

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Garden Party at Spice Cottage, with a scrumptious tea, was hugely enjoyed.



Autumn Show: *Flowers and Vegetables*, will be held in the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 20 August 2 p.m. Exhibits to be staged 9 -11 a.m. Doors will open 2 p.m. Admission will be £1, members and children free. Members, please enter to make the show a success. Schedules may be obtained ☎ 322 147 or ☎ 231 164.

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

Mrs Dorothy Peck has been busy with her knitting needles, raising funds for the *Innocents Big Knit* campaign. The next meeting will be on Friday 12 August. The competition will be any item beginning with the letter N.

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The Vicar, Associate Minister and Verger joined members for the Garden Party in June. An outing to Walton and Frinton has been arranged for 30 August. Members will then next meet on 28 September, at 2.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms.

Neil Weston writes

CRICKET CLUB

The highlight of the season so far was the *Old Gits v Young Guns* game in June. Will Peake's 50 was unable to stop the might of the OG's claiming a comfortable victory – even Tom Messer managed to score some runs despite all the hardships he has had to endure on and off the cricket pitch.

Dedham CC lost its first two games of the season with a crushing 7 wicket defeat by Freston, followed by a 3 wicket loss to Leavenheath in a 20/20 game. We have seen further debutants for the club with Ollie Evans and George Sarson performing well in the reversal against Freston, with George taking a wicket in his only over.

The Friday Kwik Cricket sessions have seen a reasonable turnout from the Primary School (especially Class 3) and Neil and I had an enjoyable day coaching at the School where the effort and application was impressive. Otherwise the net sessions have allowed many Club players to try and rediscover some elusive batting and bowling form.

The next big Club event is on the August Bank Holiday Monday when we will have some Kwik Cricket in the morning and then an afternoon of competitive limited-overs games involving all available players. Do come and support the Club on this occasion.



DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP

10.30 a.m.

Family Service

1st Sunday in month

Morning Worship CW

2nd & 5th Sundays

Holy Communion CW

3rd Sunday in month

Morning Prayer BCP

4th Sundays

5 p.m.

Re:Vive @5

4th Sunday in month

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer BCP

1st Sunday in month

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 a.m.

Family Service

1st Sunday in month

In groups on other Sundays during school terms

**DEADLINE FOR
OCTOBER EDITION:
14 September**

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

TOWER TOURS

Every Saturday morning and afternoon,
Sunday afternoons, and some weekdays
(parties by arrangement)

MUNIMENT ROOM TOUR

If you would like to see something of the
local history archives and ancient library
in this church, then come to the church on

Saturday 27 August

The Tour will begin at **10 a.m. promptly**
(warning: latecomers will be left behind!)

☎ (01206) 322 136



TOWER FLAG DAYS THIS MONTH

Sunday 14 August *St Mary the Virgin*



From the Registers

WEDDINGS

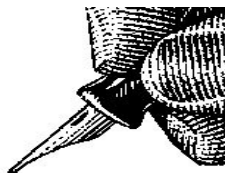
11 June 2011 Matthew J. WYLLIE & Kate A. PRESTIDGE
2 July 2011 Luke P. LOCKE-WHEATON & Karen J. LUCAS
8 July 2011 Mark W. DENNING & Rosanna L. CHRISTIAN

SERVICE OF BLESSING

18 June 2011 Matthew W. CHESTER & Emma K.F. NICKERSON

INTERMENT OF ASHES

29 May 2011 Paul Lewis FINBOW (59)
12 June 2011 Betty Ida GLADWIN (83)
26 June 2011 Olive Barbara METCALFE (89)



YOUNG READERS

Mouse Makes

Praise God in his Temple,
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power
Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise him
with resounding cymbals.

This is Psalm 150, a
song of praise to God,
it tells us why and
how to worship God.
*How do you worship
God and tell him how
much you love him?*

Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

**PRAISE
THE
LORD!**

Colour in this praise poster, cut out then glue to a sheet of coloured card. Punch out the holes, tie on ribbon and hang up to remind you to PRAISE THE LORD!



DEDHAM FILMS

in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham

17 AUGUST
The Hurt Locker

21 SEPTEMBER
Avatar

Evening 7.00 p.m.

Film Begins 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3.50

*Refreshments are available
before the film and during the interval*

*Come and join friends
for a great time out*

ON A LARGE SCREEN!

THE HURT LOCKER



Cast & Synopsis :

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow, 2008.
Actors include Jeremy Renner,
Guy Pearce, Brian Geraghty and
Ralph Fiennes.

Iraq. Forced to play a dangerous game
of cat-and-mouse in the chaos of war,
an elite Army bomb squad unit must
come together in a city where every-
one is a potential enemy and every
object could be a deadly bomb.

Review :

The film was nominated for nine
Academy Awards and won six
including Best Picture, Best Original
Screenplay and Best Director - the
first woman to win this award. The
film received near-universal critical
acclaim. The web-site *Rotten Tomatoes*
gives the film a score of 97% based on
a sample of 209 reviews.



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To find out more about the
screenings or

DEDHAM FILMS
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HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

We have rather got used to it in the
Vicarage. As we gather for a meal, or
to watch a film, the phone will ring.
Sometimes I am able to ignore it,
letting the answer-phone do its stuff,
but even after thirty years in ministry
there are times when guilt gets the
better of me and I think that 'I'd better
deal with it, just in case'.

No pastor would want to ignore a
genuine call for help, but such calls are
only a small part of what a vicarage has
to deal with. Like you, I get calls
from companies wanting to sell
or to survey, from fax machines
that are lost, and from those
who have no sense of time or
calendar. Why else would
someone phone early on Good
Friday to ask if there would be a
service on Sunday?

Those of you who are self-employed
or who work from home will know
that the boundaries between 'work'
and 'home' may become too porous.
Being in deficit in one area can usually
be compensated by allowing more time
from the other. This has meant that I
have been able to support my family in
ways that those working more rigid
hours simply cannot. At other times
the problem of sustaining a good
balance between work and rest can
make one think wistfully of jobs with a
'definite finish' each day.

In addition to a Sabbath day of rest
each week, the Christian Church has
always encouraged people to enjoy
'holy-days', in the form of *seasons of
calm, pilgrimages, retreats - and holidays.*

One of the reasons that I look
forward to the Summer in Dedham is
because the Parish Church here usually
enjoys something of a *season of calm.*
Less Sunday services (though more
weddings) and less appointments mean
that I get to Sunday lunch earlier, less
tired, and able to enjoy the people
with whom I share it. Also, an
absence of business meetings in
August means that I can enjoy
social events and tackle
projects that have been 'on
hold', such as re-writing the
Church guide for a new edition
to be published next year.



As a kind of *pilgrimage*, I shall be
returning to Criccieth in North Wales
for a few days. It was forty years ago
that I first walked onto a field over-
looking Cardigan Bay, as a junior leader
of a camp, under canvas, for teenagers.
Twenty years later, by when I was the
camp leader (and having spent more
than two years of my life on that field)
I retired from national youth work.
The present team who run *Criccieth
Adventure* has invited me back to help
with the 'advance guard', and I am
delighted to have been able to accept.

Continued...

FRIDAY is when the Vicar usually takes a day off.

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

As a kind of *retreat*, I shall be going for a few days to read in the Bodleian library in Oxford. There is something about the beauty of the architecture (which features in several Harry Potter films), and the absence of telephone calls and emails, that I find particularly helpful for thinking and writing.

Finally, there is the kind of break that is all about rest, the *holiday*. Margarita and I are planning such a break in the Autumn, enabling us to see our younger daughter begin at university, and for us to enjoy time with friends we otherwise see rarely.

I am particularly grateful to Stuart Wilson, who has ministered here for many years, to John and Carol Mitson who have kindly been 'on call' in emergencies, and more recently to Terry McFadden. Together they enable me to 'slip away' for a while, confident that there will be no neglect of pastoral care as I do so.

In the next few weeks many of you will be packing cases and joining queues to get away for a while. Others will have already done so in order to enjoy this area, in which we are privileged to live. May you all enjoy a time of refreshment, whether it is a season of calm, a pilgrimage, a retreat, or a holiday.

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH EXHIBITION OF SILVER *made by the late* **ROY FLEWIN**

Monday 29 August

Roy Flewin, Master Silversmith, lived in Dedham for 32 years. Examples of his craftsmanship has spread far beyond our village, and the Parish Church which he loved, where many examples that may be seen.

CAN YOU HELP?

To celebrate his life and work we would like to hold a one-off Exhibition of as many examples of his work as possible. If you, or anyone you know, has anything made by Roy, would you or they be willing to loan the cherished item to this church for an Exhibition for one day?

SECURITY

We will arrange with a security company to safeguard any exhibits for the whole time they are in the Church. Unless we are told otherwise, owners will not be identified by name.

CONTACT

If you can help, or would like more information, please contact
Beth Mitchell ☎ **01206 322 072**

NOTICEBOARD

ZUMBA
fitness




Ditch the workout, Join the Party!!

*My name is Katie and I would like to start a
Zumba® Fitness class in Dedham.*

*First, I would like to see if this is of any interest to the
residents of Dedham. If I get enough interest I will be look-
ing at running a class on a Sunday evening unless there is
a request for other days.*

*For more info please call 07514 808927 or e-mail me at
jaksfitnessdance@gmail.com.*

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Dedham Vale Hopper Bus Timetable

The bus operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday
from 2 July to 28 September

Departs Manningtree Railway Station at 9.40, and at 40 minutes past
the hour every hour, the final service departing Manningtree at 16.40

Manningtree, Railway Station	09.40
Flatford Mill, Car Park Entrance	09.50
East Bergholt, Parish Church	09.53
Stratford St. Mary, Anchor P.H.	10.01
Dedham, Parish Church	10.05
Dedham Heath, Crossroads	10.09
Lawford, Service Station	10.18
Manningtree, Colchester Rd./Station Rd.	10.20
Manningtree, Railway Station	10.25

8 circuits a day - last one back at Manningtree Railway Station at 17.25



DEDHAM GUIDED WALKS

Take time to discover more about Dedham's fascinating and intriguing history from the Bronze Age, through Roman times and beyond to include its medieval wealth in the wool trade and, of course, its famous connection with England's greatest landscape painter, John Constable.

Join our knowledgeable Guides on a walk through this charming village at the heart of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The walk concludes at Castle House, with an opportunity to see the impressive art collection at the former house and studio of Sir Alfred Munnings.

There will be a tour will run on 6 August

'THE SECRET BOX'

The Box is one of the quietest tributaries of the river Stour. Explore the valley and beautiful Boxford village where there are pubs for lunch.

**Tours meet at Dedham Car Park at 2pm.
Adults £5 Children (5-18 years) £2
Admission to the Art Museum is included.**

The walks last around 2½ hours. Distance about 2½ miles.
Allow an hour to explore Castle House
and for refreshing afternoon tea in the new Studio Tea-room.
Book a place through *Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project*

☎ **01473 264 263**

Bookings can be made online:
www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

Chris Draper writes

RE:VIVE @ 5

*Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord! Psalm 150*

One of the features of the Parish Church that I love is the variety of services available each month. On behalf of the Church, I take this opportunity to invite you to a new (and by my count the seventh), type of monthly service, which begins on

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

from **5 p.m.** in the Church.

Our new service will be more informal and contemporary in feel, compared to our current services, and will include modern songs, led by our newly-formed worship band. As with all the services, our primary aim will be to honour God and deepen our Christian faith. Alongside a modern style of worship you will find contemporary prayer and Bible-based teaching that challenges and strengthens.

This service will run on the *fourth Sunday of every month* in school terms (i.e. not in December and August). It is aimed at all ages, but may especially appeal to young adults, teenagers and their families. A supervised crèche for under 5s will be available. For those who have the time and appetite, refreshments will be shared afterwards. We look forward to welcoming you.

Laura Valentine writes

END OF TERM

So another year comes to an end; how quickly time flies. As the children stand on the stage on Speech and Prize night, to read their speeches and perform their songs, we are reminded of how much they have grown as individuals in the past year. It has been, as usual, a term of excitement and activity. School trips, sports day, production of *Joseph*, talent shows, house matches, Strawberry Fayre, secondary school visits, Tendring Show... the list seems endless and to think there have been two other terms this year! Every person will have a different favourite memory to take with them into the next class. I have asked some of the teachers for one special moment from this year. See if you can guess which memory belongs to which teacher:

"The day the aliens landed in school."

"Seeing the skyline of London from the top of St Paul's Cathedral."

"The street party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth I's visit to school."

"Watching the Year Six squash team win the regional finals at Essex University."

"The magical Christmas Nativity."

"Day one of my new career."

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer holiday and see you on Tuesday 6 September for more memory making.

PARISH COUNCIL

Roy Laverick writes

VILLAGE NEWS

Residents who wish to publicise forthcoming events within the village should email the details directly to the Essex County Standard at ecsneighbourhood@nqe.com

Those without computer facilities may post them to: *Rural Life, Essex County Standard*, Oriel House, 43-44 North Hill, Colchester, CO1 1TZ. The previous arrangement, whereby local news was consolidated into a single report prior to despatch to the ECS, has proved to be increasingly problematic, and is no longer viable.

POLICING

Prior to the September meeting of the Parish Council there will be a chance to discuss matters with our local policing team. This will be an ideal opportunity to hear what's going on, and to raise any concerns that you may have. Please do come along to the Assembly Rooms at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 14 September.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 August, in the Assembly Rooms. The September meeting will begin at 7 p.m. (see above).

Many aspects of the Parish Council's work (including the Minutes of meetings) may be found at:

www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk



Duchy Barn Shed

WORTH SAVING?

The Parish Council thinks so, and is therefore mounting a rescue operation. This will involve complete refurbishment for its use by the Sports Club and include a new storage area for the village Youth Club. The Shed, which is in the Drift, is not a listed building but is thought to be at least 250 years old. The Vicar reports that it is the last tangible link with Dedham Manor (it was an out-building of the Manor's 'Home Farm'), and through that to the Duchy of Lancaster, which explains its name. It would have been a familiar sight to John Constable, and has been to residents and visitors since.

Your help is sought for this worthy project. Every donation, regardless of size, will help to secure the future of this historic building, which will offer storage for grounds maintenance equipment and for the Youth Club.

To offer help or find out more details please phone Roy Laverick ☎ 323184, or Ann Cannon ☎ 322 061

We're well on the way already - please help us to get the job done!

NOTICEBOARD

Colchester Community Voluntary Services

NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WHO ARE CAR OWNERS

We are a non-profit organisation who provide transport for people who have difficulty accessing public transport.

We also need volunteer minibus drivers aged between 25 and 70.

CAN YOU HELP?

☎ 562 244

We reimburse your private car mileage and out-of-pocket expenses

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH LIFTS TO CHURCH?

If there is anyone in the parish who would welcome a lift to a service at the church, please make contact with one of the following people, who are part of the Pastoral Team, and who will be pleased help.

Ann Shaw ☎ 322 192

Ruth Higginson ☎ 322 598

Vivienne Cuthbert ☎ 323 989

END OF SUMMER BBQ & PARTY

To raise funds for the Dedham Sports Club Pavilion

Le Talbooth

Award winning
restaurant in the heart
of Constable Country



Dedham Sports Club cordially invite you to an evening at the award winning Talbooth, where a End of Summer Party will be held in the Marquee, to include a three course sit down BBQ, games, raffle and auction....

FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2011

Talbooth BBQ & Party

The Venue: Marquee - Le Talbooth, Dedham
Included: Welcome Drink, Three Course Meal (BBQ), Coffee, DJ and Disco
Dress Code: Smart/Casual
Time: 7:15pm Till 1am
Price: £45 per person

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!



Please call to Book your Table of 10 (smaller groups can be accommodated)

Helen: 01206 323124

NOTICEBOARD

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP

The Summer Exhibition will be held at Littlegarth Studio, High Street Dedham

Saturday 27 August until Monday 29 August 2011



Admission is free
Exhibition open daily :

11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There will be a private viewing open to members and their friends on Friday 26 August at the Studio at 6 p.m.

There will be a

GIFT DAY

in the church
to build new lavatories

There will also be a

CAKE STALL

in the church porch
for supported missions.

Saturday 24 September

10am to noon

Dedham Run 2011

11 a.m. Sunday 25 September

Dedham Playing Field & Duchy Field
10k Race (measured) & 3k Fun Run
Individual & Team categories

Medals, Trophies

Entertainments, Refreshments, Changing Facilities,
Results Service

Entry forms and more details available from our website:

www.dedhamrun.co.uk

☎ 01206 322 853

also available from **Dedham Post Office**

All proceeds to

Dedham C.E. Primary School

10K sponsored by Oaks Hospital 3K sponsored by St. Joseph's College



NEWSROUND

Tony Howard & Alan Grego write

EVEREST: A DECADE LATER (4)

Ten years ago Alan Grego published in this Magazine part of the diary of his trek in Nepal. In March this year he and some friends went back.

Tue 15 March: Tony Howard's 71st birthday. Myriam Semere, a French girl, and her porter were with us some of the way. There was a strong wind with grit and dust blowing. It was quite dangerous on the narrow trail.

We stopped at Shomare for a hot drink, the same place as on the way up. Our lunch stop was at the Ama Dablam Garden Lodge. The long hill up to Tengboche was now mainly clear of ice, snow and mud. From the lodge at Tengboche Alan, David and Dan went to the monastery.

After our meal Ram came in with a birthday cake with a candle, and a Nepali hat and scarf. Alan produced a bottle of Tullemore Dew Irish Whiskey, enough for the five of us.

Wed 16 March: Cloudless sky, great views of Everest, Lhotse and Ama Dablam. A long, rocky, dusty descent to Phunki Tenga then a long climb to our lunch stop in Kyangjuma. then back to Snowland Lodge in Namche Bazaar. A party of loud Americans had used all the hot water - so no showers.

Thu 17 March: Back down Namche Hill, with a group photo taken at the last point where Everest could be seen. On to Phakding where we talked to a pleasant Italian group.

Fri 18 March: We walked to Lukla, Alan in pain with blistered toes. Ram had to return to Phakding. He told us a 19 year-old porter had also died of acute mountain sickness and a 40-ish Japanese man had died, possibly of a heart attack. We walked most of the way to Lukla in light rain, where there was no flights due to the weather.



Sat 19 March: Weather looked promising in Lukla, but not good in Kathmandu, so no flights today. We considered hiring a helicopter.

Sun 20 March: Flight to Kathmandu, landing before 8.30 a.m. We were one of the last flights out, due to high winds. We all showered for the first time in several days.

Mon 21-Wed 23 March: Ram and Sohan took us shopping. Later Ram's driver took us to Ram's apartment and gave us an excellent farewell meal. Then home!

Through their expedition Tony Howard, Alan Grego and their friends raised £1,870 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. Congratulations to them all!

Pete Keeble writes

EAST BERGHOLT SURGERY

Staff We are pleased to welcome to the practice Nurse Anthea Moon.

Restricted prescribing list Suffolk PCT has asked GPs to reduce their prescribing for medicines that are readily available over the counter at a pharmacy, such as hayfever preparations, indigestion remedies and pain killers for minor aches and pains. A full list is available at the surgery.

Appointments The practice would like to remind patients that if they phone before 12 noon with an urgent need to see a doctor, we will endeavour to offer them an appointment.

The Practice also offers a limited number of same-day appointments with a doctor of choice, though patients are encouraged to pre-book appointments for non-urgent and routine needs.

Alan Stocks writes

DEDHAM PARISH PLAN

The Plan has now been launched, following an exhibition last month in the Duchy Barn. The Parish Council will address the issues raised and further updates will be provided as matters get progressed. A number of copies of the Parish Plan are now available from Hoods Newsagents in the High Street and it can also be viewed or downloaded at www.dedhamparishplan.org

Beth Mitchell & Judith Fowle write

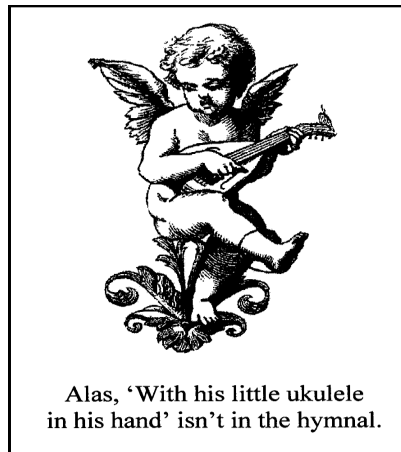
AIR AMBULANCE

A huge thanks to everyone who helped Dedham raise just under £800 for the Essex Air Ambulance in July.



PRACTICAL LOVE

Responding to an initiative by Jill Strangward, at short notice a group of volunteers came together to offer hospitality in the Parish Church to visitors, with the purpose of raising funds for the Disaster Emergency Committee, for relief of famine in southern Ethiopia. For five days tea, coffee and cakes were available. By the Friday over £1,050 had been raised. Congratulations to all who helped make it happen.



Alas, 'With his little ukulele in his hand' isn't in the hymnal.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY
DEDHAM
VILLAGE
DAY
MONDAY
AUGUST 29
10AM-5PM



Come & enjoy a day in this historic village. Lots to do and see, plus a market, antiques fair, stalls, entertainment and food!

Special Silver Exhibition in Church in memory of Roy Flewin

PAST TIMES

In 1987 I tried to ascertain from the three former senior Commissioners for Colchester something of the circumstances under which the Dedham Group was closed. They were tight-lipped and I could learn nothing from them, so concluded, whether rightly or wrongly, that closure had resulted from some disagreement or possibly scandal. I have never been able to find anyone who can throw any light on the situation, and I don't suppose any who might have been able to do so are still living.

I hope that the above might help you in piecing together something of the history surrounding the Dedham Scouting postcards.

Christopher Bailey



1st Dedham Scout Troop, c.1918

These photograph-postcards were once part of the David May collection, which was auctioned for charity last year. One volume, entirely to do with Dedham, was purchased for the Muniment Library with the support of members of the Muniment Room Society. If you have any photographs of Dedham that you would be willing to give, or to loan for copying, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

PAST TIMES

DEDHAM SCOUTS

by Christopher Bailey

A little while ago the Vicar was kind enough to show me the postcards acquired at auction for the Muniment Library. Some of the postcards showed members of the 1st Dedham Scout Troop and I undertook to find out for him what I could about the Troop's history.

From the commencement of formal Scouting in around 1908 until about 1920 all records were held by what was known as Imperial Headquarters at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. In 1919 the Essex Scout Association was formed and a year later they began keeping local records.

A few pre-1920 local Association records have been retained by the Scout Association and it has been possible to obtain some information from them, but the majority have been destroyed or scattered. Fortunately, in the 1980s, the Association passed some records to the *Scout County Handbook*. As a result of some delving into these records I have been able to find the following information about Scouting in Dedham. I think it safe to say that, from Scouting records, they are probably now as much as is available.



1st Dedham Scout Troop, 1911

PAST TIMES



1st Dedham Scout Troop, 1911

The 1st Dedham Scout Troop was registered on its formation in 1910. In 1911 the Troop had an A. Lowe as Scoutmaster and two Assistant Scoutmasters were subsequently registered, E. ('Ted') Eley on 10 April 1911 and F. Cole on 12 October 1911. It appears that about this time a Major [William W.] Hewitt was appointed as local patron and there is a note that in 1911 he held a barbecue in his garden [at Lower Park] to which Scout Troops from the surrounding villages were invited. It seems that there may have been around 30 Scouts who were members of 1st Dedham in 1911. While this seems a high number for a small village, it accords with the sorts of numbers of girls who became Guides in Dedham during World War I years, so it may be right.

The next mention of the Troop appears in the County Handbook in 1921, with *Scout Troop*: Miss K. A. Marshall and E. Eley, with 8 Scouts meeting at the Old Grammar School. *Wolf Cubs*: Miss H. W. Russell and B. Syrett with 6 Cubs meeting at the Duchy Barn. Scouts had been run only by men, but with the shortage of men at home during the War, women kept the Troops running and Scouts served as messengers and on coastal watch duties.

PAST TIMES

By 1923 the Dedham Scout Troop was without a leader, but there were 15 Scouts and *Wolf Cubs*: A. G. Barber and Mrs Eley with 10 Cubs, now meeting at the Old Grammar School. In 1924, *Scout Troop*: Major G. T. Spain and A. G. Barber with 11 Scouts. The *Wolf Cub* pack had closed and by 1926 the Scout Troop had ceased to meet. There is no further mention of 1st Dedham in the Handbooks. However, the Local Association return for 1939 lists 1st Dedham Scout Group as having Registration No. 16638, which suggests that it was re-registered in the 1930's. How long this Group lasted is not recorded and there are no further mention of Dedham in these records.

That is not the end of the tale, however. In 1957 Scouting in Colchester published a Golden Jubilee book detailing the groups in Colchester District. It states that the 1st Dedham Group was re-opened in 1950 and that it had met at the Hewitt Hall. Sadly it was closed by the end of 1957, since when there has been no Scout Group in the village. It was in 1957 that 1st Ardleigh Scout Group was first registered, and in 1959 the 2nd Langham Group was registered. Both these Groups have had memberships larger than might be expected for villages of their size; Ardleigh has taken Dedham boys for many years and Langham has also taken a few, as well as from as far afield at Mile End.

Reverse of postcard shown on page 10

