

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

*Paw Slingo writes*

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Autumn Show will take place on **Saturday 30 August at 2 p.m.** in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham. Please enter lots of exhibits and come along and enjoy the day. Schedules are available from Carol Barker ☎ 322 147 or Elizabeth Ellis ☎ 231 164.

*Daphne Langton writes*

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

A recent outing was to Tiptree to enjoy the Wilkins & Sons tearooms. In June we welcomed Rev'd Nina Brown from Colchester to our fellowship. Her talk was about the Order of St. Francis. There will be a Tea Party at the July meeting.

*Betty Callaghan writes*

### GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

Our June meeting proved a resounding success with Alan Chilvers reminiscing about his schooldays. A fun afternoon which was missed by some absent members. Mr. Chilvers will be returning to our meeting on 11 July to continue his tales of days gone by. The competition will be a decorative button.

*Marjorie Culham writes*

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The 'Guide Gog Experience' from Wales will be visiting the Tendring Show on 12 July. Trainers and dogs will demonstrate their work and the public will have the opportunity of having a 'blindfold walk' guided by a dog.

## AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY in DEDHAM Monday 25 August

If your group, society, association, or charity would like to take the opportunity of raising funds, membership or just awareness of what you do, Please contact **Judith Fowle** ☎ **322 938**

## FUZZLE

**i.e.●**

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

Answer below.

**FUZZLE ANSWER**

That is beside the point..

## DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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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

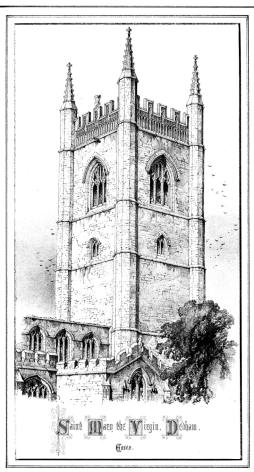
In the Assembly Rooms  
on all other Sundays  
during school terms

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT EDITION :  
16 July**

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



**THERE ARE NO  
TOWER FLAG DAYS  
THIS MONTH**



### STEWARDS & GUIDES

Volunteers are still wanted for the ministry of welcome in Church. You don't have to be a church member, just interested in the building and willing to welcome the many visitors who come into it. If you can spare an hour a week from now until early October to be a Steward, it would be much appreciated.

There are also vacancies for Guides for the Tower Tours. A fee is paid to the Guide. Please speak with the Verger or one of the Churchwardens, if you are interested.

### *From the Registers*

#### MARRIAGE

10 May 2008 Joseph Anthony LYNN & Anita Caroline GREGO  
21 June 2008 Stuart James HAZELL & Ingrid Laura SCUTCHER

#### SILVER WEDDING BLESSING

7 June 2008 Peter & Patricia Carcary

#### FUNERAL

9 June 2008 Gillian Constance WEBSTER (62)  
12 June 2008 Michael Stanley DAUGHTERS (71)

#### CREMATORIUM

6 June 2008 Henry 'Harry' Frederick THORNTON (92) Weeley  
11 June 2008 Edith Nina HICKMAN (90) Colchester



## SONGS OF PRAISE

*O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hand has made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

*Hymns Old & New No. 380*

This popular hymn is the result of a treble translation; from Swedish into English by way of German and Russian. Generally known by the words of its chorus as 'How great Thou art', the English version is the work of a British missionary and evangelist, Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989).

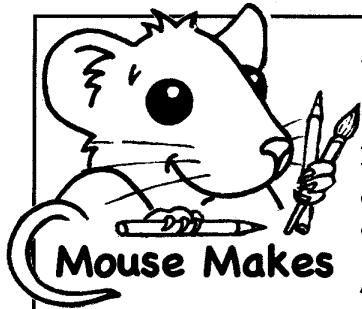
The original Swedish poem was written by Carl Boberg (1859-1940), an evangelist, journalist and Member of Parliament. In 1886 a rainbow had formed following an afternoon rainstorm and a church bell was tolling in the distance. Boberg was moved to write a nine-verse poem beginning, 'O store Gud'. A fairly literal translation of the first verse would be:

*O Thou great God! When I the world consider  
Which Thou hast made by Thine almighty Word;  
And how the web of life Thy wisdom guideth,  
And all creation feedeth at Thy board:*

Boberg's verses were set to a Swedish folk tune in 1891 (which is the tune still used in all versions today) and were included in several Swedish hymnbooks. In the 1920s they were translated into other languages, including German. In 1927 this German version was translated into Russian. It was this hymn that Stuart Hine heard being sung in the western Ukraine, where he had gone as a missionary in 1923. While Hine was in Carpathia, on the Russian-Romanian border, he wrote the first three English verses.

Hine wrote the fourth English verse when he returned to Britain in 1948, a year in which more than 100,000 refugees from Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe came to the United Kingdom. The question in many of their minds was "When are we going home?" Hine later wrote, "What better message for the homeless than that of the One who went to prepare a place for the 'displaced' of God...?"

In 1954 Hine's version came to the Billy Graham Crusade team, who first used it in Toronto in 1955. From then on it became popular wherever the Crusade team went, becoming (according to baritone soloist Cliff Barrows), "a keynote of praise each evening". It is still enjoyed by those who would celebrate both the glory of God in creation and the wonder of His love.



Jesus had many friends and followers, but he also had 12 special friends known as the 12 disciples. Jesus spent three years with them travelling around the country teaching them all about God and his kingdom.

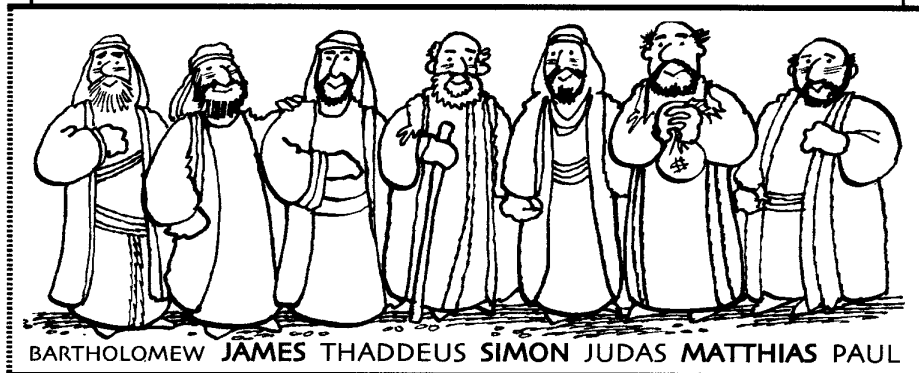
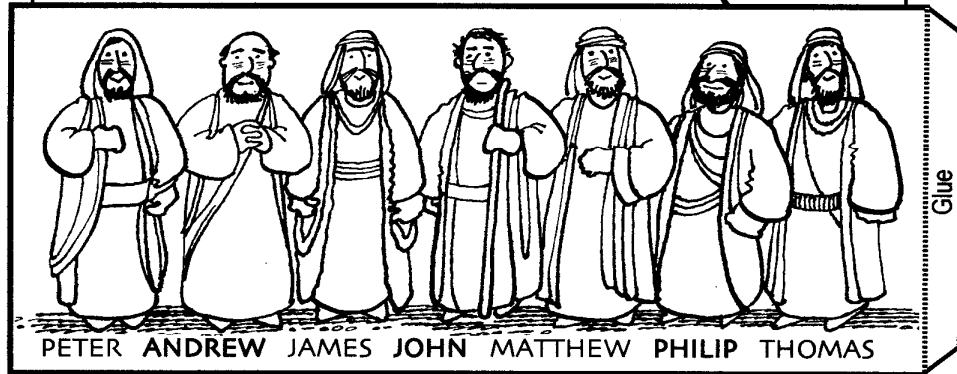
Read  
Luke  
6:12-49

After Jesus' death the 12 became known as the APOSTLES. Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was replaced by Matthias and Saul (also called Paul) became the apostle to the Gentiles

Read  
Acts  
1:12-26

Read  
Acts  
9:1-22

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Disciple means 'follower' and Apostle means 'messenger'



Cut out the two strips, colour and stick together to make a wall frieze



**I'VE STARTED — SO I'LL FINISH**

Long before this became associated with *Mastermind* and the late Magnus Magnusson, this attitude was to be found within the ideals of the modern Olympic movement.

In Mexico, in 1968, some die-hard spectators lingered in the Olympic stadium, watching the late finishers of the Marathon. Over an hour before the race had been won. It was getting cold and dark, when suddenly the small crowd heard the sound of sirens and police whistles coming to the stadium. As they watched, one runner made his way onto the track for the last lap of the 26 mile race. It was John Akhwari of Tanzania. As he ran the final circuit of the track people saw that his leg was bandaged and bleeding. He had fallen and injured himself earlier in the race, but had refused to let it stop him.

The few people in the stadium rose and applauded him until he crossed the finishing line. As he finally hobbled away, he was asked why he had not given up, as he had clearly had no chance of winning a medal. His reply was memorable. He said simply: "My country did not send me to Mexico City to start the race, they sent me here to finish it." He had looked beyond the pain of the moment and kept his eye on the purpose for which he was there.

That story reminds me of one of my boyhood heroes, the long-distance runner Jim Peters. He had set new marathon records four times during the 1950s, including the first official timing of under 2 hours 20 minutes, then regarded as equal to a sub-four-minute mile. He is best remembered for when he entered the Vancouver, British Columbia, stadium at the end of the Commonwealth Games marathon in 1954, with a *three-mile* lead over the next runner. However, being severely dehydrated, he staggered and collapsed several times and could not finish the final lap. The determination which had got him even that far was remarkable. After his career in athletics was over Peters became an optician in Essex. So it was that he came to provide me with my first pair of glasses...

Next month at the Olympics in China there will be many similar athletes, determined to finish their race. As Christians, we are also called to 'finish the race before us' as we fulfil

God's particular calling for us in this life:

*'Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...'* Hebrews 12: 1-2



Courage — John Akhwari

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

**WAR MEMORIAL ENQUIRY**

The Vicar has been researching personal and service information about the people named on the War Memorial in Dedham. There are three names about which he has been unable to find any details. They are:

1914-1918 **Frank Brown**  
**Henry Bond**

1939-1945 **John Bland**

Can you offer any information about them? (The Vicar's contact details are on page 1 of this Magazine.)

*Hayley Aherne writes*

**DEDHAM YOUTH CLUB**

The Dedham Youth Club continues to run at the Duchy Barn on Fridays, between 7.30 pm and 9.15pm. The Club is aimed at young people in school years 7 to 10. We offer a wide range of activities, such as sports, cooking and excursions.

Planned activities include sailing at Alton Water, involvement with the Dedham Players in their summer play as well as sports and cooking activities at the barn. We always welcome new members as well as anyone who feels they could volunteer to help or offer a skill to share. The volunteers would involve a commitment of just 1¾ hours every 6 weeks. There is also a Senior Club for young people aged 14 and over. Their next activity will be Paintball. Contact Hayley ☎ **01473 328 695** or Jason ☎ **0771 424 4159**

*Fred Merrin writes*

**ARDLEIGH SURGERY NEWS**

Dr Susmithma Pavuluri, GP Trainee, is taking maternity leave and will be returning in October for two months to complete her training year. We will be welcoming a new GP Trainee, Dr. Emily Foster in August. Dr. Foster is currently at Creffield Surgery, on placement from the General Hospital.

*Jeannette East writes*

**COLCHESTER UNITED**

Colchester United Community Sports Trust (where I work), has reached the semi-finals of the National Lottery Awards. *N.B. The first round of public voting*

*ends on 4 July, with voting available online and by telephone.*

The three projects in each category with the most votes will progress to the final round, which will run from 21 July - 8 August. The votes are reset to zero for the final round of public voting, and the winners will be announced on a special BBC 1 show in the autumn.

Please could you vote for us by following the link below. We are worthy of this award; we work in schools and sports development, health and social inclusion.

[www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards)

**Dedham Guided Tours**

*including the Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum*

Join a knowledgeable guide 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**

**20 July - 17 August - 21 September**

Tours will start at 2 p.m. from the Church arriving at the Museum 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)

**DEDHAM TREASURE HUNT**

**7p.m. Friday 18 July**

**Prizes and BBQ provided.**

*Individuals and groups welcome.*

*Meet at the Sports Pavilion on the Duchy Field (behind the Parish Church).*

*Prizes for winner and runner-up. BBQ at the end.*

**Adults £8 juniors £6 Family (4) £20**



This is a fund-raising event for Dedham tennis Club organized by Peter Roberts. Please join us for an intriguing, fun and gentle stroll around Dedham, looking for clues (lasting approx. 90 minutes).

Sign up by contacting Angela Green ☎ **01206 323 357**

E: [angedgreen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:angedgreen@tiscali.co.uk)



Barry Stewart writes

### WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

A local man and his wife, who were far from uncharitable, were awoken at 1.00 a.m. by a loud pounding on the front door. The man got up and opened the door to find a stranger, clearly a little 'worse for wear', standing in the pouring rain, who explained that he could not get started and asked if he "could have a push?"

"Not a chance" said the husband, "it's one o'clock in the morning!" and he slammed the door.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just a drunk asking for a push" he said. "Did you help him?" she asked. "No I didn't. It's pouring out there!"

"That's not very Christian of you. What would have happened if those two men had not helped us last year when we broke down on the A14? Don't you think you should have helped him?"

The man did as he was told; he put on his shoes, put a coat over his pyjamas and headed off down the Drift towards Royal Square. Some 50 yards short of the square he called out, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes" came back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" "Yes, please" the voice said. "Where are you?" asked the husband. "I'm over here", came the reply, "on one of the swings..."

Vacancy

## DUNTON'S ALMSHOUSES

Crown Street, Dedham

There is a vacancy in these Almshouses.

Applications for admission are to be made in writing before **25 July 2008**.

To be eligible for consideration the applicant must

1. Have attained the age of 60 years.
2. Resided for at least five years in any of the following parishes: Dedham, Ardleigh, Boxted, Langham, Lawford, Manningtree, the Borough of Colchester, East Bergholt, or Stratford St. Mary.

Application forms can be obtained from :

Mrs. V. Blaker, 1 Crossways Cottage, Coggeshall Road, Dedham CO7 6ET  
☎ 01206 322 471

All applications shall be made in writing through the Clerk :

Clerk to the Trustees, A.B. Parry, 23 Vermont Crescent, Ipswich IP4 2ST  
☎ 01473 287 376

### NEW RESOURCE CENTRE

"It's not a shop, but a Resource Centre". So said a young member of the Church, quite correctly, when she was putting an even younger one straight. The difference? Well, that of purpose and design. The purpose is to provide resources for pilgrims, visitors and church members which are not readily available elsewhere in the village. The design is for the Church to offer specifically Christian items for sale within a context of worship.

Over the years since the area was established by the Rev'd Ray Gibbs, two problems have remained unsolved; that of storage and security. Both of these have now been dealt with by bespoke furniture made by craftsman Graham Merriam. Several items have already arrived, the remainder will have done so before long. There will cupboard space for stock, and somewhere to store more valuable items when there is no-one in attendance. It will then be possible for a small display of books to be available. On that matter, we now need a Resource Centre Manager : this could be a paid part-time role. If you are interested, speak with the Vicar or Wardens.

The lovely new furniture has been given to the Church in memory of the late Anne Davis, by her husband Peter. The new Resource Centre will be dedicated on **Sunday 7 September**, during the main morning service.

### PEDAL POWER

Tony Cottee from *West End Garage*, High Street, Dedham, is taking part in the *Royal British Legion's Pedal to Paris* in September 2008, along with 250 other cyclists. The *Pedal to Paris* will start from Greenwich on 4 September and finish 440 km (some 273.4 miles) later at *Arc de Triomphe* on 7 September.

That's a very long way; he will be cycling an average of more than 62 miles a day which will be a considerable challenge. Tony is keen to take part and at the same time raise money for such a worthy cause, knowing that he is helping men and women who have risked their lives in the many conflicts around the world.

In the months leading up to the event each cyclist has been asked to raise a minimum of £800 in sponsorship. Tony is trying to reach his target of £1,500 and he'd greatly appreciate any contribution from you, no matter how small. He hopes that you will generously consider this invitation and join him in supporting the work of the *Royal British Legion*. Sponsorship forms will be available at *West End Garage*, Dedham. Contact Tony ☎ 322 258.



Christine Henderson writes

### 'FIELD TO FORK'

'Field to Fork' is the Tendring Show's theme this year and also ours for a week of cross-curricular activities. Our catering company visited for a day full of fun, fitness and food. We learned about the importance of exercise and how we need to eat healthily to fuel our bodies for energy. The best bit was making and drinking smoothies, the variety of which was considerable and quite delicious. Mr Finch, from Manningtree High School came for a morning to take us through some gymnastic routines. In the afternoon gymnast Ben Brown, a member of Team GB's national squad, came to help us raise money for young athletes training for the 2010 London Olympics. All part of being a successful school.

Sarah Curtis writes

### SMARTY'S PRE-SCHOOL

The children of Smarty were pleased to be invited to the Bargate Lane Farm Shop to see some ducklings and hens. During a Smarty's 'Rising 5's' session the children watched the ducklings bathe in a paddling pool, fed them and followed them around (and around) the hen house. The children were given organic fruit juices and little benches for them to sit on and enjoy the sunshine and the ducklings. The children then returned to Smarty's to share some of the Farm Shop's local strawberries. Each child also went home with a fresh egg. There were

conversations next day about whether their eggs were eaten at tea or breakfast. The children all had a lovely morning, thanks to Dave Bowers.

Our TableTop Sale was a popular and profitable event. We managed to raise £317. This money will help to purchase new equipment such as a wheeled bookcase for our reading corner. Thank you to all who attended and made it such a successful day.

The children have been busy making Father's Day chocolate lollipops and handmade cards. Our thanks to Helen Myers of *The Chocolate House*, who kindly donated all the chocolate which was then melted to make and decorate individual treats.

John Osborn writes

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Dedham Vale Community Health Association will be holding its first AGM, in the Assembly Rooms, Friday 25 July, commencing at 7.30 pm. The DVCHA was formed in February 2007 when four members of the committee of the *Dedham Patients Steering Group* agreed to register a company in that name and commence the process of becoming lease-holders for the new premises in Roman Place, Manningtree Road. The quest to restore some form of NHS provision to the village, following the closing of the Parsons Field surgery nearly five years ago, remains an overriding objective. Local people are urged to come along and contribute to the discussion.

Cathy Shelbourne writes

### DEDHAM VALE BID SUCCESS

*Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty & Stour Valley Project* has been awarded a £925,000 grant for their 'Managing a Masterpiece' bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Landscape Partnership Scheme, and a further £67,000 development funding grant. Fifteen projects of archaeology, biodiversity and conservation of historic features in the Stour Valley are included in the bid, and three new members of staff will be appointed.

*"This is the first Landscape Partnership award in the East of England, and will be of enormous benefit to those who live and work in the Stour Valley"* said Simon Amstutz, Operations Manager for the Project. *"We are thrilled that our partners are putting in a further £100,000, which together with in-kind contributions from volunteers, brings funding to £1.1m."*

The Stour Valley has long inspired artists and writers. 'Managing a Masterpiece' consists of three programmes to understand, conserve and celebrate the landscape. These will focus on clusters of heritage hotspots around Clare, Sudbury, Bures, Stoke by Nayland and Dedham. Projects will include the return of the Constable Country hopper bus which was

so successfully piloted in 2005, restoring views made famous by artists, and using churches as viewpoints and information centres. We will also be publishing guides for walking and cycling, facilitating archaeological excavations, and helping the restoration of the John Constable lighter to the dry dock at Flatford.

Tim Yeo, MP for South Suffolk, took a leaf out of the Project's tree when he launched the Ancient Tree Hunt at the Hadleigh Show. The Project is looking for help in identifying ancient trees in the area. *"There are hundreds of ancient trees in the Dedham Vale - but we don't know where they are,"* says Emma Black, Community Officer for the Project. *"They are part of our heritage, and like ancient buildings, need our protection. We want to measure and record them, and we welcome help from the public in locating them."*

The Ancient Tree Hunt is a national project led by the Woodland Trust in partnership with the Ancient Tree Forum and the Tree Register of the British Isles. They have already recorded 15,710 trees, of which 1,400 have been verified as

ancient. Ancient trees can live up to 5,000 years, and the UK has more ancient trees than any other country in northern Europe.





# Dedham Lecture 2008



The Right Reverend  
**John Gladwin**  
Bishop of Chelmsford  
Chair of the Board of Christian Aid

**‘Who is my Neighbour?’**  
*A Challenge in our Global Age*

**8 p.m.**  
**Monday 29 September**

For further information  
or a CD recording of this Lecture :

Telephone: 01206 322 136

E-mail: [office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk)



*The annual Dedham Lecture  
is given free and will take place in*  
**Dedham Parish Church**  
*at the invitation of the Lecturer of Dedham  
& the Dedham Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust*



## PARISH COUNCIL

*Roy Laverick writes*  
**THE “YOUTH BUS”**

Essex County Council has converted two buses to contain various items that will be of interest to younger people in the village, such as computer terminals and games. A number of our youth volunteers have now completed their qualification, and it is expected that one of the buses will visit Dedham several times during the Summer. Visiting times will be publicised as soon as known, and come along and enjoy yourselves.

**SPORTS FIELD CONDUCT**

On a less happy note, the Parish Council repeatedly receives adverse comments regarding the volume and frequency of foul language that may be heard on and around the sports field when football matches are in progress. The area is, of course, widely used by others, including children, and the Council and the Sports Club regard it as unacceptable that the public at large should be subjected to this tirade. When the new season starts, referees will be asked to pay particular attention to this matter and players reminded of our expectations. If you are a member

of one of our teams, please set a good example by expressing your emotions in terms that are not offensive to passers by!

**FOOTPATHS**

We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, one which is criss-crossed by a large number of footpaths from several of which superb views may be enjoyed. The Parish Council together with Essex County Council, is active in maintaining this network by ensuring that the undergrowth is periodically trimmed, and that stiles and gates are kept in good order. Each of the Parish noticeboards features a map showing all the footpaths in Dedham : why not give them a try?

**NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council next meet at  
**7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 9 July.**

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

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

**DEDHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** *Unoccupied Premises*

To maximise awareness of a temporarily unoccupied house in Dedham and Langham (e.g. through holiday periods) please advise our local P.C.S.O. (the dates you are away and due to return home, plus key holder’s contact details during your absence) so that she is aware and can routinely check on these premises during your absence. Do not forget to let trusted neighbours know. Dedham P.C.S.O. — Natalie King : **01206 762 212** / mobile **07966 197 310**  
[natalie.king@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:natalie.king@essex.pnn.police.uk)

## PAST TIMES

### Ten Years Ago **July 1998**

The Vicar wrote about his visit to the World Trade Center in New York; the baptism of Anna Grace Buttery, Emily Rose Murray and Jack Ryan Phillips (which had taken place on 3 May) was reported.

### Fifty Years Ago **July 1958**

The Church organ, it was reported, had been moved to its position in the South Aisle, from its earlier position in the West end, in 1887. According to Rev'd Charles Jones, in his *History of Dedham*, Edward Mens was the organist from 1854 to the 1890s, and he said that the congregation used to turn round to the West to face it when singing. Canon Johnston said that it was estimated to cost £7,000 to move the organ back to a gallery in the West end [its present position]. Manningtree School celebrated its 21st Anniversary by holding a thanksgiving service in Dedham Church; Colin Towns died whilst learning to swim at Judas Gap, on the River Stour.

### A Century Ago **July 1908**

*“Not for many a long year has so great a calamity visited Dedham as that which took place on Friday night, June 19th, when the Mill in...two or three hours, was completely burnt to the ground...only the stubborn perseverance of many willing workers...saved the cottages opposite. Much anxiety was felt for the Gas Works...twice the thatch of the cottages in Mill Lane caught fire...pieces of flaming timber fell in the Street, and glowing grains of corn were scattered...as far as the Long Road... We understand that as soon as possible the Mill will be rebuilt, and we are glad that this important trade will not be lost to Dedham”*

Miss Eyre had left £1,500 in her Will for clothing for the children attending the National School, the Vicar and Churchwardens and the Managers of the School were the trustees.

## PAST TIMES



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**PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BURNING MILL AT DEDHAM.**

Taken about 11.30 p.m. on the night of Friday, June 19th, 1908.

The fire at Clover's Mill, Dedham, in June 1908. See the description on page 8.



*Dedham Mill  
Fire 19<sup>th</sup> June*