

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Daphne Langton writes

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

At the March meeting Mrs Tania Lyle gave an enlightening talk about when she was an Official Visitor to Chelmsford Prison about 20 years ago. Also, George Beeken joined us to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Wednesday 30 April at 2.30 p.m., in the Assembly Rooms, Capt. Aubrey Bradfield of the Church Army will pay a return visit.

Tracey Lovelock writes

### DEDHAM GUIDES

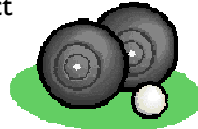
Four girls and three leaders representing *GirlGuiding* in Dedham have been selected to take part in an expedition to Malaysia in 2009 to build a children's playground in the Cameron Highlands and work with the WWF in Borneo. Each participant has to raise £2,000. Please help them by supporting activities such as the *Dedham Duck Race* on 5 May. Any other ideas for fund-raising or sponsorship, please contact Ann Bailey ☎ 230 404 or Tracey Lovelock ☎ 322 521.

John Goldsborough writes

### CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Dedham Carpet Bowls Club recently won the Essex County Division One Winter League for the first time in their history. In doing so they took the title from their close rivals, Langham. The Club has 'social bowling' sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as well as a practice session on Tuesday evenings, 7 - 9 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. If you are interested in giving it a try just come along or contact Ron Hill for more information

☎ 322 916.



Betty Callaghan writes

### GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

At the meeting on Friday 9 May friends of the Duchy Barn will provide the entertainment. The competition will be: *a miniature ornament*. The recent demise of Mrs Lily Booth, who was chairman of the Club for many years, is a sad loss to us all.

## STANDING SPINSTER

## FUZZLE

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

Answer below.

FUZZLE ANSWER

A big misunderstanding.

## DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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### DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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## DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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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  
on all other Sundays  
during school terms

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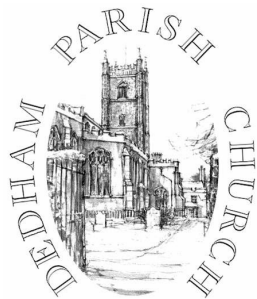
## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



### TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH



- ✓ Thursday 1 May      *Ascension Day*
- ✓ Sunday 11 May      *Pentecost*
- ✓ Sunday 18 May      *Trinity*



### Ascension Day Thursday 1 May 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

### *From the Registers*

#### BAPTISMS

13 April 2008    Isabelle Lily HYNE  
                          Joseph William OSBORNE  
                          William John ROBERTS

#### FUNERALS

28 March 2008    Lily BOOTH (91)  
7 April 2008     Doris Edwina KLEIN (102)  
17 April 2008    Stella EAGLE (89)  
22 April 2008    Peggy Gomorrah EAGLE (90)



## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives Thy service find,  
in deeper rev'rence praise.*

*Hymns Old & New No. 106*

This is indisputably one of the most popular of all hymns in the English language. Yet its author, John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92) would have been horrified at the thought of it being sung in church, and particularly with the enthusiasm with which it is often tackled in some places. This is because he did not approve of singing hymns and never wrote the poem for it to be sung.

Whittier was an American Quaker, descended from one of the original 'Pilgrim Fathers' who arrived in Massachusetts from England in 1638. He was an early campaigner against slavery. He devoted much of his life to writing. Despite his dislike of singing in worship, his poems have been adapted to make more than fifty hymns, including *Immortal love forever full*.

The hymn *Dear Lord and Father* is taken from a poem Whittier wrote in 1872, called *The Brewing of Soma*. Hindus in India had produced *soma* which was an intoxicating drink with hallucinogenic effects, made from what has since been called 'magic mushrooms'. In his poem Whittier compared the stirring of emotions in Christian worship, through music, ceremonial and the like, with the Indian use of drugs to achieve a religious ecstasy. It is for these 'foolish ways' that Christians are urged to beg forgiveness from God in the lines which now form the beginning of the hymn. The theme of his poem is therefore the Quaker conviction that God is to be found in silence and stillness, through the inward peace of the worshipper, rather than through any outward excitement.



*Repton School Crypt*

The last six verses of Whittier's long poem were turned into a hymn by William Horder in 1884. He made a few changes to the words, but nearly all modern hymnals use Whittier's original words. In Britain and throughout the Commonwealth it is generally sung to a tune by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918), one which was originally part of his oratorio *Judith*. In 1924 George Stocks, director of music at Repton School (hence the name now used for the tune, REPTON), set the words to the music, requiring the repetition of the last line to make it fit.



**Mouse Makes**

**The Lost Sheep**

People would come to listen to Jesus, one day he told this parable:

"Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them- what does he do? He leaves the other 99 in the pasture and goes looking for the one who is lost until he finds it. When he finds it he is so happy he calls his friends and neighbours together and says to them "I am so happy. I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!"

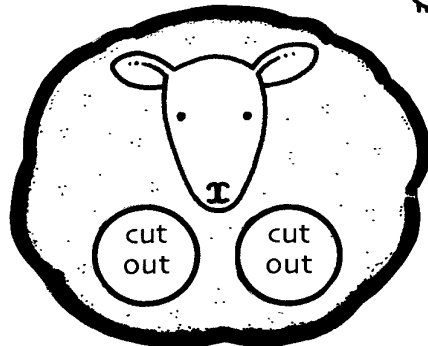
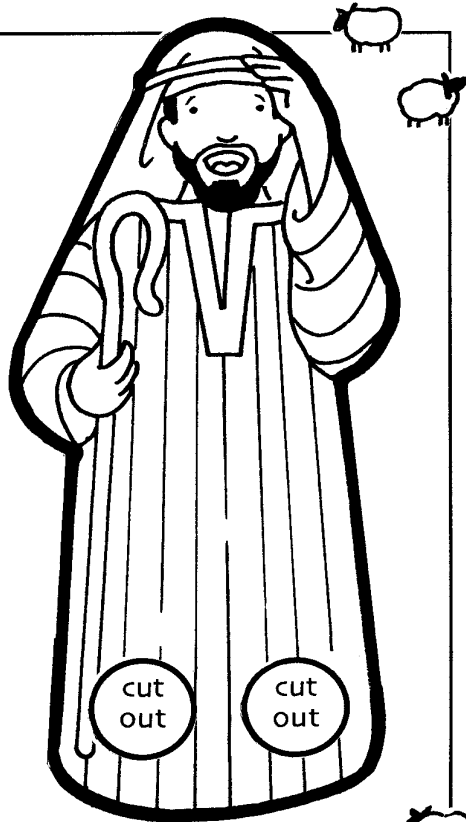
**Why did the man go looking for one lost sheep?**

**What happened when he found it?**

Jesus said "In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 respectable people who do not need to repent."

Read the story in Luke 15:1-7

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd ... I know my sheep and I am willing to die for them"  
John 10:14



Make shepherd and sheep finger puppets to help you tell the story. Glue onto stiff card, cut out and colour in.

May08



**LIFE AFTER EASTER**

When a bishop casts doubt on something that is hardly news. We have, perhaps unfairly, come to expect them to be doubting *something*. Yet Bishop Michael Marshall had some very strong doubts:

*"From the perspective of common sense, pragmatism and certainly from a financial point of view, I see no hope for the Church of England, or indeed for our society and culture."*

It is worth pointing out that he wrote those words in 1993, at a time when the Church of England had been, on average, closing one church every week, for more than 20 years. Yet I would be misrepresenting his point if I left it there (which is why a selective quotation, even an accurate one, can be very misleading). The point he was making was that, despite all the ill-omens, God is still graciously and obviously at work in His Church (of which the C of E may, or may not be, a part in any future God may give us.

It was C.S. Lewis who said that he believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ (that is his rising to life after his death on a cross for our sins) in much the same way as he believed that the sun rose in the morning; not only because he could see it, but because now he could see everything the light of it.

Incidentally, the Church of England's logo (shown below) is good because it combines both the Cross and the reminder of an Easter sunrise.

With this 'after Easter' perspective nothing, least of all any problems the C of E may be facing, looks quite the same again. The Old Testament tells of many times before when God has shown His people that, when they are brought to their knees, when they lose their sense of self-sufficiency and smugness (which only feed that most mentioned of sins in the Bible - pride). then God can and will raise them up.

Thus it is not enough for us to declare that Jesus 'rose from the dead'. That is a dangerous half-truth. Eleven times in one chapter of the Bible (I Corinthians 15) we are told that Jesus died and was raised from the dead *by the power of the Father*.

Such is the wonder of that 'pivot of history' which the Cross is, that we are all (even those who don't acknowledge its power over them), living 'after Easter'. So one thing is quite sure; we must expect to see God's strength made plain in our weakness, and His triumph, even in our anxiety or faithless despair about our future plans.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

## NEWS

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study Group meets Friday mornings, 9.15 to 10.30 a.m., during term time only, at The Croft, in Assembly Lane (alongside the Assembly Rooms). The group is currently studying St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Mums with young children are most welcome. For more information please contact Elizabeth Hopkins ☎ 322 361.

### HOMELESS IN COLCHESTER



Last month Alan Turner, senior project worker at Beacon House,

Colchester, came to a morning service in the parish church. He spoke about the work which is done among those who are homeless or who have insecure accommodation. The Beacon House Trust is a local mission that our parish church supports. One practical way in which you can help is to donate toiletries, shoes and clothes. There will be a collecting box for such donations in the church on Family Service Sundays (usually the first Sunday in the month).

### CLOCK WINDERS

Winding the church clock is still wound twice-weekly by hand, as it has been since it was installed in 1760. If you would be willing to share the task, please have a word with Simon Johnston ☎ 322 913.

### YOUR VERY GOOD HEALTH

The *Dedham Relief in Sickness Trust* was set up from a village charity originally founded to support a District Nurse. When the NHS was established the charity was re-formed to provide healthcare aids, for example wheel-chairs and bed-supports. Over time this service has become restricted by changes in legislation. It is no longer acceptable for a charity to provide equipment unless they can do so through professional practitioners. Even walking frames have to be fitted by qualified people nowadays, so the trust was finding increasingly difficult to use its modest income appropriately within this community.

The *RIST* has therefore decided to give a substantial part of its resources to the *Dedham Vale Community Health Association*, the group responsible for the healthcare premises at Roman Place in Manningtree Road. A grant of £5,000 has recently been made, with the possibility of a further grant in due course, to help secure a NHS healthcare facility in those premises.

### WELCOME

Volunteers are wanted for the important ministry of welcoming visitors to Church. If you can spare an hour or more a week from now until early October, it would be much appreciated. Please speak with the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.

# Dedham Guided Tours

including the Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum



Join a knowledgeable guide from the Colchester Tourist Guides Association for a memorable tour of this beautiful village at the heart of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural beauty.

Enjoy hearing about the historic buildings and the rich cultural and artistic heritage of the village.

Round off your tour with a visit to Castle House and the Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum where you will be able to explore the museum at your own pace, before you enjoy a walk back to the centre of the village.

Tours will take place on the following **Sunday afternoons** in 2008

**18 May - 15 June - 20 July - 17 August - 21 September**

Tours will start at 2 p.m. from the Church and arrive at the Museum at 3.30 p.m.

Allow 1½ hours to explore the Museum and return to the High Street.

Tickets available exclusively from the *Essex Rose Tea House* Dedham

**Adults £5, children (5-15) £4**  
**Admission to the Museum is included.**

For further enquiries, or to book private groups,  
☎ (01206) 282 920 or ✉ [vic@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:vic@colchester.gov.uk)





Barry Stewart writes  
**NINTH LIFE**

Our cat required some treatment at Penrose the vets recently; after the cat was given an antibiotic we were given some tablets for it along with a useful *Instruction Sheet* from nurse Wendy:

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of an arm. Position forefinger and thumb on each side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in other hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close its mouth and swallow.

2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat gently in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, pick up and throw soggy pill away.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat, holding rear paws tightly with other hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with forefinger. Hold mouth shut for count of ten.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse for help.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing a wooden ruler into cat's mouth. Slide pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.



7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep up shattered figurines and set aside for repair

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on the cat with its head just visible. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force cat's mouth open with a pencil and blow pill in using a drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink glass of water to take taste away. Apply Elastoplast to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door just enough so that head is showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down with plastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and search for date of last tetanus shot. Remove last pill from foil and, using screwdriver, force cat's mouth open, drop in pill followed by large amounts of water.

12. Get spouse to drive you to Casualty at the General Hospital, to stitch fingers and forearms and remove pill from right eye. Call furniture shop on the way home and order new dining table.

If all else fails - arrange for RSPCA to collect cat and contact pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

### MARATHON DUO

Two Dedham sisters, **Joanne & Eleanor West**, finished the 2008 London Marathon in a time of 4.43.02 – and



thanks to all their supporters have raised over £3,500 for Action for ME, the charity that improves the lives of those with ME and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and supports research into the condition. Eleanor and Jo faced problems at different times during the race, but pulled together and won through! Congratulations to them both - Dedham is proud of them!

Sarah Curtis writes

### SMARTYS PRE-SCHOOL

At the start of the Summer term *Smartys* began Rising 5's again. This is a session being run on Thursdays for our oldest children, preparing them for the start of their time at primary school. This has been proven over many years to be helpful for both child and parents, as not only are the children being involved in more engaging activities, but they are also playing, learning, and socialising with children who will be in their class once they have started school (making the transition easier for everyone). Our fund-raising team are busy with future events (see p. 9 for details).

Chris Slocombe writes

### HOSPITAL VISITING

I have been invited by the Vicar to be the Parish Church hospital visitor for Dedham. I am also a 'lay chaplain' at Colchester General Hospital; these are two roles which are linked, yet separate. Therefore if you, or some one on your behalf, would like a visit arranged, please ring me (my number is on page 1 of the Parish Magazine each month), or the Parish Office, so I can help.

However, please remember that this must *always* be the patient's decision; total confidentiality must be maintained and I cannot even discuss my visit even with the Vicar or anyone else from the Church, unless the patient grants me permission.



The Hospital Chaplaincy is inclusive, being both ecumenical and multi-faith in its ministry. Members of the Chaplaincy visit patients and listen without judgement to their concerns and needs during difficult times. We can also arrange for the sacrament of Holy Communion to be administered. Often we just provide a listening ear and it is a great privilege that God has called me to this challenging, yet rewarding, ministry. Should you require a visit, or for more details about the Chaplaincy, please call me.

**CHURCH MARRIAGES IN DEDHAM**

"Hello, is that the Parish Office? I want to enquire about getting married in your lovely church." "Have you, or your fiancée been married before?" "No." "Does one or the other of you live in the Parish of Dedham?" "No".

This is a typical start to one of as many as fifty enquiries a year to our Parish Office, about the possibility of getting married in Dedham Church. It is always worth having a word with the Vicar about your plans, but the following points (which are an update of those published in this Magazine a decade ago) may be of some use to those who are contemplating marriage.

- If you are unmarried,
- you do not a partner from a previous marriage still living,
- you are both British subjects,
- one of you lives in Dedham
- and neither of you are serving in the armed forces,

then it is probably straightforward; you may get married in Dedham, after the 'reading of Banns', with due notice, and the Vicar can conduct the service without permission from anyone else.

In other cases a marriage licence is needed, either granted by the diocesan bishop (for foreign nationals and those in the armed forces) or, in the case of a special licence (which is always needed if a person neither lives nor has a family home in the parish), by the staff of the Archbishops' Faculty Office in London.

It is important to note that a special licence is not automatically granted just because the Vicar asks for one. Some years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury's Registrar wrote to the Vicar of Dedham, "*His Grace is only prepared to grant his Special Licence for marriages where there are strong and continuing connections on the part of the applicants*".



Although plans have been announced that the Church intends to change the *method* by which permission is granted (parish clergy may be given authority to agree some cases where once they had to apply for a Special Licence) there are, as far as we know, no plans to change the *conditions* whereby a church may conduct a marriage. The C of E has yet to follow the civil law and allow couples an open choice of the venue in which they may get married.

If you have questions about this matter, please telephone the Parish Office for an appointment with the Vicar, who'll do his very best to help.

*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.

**Dedham  
Village Association**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7.30 p.m.**

**Tuesday 10 June**

*in the*

Duchy Barn

*Anyone who has an interest  
in the welfare of Dedham  
is most welcome.*

*Friends of Dedham Church*



**Golf Day**

Hintlesham Golf Club  
**Tuesday 13 May 2008**




For an entry form contact  
Beth Mitchell ☎ 322 072

# Dedham Duck Race

In aid of *Girlguiding* supporting the  
*Malaysia Aid Project*

**12 o'clock Monday 5 May**



£25 prize for the first duck  
to cross the finish line 

Home made cakes  
Teddy Tombola and a Bookstall available

Entry is £1 per duck please call

Tracey Lovelock ☎ 323 521 or Ann Bailey ☎ 230 404

# 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

Contact: 322 006 or 323 139

*Parish Councillor John Osborn writes*

## FINAL MEETING

Five new Parish Council members will be joining the four that will be remaining for a second term when the first meeting of the new Council gathers in May. Of the five that will not be representing Dedham in the new PC a notable loss will be the Chair, Mrs Valerie Guglielmi. Val has served for eight years, four as Chair and for two years she has combined her full time business in Lawford with her council responsibilities. The Vice Chair made a presentation and paid tribute to her achievements.

## YOUTH SHELTER

PCSO Natalie King has been involved in lengthy discussion with the young people of Dedham and a request that the council bid for funds to supply and install a youth shelter is a consequence of these contacts. The Council agreed that the annual bid to the Parish / Town Grant Scheme in July should be for a youth shelter and councillors and public were shown various styles. The precise site is still to be decided.

## DEDHAM SURGERY

Although there has been an understandable disappointment that the new health-care centre has not been used for NHS services thus far the Council were told that the premises represented a very significant asset to the village. The campaign to persuade doctors, or

other NHS users, to commit will be continued. Whilst meetings with the appropriate bodies are being sought it is hoped that the premises will be made available for complementary medicine practitioners within the next month or two. [ See also the report on page 5 ]

## WEB SITE

Residents are reminded that Minutes from Parish Council meetings, planning applications, information about Councillors, the *Dedham Village Design Statement* and much else is available on the Council web-site (see below).

## NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the new Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 7 p.m. The earlier time is to allow for the annual Dedham Assembly which will follow the Council meeting.

*As John Osborn comes to the end of his time in office on the Parish Council the Editor, on behalf of the village of Dedham, wishes thank him for being the 'reporter-in-chief' of the workings of the Council for more than six years. John succeeded the late Tony Mitchell in this important task of local communication.*

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

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



## PAST TIMES

### Ten Years Ago **May 1998**

Smarty's Playgroup held their first 'Fun Day' on the Duchy Field; there was a Fete in the Vicarage garden (one of the last, since other village events such as the 'Strawberry Fayre', have taken its place); a number of Dedham residents sponsored the 1st Ardleigh Cubs for their trip to Great Yarmouth; another sketch from "Miss Mallett's Sketchbook" (which is now in the Muniment Room) was published; the Dedham Art Group held their Exhibition in "the old Chemist Shop" in Royal Square.

### Fifty Years Ago **May 1958**

Observing how many people attended church for Easter, he wrote "I cannot remember our having to bring chairs in before Easter morning"; the Dedham Ambulance and Nursing Division was called out 80 times during the month of March; Home Nursing Lectures were held on Monday evenings in the "British Legion Hut"; the Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the re-built church at Little Horkesley on 24 May; "Improvements and decorations continue to take place at the Dedham C. of. E. School" [that is to the former building in School Lane]; a Working Party was held for repairs and maintenance of church items.

### A Century Ago **May 1908**

Very few were present at the annual Vestry Meeting [held on a Thursday at 11 o'clock] "perhaps the hour is not a convenient one for busy people" wrote the Vicar, "and no doubt the rain was responsible on this occasion for preventing some from coming". The parish church accounts showed a deficit for the year of £15, "it was felt that the expenses incidental to the carrying on of the Services of the Church were not sufficiently realised by the congregation"; Mr. W.W. Hewitt was again appointed Parish Warden, with Mr. J.R. Trigg as Vicar's Warden; Sidesmen were appointed for the first time, "to assist the Churchwardens in the Collections", and these were Messrs. Eley, Page, Saunders, Smith and Windell; the Services on Easter Day were well attended, "in spite of the wintry weather"; the white pulpit fall was first used; and 'Dedham Old Quoit Club' awarded the 'Col. Green Memorial Cup'.

## PAST TIMES



**Dedham High Street ( view West) 1923**

*from the postcard collection of George Beeken*

## NOTICEBOARD



### Smartys Pre-School **Table Top Sale** **Saturday 17 May**



**Assembly Rooms, Dedham**  
**10 - 12 noon**

Lots and lots of quality used  
Toys/Equipment/Clothing  
for Babies and Toddlers / Pre-school & School-age children  
Replenish your children's toys

Equip your house for grandchildren

Find presents for all those children's parties

Re-use and recycle!

£1 entry

Tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits for sale

