will be cleaning, polishing and turning out their

pride and joy on to the playing fields at Manningtree School for what has now become an established event in the town's calendar.

More than 2,000 visitors are also expected to

admire the cars, as well as enjoy all kinds of fun including a Craft Fayre; Owls R Us, children's quad bikes, Buggy Club races, sideshows and stalls and, of course, the now regular displays given by the fighting robots as seen on TV.

Over the last nine years the Show has become the main fund-raising activity each year of the Manningtree High School Association. Chair, Gill Butcher said: "Last year we saw over 600 vehicles and over 2000 families attend our biggest event to date.

As this is our tenth birthday we are hoping to attract more people with our new attraction of 'tri-pli racing' which will be a 30 metre track with

hair-pin bends where you can race against your friends with model FI cars, 4 x4, or artic trucks. This together with all of the other attractions going on alongside the main event it should be *another great day* out for everyone.

FUZZLE

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

INSTANT MONTH

MINUTE

CENTURY

SECOND HOUR Answer at the bottom of page 16

VILLAGE PUMP

Barry Stewart writes

Natalie, our Police Community Support Officer, no doubt has many challenges to face in the course of her duties. This encounter between a PCSO and an errant motorist, which has come to my attention, may give her more ideas on how to deal with someone she catches speeding in our High Street...

Driver: Is there a problem officer?

PCSO: You were speeding.

Driver: Oh, I see.

PCSO: Can I see your license please? Driver: I don't have one. I lost it years

ago for drink-driving.

PCSO: Your insurance papers then? Driver: I can't give you any, I've stolen this car from another driver, who I knocked out. She's locked in the boot. (The PCSO slowly backs away from the car and calls for support. Within a short while several police cars have blocked in the car and a burly senior officer slowly approaches the vehicle...)

Officer: Please get out of the vehicle... Driver: Is there a problem officer? Officer: Yes, the Support Officers has said you have stolen the car, knocked out the owner, and hid her in the boot. Please go to the rear of the car and open the boot.

(The driver opens the boot of the car revealing nothing but a travelling rug.)

Officer: Is this your car?

Driver: Yes, officer. Here are my

insurance details.

Officer: The Support Officer also said you do not have a driving licence.

(The driver hands over a valid driving licence to the officer, who examines it while looking quite puzzled.)

Officer: Thank you. The Support Officer also told me you didn't have insurance or a driving license, and that you stole this car by knocking out the owner and hid her in the boot of this car. Driver: Oh! The fibber! I bet she also told you I was speeding, too....



AND WITH EXTRA POINTS?

A woman was working in her garden with her strimmer, when she accidentally cut off the tail of her cat. She ran screaming into the house for help. Her husband grabbed the carkeys. "Get the cat, and the tail, and we'll take them to Tesco's - NOW!" he said urgently. His wife was incredulous. "How could that possibly help?" she asked.

"Well." he said. "they are the country's largest retailer."

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A WONDERFUL CONCERT

Congratulations and thanks are due to Karen Walters, who organised a remarkable concert in the Parish Church last month. Through a link established by her daughter, Charlotte, an African Children's Choir from Uganda was invited to come on to Dedham just beautiful sunrise. Soon afterwards the a few days after they were singing in the presence of H.M. The Queen, at the Commonwealth Day service in Westminster Abbey.

The problem was that there was less that two weeks between the invitation being accepted and the date of the concert in Dedham. One hour before the concert was due to begin, Karen was expressing her doubts about the attendance. She needn't have worried thanks to her superb networking the church was packed - probably more than 500 people crammed in to witness the choir sing and dance their way to people's hearts. An appeal by the Vicar for the charity which their singing supported raised more than £2,000. An wonderful evening to remember!



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR ME

I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE...

NEWS

Easter?! For the first time that anyone could remember, snow fell in Dedham on Easter Day. Not that the Sunrise Service on top of the church tower was affected. The hardy dozen who made it saw blue skies and a clouds blew in with snow and hail. transforming the landscape during the morning. It was time for an improvised introit by the church's Director of Music, Antony Watson...

Brian Hindley writes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Bogus Callers These criminals continue to blight our area so please be wary of people purporting to be an official and wanting to come inside your home. The only ones you should allow in are your meter readers and they always have identification, which you should ask for if you are not sure.

Speed Watch Volunteers for the Community Speed Watch campaign are needed. Please contact me.

Identity Theft Identity theft is rife and is simple to prevent by destroying all documentation with personal details A shredder is a way of doing this.

Central Heating Oil Tank Theft There have been a few of these locally.

PCSO Natalie King our Police Community Support Officer is always willing to help with any advice or problems. **mobile 07966 197 310 or at her Copford office 210 441. Diane Roe writes

CASTLE HOUSE, DEDHAM

The Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum is looking to recruit additional Chief Stewards for days when the Museum is open to the public. The person/s chosen would provide relief cover for the existing personnel. Responsibilities include opening the house, assisting the stewards during the time it is open to the public and closing up at the end.

The museum is open from Easter to the beginning of October on Wednesday and Sundays in the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and additionally on Thursday and Saturday afternoon in July and September.

A rota of Chief Stewards is maintained and in addition some evening work is involved when the house is open for group visits or Charity events, outside the above hours. If you are interested in being considered for this role please contact Diane Roe, the Administrator, on **22 127** for more information.

Sally Pearce writes

EAST BERGHOLT SURGERY

Patient Survey We offered patients the opportunity to fill in a survey on the service given and satisfaction with the practice. The results of this survey have now been received and discussed with the staff and with the Patient Representative Group. More details are published in the Practice Newsletter available in each surgery from April.

Minor Injuries A reminder to patients that minor injuries can be seen at the practice during normal opening hours.

Medical reports and claim forms

Due to the pressures of NHS work,
please allow 10 working days for
insurance claim forms and non urgent
paperwork to be completed by the
doctors. Private insurance reports are
completed within the agreed timescale
of 28 days.

Gloria Griffiths writes

LAWFORD SURGERY

Due to family commitments Dr Farah Ozair has recently left our practice. We wish her every success in her future career. We are pleased to announce and welcome to the practice Dr Judith Brown. She is a retired GP specialising in general medicine and who practiced in Colchester for years.

Thank you to all the patients who contacted the surgery after our request for volunteers to join our patient representative group. In all six patients joined the group and took part in analysing the patient satisfaction survey. We would like to remind all of our patients about the e-mail account which is now set up to receive requests for repeat medication.

Lastly we would like to thank all of our patients for the support that you have given the doctors and staff over the past year. Dedham Arts Group

Spring Exhibition

Littlegarth Studio High Street, Dedham

Saturday 24 May until Monday 26 May

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

Private viewing open to members and their friends Friday 23 May at the Studio at 6 p.m.

The Constable Trust present an exciting Lecture

Constable & Claude

A lifelong relationship

Thursday 24 April

6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

at the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt

Tickets £15, of which £10 will be treated as a donation to the Trust.

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www.theconstabletrust.org.uk

Friends of Dedham Church

Golf Day

Hintlesham Golf Club Tuesday 13 May 2008



For an entry form contact
Beth Mitchell 322 072

NOTICEBOARD

A Painting Exhibition

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Paintings by

V.A. Heming Sue Whidborne Philippa Bewley-Pope



Littlegarth Gallery Dedham

Saturday 12 11a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday 14 April 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

ORGAN RECITAL

by Paul McCaffery Assistant Director of Music, the Royal Hospital School

7.30 p.m. SATURDAY 26 APRIL

Admission by ticket only £10 (includes Cheese and Wine) from:

Sally Hewetson 01473 310295
Carolyn Evans 01473 311090
Liz Whitman 01473 311473
All proceeds to the
Friends of Bentley Church Fund
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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillor John Osborn writes

ESSEX YOUTH BUS

As part of a new venture, sponsored for an 18-month period by Essex County Council, the smaller of the two buses, fully fitted out with on-line laptops, television, DVD and video equipment and targeted for teenage use, was available for inspection before the meeting. Up to twelve youngsters can use the facilities at any one time with up to eighteen on the larger vehicle. Comment from council members and representatives of the Dedham Youth Club was extremely favourable. PCSO Natalie King, who arranged the visit, agreed to move the initiative on in conjunction with the youth club. Regular visits at a suitable location in the centre of the village can be arranged as soon as volunteer helpers have received some essential basic training.

ALLOTMENTS IN DEDHAM

An invitation in last month's *Parish Magazine* for local people to let Councillor Simon Marrison know if they have any interest in using an area of land in Dedham as an allotment has received a very favourable response. Before any announcement can be made some indication of the level of likely take-up would be useful. Any residents, who have not already done so, are asked to telephone Simon **222 594**.

OVERHEAD POWER LINES

The Parish Council were advised that the eagerly-awaited removal of low-voltage power lines between Dedham and East Bergholt should commence within the next month or so. Part of a programme of putting the wires underground within the Dedham Vale, to be carried out by EDF Energy in conjunction with the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project, it is being made possible through a special grant by the industry regulator OFGEN.

NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council will next meet on Wednesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms. This will be the last before the Council election on Thursday I May.



"I want a traditional church wedding but Sam prefers something trendy. Can we compromise and do it bunjijumping from the steeple?"

Cake Decorating Demonstration



in the Assembly Rooms Wednesday 21 May 2008 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ticket: £12 (inc. coffee, lunch & glass of Wine) In aid of the Parish Church

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago April 1998

The Horticultural Society held their Spring Flower Show in the Hewitt Hall; the Junior Choir was growing in numbers under the leadership of Roy and Jean Flewin; the Dedham Players' production was She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith. It was announced that one of the autumn Dedham Lectures would be given by the Rt. Hon. Frank Field M.P., who was at the time a Government minister (he later resigned, just a few days before he came to give the Lecture).

Fifty Years Ago April 1958

It was reported that "considerably more than 2,000 people witnessed our Passion Play". This production was an ambitious community project which was appreciated by people throughout the area. During the busy Easter festival the Vicar's wife, Dorothy, was taken ill and admitted to hospital. She made a full recovery. Maurice Codner, a well-known portrait painter, died in a nursing home in London; his parents had lived in Dedham and he had maintained a close link with village throughout his professional career. Nationally, the matter of the revision of the Prayer Book was of concern to many church-goers.

A Century Ago April 1908

The Vicar, F.G. Given-Wilson, outlined his plans for "the restoration and improvement of our Church". Following the visit of architect T.G. Jackson R.A., it was confirmed that the report about the bells, made in 1891 by Mr. Micklethwaite, was correct and that "it will be quite out of the question to attempt even to ring the bells again in their present position". The possibility of removing the wall at the west end of church, which blocks the view of the west window from within the nave, was considered but "a more complete and detailed examination" was required. The "most pressing need" was considered to be the restoration of the Chancel; and examination of its foundations was made; a further problem was the repair of the south-aisle roof, which was no longer water tight. Giving by church members was not sufficient; "I have been sadly disappointed at the…offertories for some time past"

PAST TIMES

John Saumarez Smith has provided the Muniment Room Library with a copy of an extract from *The Gourmet's Guide to London* by Nathaniel Newnham-Davies, who was a Lieut.-Col. in the East Kent Regiment ("The Buffs"). Chapter VIII of his *Guide*, which was published by Grant Richards Ltd. in 1914, begins with this vivid description of a childhood experience whilst he was at school in Dedham (the sub-title is this Editor's):

CATASTROPHE IN DEDHAM

The great catastrophe of my life, I think, was that the first oyster I ate was a bad one. I was at school for a year or two at Dedham, as a preparation for Harrow, and Dedham is in Essex, and not far from Colchester. An old man used to wheel a barrow of oysters to the playing field, and dispensed his shell-fish at a penny an oyster. One day when I was in funds I thought that I would begin to enjoy the luxuries of life, and bought an oyster. That oyster was a bad one. Not just an ordinary bad oyster, but of a superlative badness, the most horrible oyster that any small boy ever tried to swallow — and failed. The memory of that oyster kept me for many years from making a second attempt. When I was first bidden to a Colchester oyster feast and sat amidst Cabinet Ministers and mayors and aldermen in their robes of office, and generals and admirals all pitching into the bivalves like winking, I, to the great surprise of the waiters, ate twice as many oysters as any alderman present. Had I been given an opportunity of making a speech after lunch I should have told the assembled company that my unparalleled feat in the absorption of Colchester natives that day was my revenge for the horrors of the first Colchester oyster I tried to eat one sunlit spring afternoon on the Dedham playing field.



Colchester Oyster Ceremony

CORRECTION

The photographs of the Dedham floods of 1939 (in the last two issues) were taken in Dedham Road, Stratford; not Stratford Road, Dedham!