

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

At the meeting in September Maida Brown gave a talk about the work of Samaritan's Purse, and the filling of shoeboxes for needy children. Our gifts are sent mainly to Europe. Some members brought boxes which were filled, others can be left in church for collection on 9 November.

In October we had a 'Beetle Drive'. The meeting on 26 November will be a festive Tea Party, with a Bring & buy. Jacqui Freeman will talk about the work of the *Friends of Dedham Church*. Our Christmas lunch will be on 3 December at the *Rose and Crown P.H.* in Dedham.

Ian Rose writes

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The lecture on 12 November at 2.15 p.m. in the Constable Memorial Hall, East Bergholt will be *Alfred Munnings — An Extraordinary Life*, which will be given by Stella Dodd.

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

At our October meeting Peter Simpson from *Age Concern* on various issues that face older people in Britain; from community care to leisure and learning. A very constructive and informative afternoon.

Our meeting on Wednesday 12 November will be a musical afternoon, so we do hope all members will attend. The competition will be: *a tea cloth*.

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT 2009

Please note that **Saturday 31 January 2009** is the date for this very enjoyable village event.

The funds will go to Alzheimer's Research Trust & Essex Young Musicians' Trust

Less than three months to train your team of six!

13579 coming

FUZZLE

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

FUZZLE ANSWER

Overcoming the Odds

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DEDHAM
PARISH MAGAZINE

**November
2008**

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP
Every Sunday (not August)

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
1st Sunday in month

Morning Prayer 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 :
15 October**



**TOWER FLAG DAY THIS MONTH
11 November
Remembrance Sunday**

Details of the usual pattern of services can be found on Page 1.

**Sunday 2 November
2.30 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving
Especially for those who have been bereaved**

**Sunday 9 November
10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service
(beginning in Royal Square)**



From the Registers

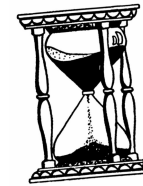
BAPTISMS

**12 October 2008
Edward Rupert Harris**

MARRIAGE

**20 September 2008
Mervyn Warren KEEBLE & Hayley Jayne D'SILVA**

**11 October 2008
Timothy Richard James COX & Victoria Sarah Jane THOMAS**



***O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.***

Hymns Old & New No. 365

One of the finest hymns in English, this has become something of a national anthem, being particularly associated with State occasions and Remembrance-tide. The hymn was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), author of many other fine hymns, including *When I survey the wondrous Cross*.

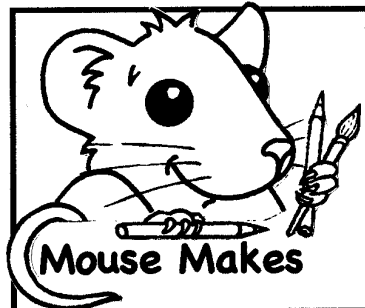
It was John Wesley who later changed the first word of the first verse, from 'Our' to 'O', and so it now appears in most hymnals. The hymn is based on the first seven verses of Psalm 90, which begins, 'Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations' (KJV). Watts gave his poem a title: *Man frail and God eternal*. This is the dominant note of the psalm, as it was of the hymn as Watts wrote it — but we no longer tend to use the hymn in its complete form. The three verses which dwell on human frailty are usually omitted.

There is one verse which troubles some people, specially on Remembrance Sunday; [a modern amended version is in brackets]:

***Time, like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away; [will bear us all away]
they fly, forgotten as a dream [we fade, and vanish, as a dream]
dies at the opening day.***

Is it the case that those we love who have died are forgotten swiftly? Surely not. But that is not the meaning of Watts's lines. The sons are not our sons, but the sons of *Time*, a figure of speech to express how quickly the days, weeks, months become years. While time flies and memories eventually fade, our God is for ever the same, 'our help in ages past', as he is also 'our hope for years to come'. The amended version does not capture the original thought.

The usual tune, *St. Anne*, was written by William Croft (1678-1727), who also wrote a beautiful setting of the Prayer Book burial service. The tune was named after the church of St. Anne, Soho, where he was organist at the time. He later became organist at Westminster Abbey.



ADVENT comes from the Latin 'AD VENTO' which means 'ARRIVAL'

In advent we celebrate Jesus' birth and look forward to the time when Jesus will come again.



God's Promise
Isaiah 9:6-7



An Angel Messenger
Luke 1:26-38



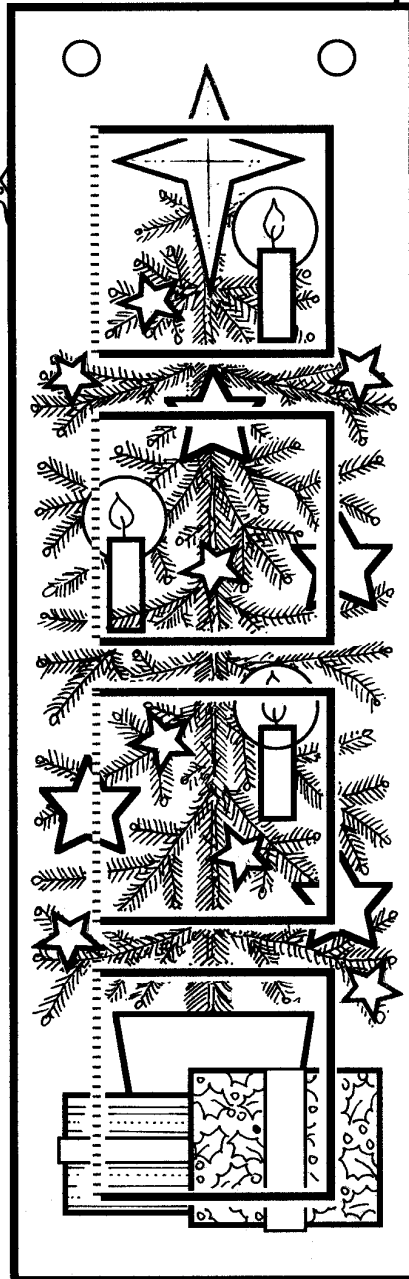
A Long Journey
Luke 2:1-20



The Best Gift Of All
John 3:16

Make this Advent calendar to count down the four Sundays before Christmas

1. Cut out the front of the calendar.
2. Ask an adult to cut around the thick lines of each window with a craft knife, then fold them open along the dotted lines.
3. Put glue on the back of the calendar around the edge and stick onto card.
4. Cut out the pictures and glue onto the backing card behind each window.
5. Punch holes in the top and hang.



Nov 08



WAR & PEACE

At a time when British armed forces are deployed in more than a dozen countries, when they have been fighting in Iraq for longer than the duration in either of the World Wars, and when the war in Afghanistan has no end in sight, it is worth noting that formal remembrance services have become far less common as the years go by.

In part, it's because those who have any direct experience of war, in this country at least, are a small minority. It may also be because such services have, at times, seemed too celebratory of war. The cost of war should never be lost by the shout of 'victory'.

Yet no-one should be in any doubt that building a lasting peace is costly. For a start we usually have to admit our own part in any mess, and be prepared to forgive others and the hurt they have caused us. Christian understanding of peace is actually one of both suffering and sacrifice – for it is based on the Cross of Christ.

Whatever form our remembrance services take they are, at heart, 'peace services'. We remember those who have died, and who are still dying as a result of conflict. We should also confess our part in conflict, even if it has been a passive involvement, or an indifference to injustice done to others in our name.

We should also re-commit ourselves to peace. True peace is not an easy peace (by ignoring injustice), nor peace at any price (by appeasement), nor yet peace through a compromise with evil. A Christian will pray for God's will in His world, so that a lasting, honourable peace may be established.

The American evangelist Billy Graham turns 90 this month. He once wrote:



'We must accept our responsibility as citizens. A man may protest against war and criticise his government for becoming involved in war, but as a citizen accepting the privileges and benefits of his government, he must also accept certain responsibilities.'

Among those responsibilities are that we should resource, support, and acknowledge with gratitude, those who risk their health and life by defending our land, whether at home or abroad. It follows that we will also want to remember those who have done so in generations past, thereby gaining for us the freedom we have to this day.

Whatever your faith, or lack of it, you are invited to be part of our village Act of Remembrance, which will begin at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 9 November, in Royal Square.

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

Sally Gotelee writes

FESTIVALS & FLOWERS

Once again the Harvest Thanksgiving celebration is behind us — what a wonderful display! Thank you for all the work and contributions which made it particularly special. While we were preparing for this year we also celebrated the 80th birthday of Barbara Ward, with wine and cake, which was thoroughly enjoyed.



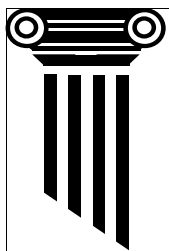
The festivals are the highlight of the year for the flower groups, who enjoy working together. The groups are especially grateful to everyone who donated flowers and produce, and to the Primary School, and the Guides and Brownies for their superb displays, which stimulated so much interest.

Christmas is next! Are there any volunteers who would either like to form a group, or join an existing one? Whether it is arranging the flowers in the Sanctuary once a year, or being part of the regular group rota, each gift of time and effort makes the whole task easier for others — and is much appreciated by so many. If you would like to find out more please speak with Barbara ☎ 337 242 or me ☎ 322 652.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Autumn Flower Show was well attended and a great success. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 November, when Andrew Tokeley of Thompson & Morgan Seed Merchants, Ipswich, will speak on *Something Old, Something New*.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Sunday 2 November
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Service of Remembrance will take place at the village War Memorial at **10.45 a.m.**, followed by a march past, and conclude in the Parish Church.

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish Council, ex-Servicemen and women, and the Primary School.

A small turfed area will be available on a step of the Memorial for small wooden crosses to be placed by members of the public. Crosses will be available from Poppy Appeal collectors visiting houses during the fortnight before.

*Dru Yoga is for everyone – all ages and fitness levels.
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**Saturday 15 November
10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

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**27 NOVEMBER 2008
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**This is a Coffee Morning with a difference offering a wide selection of stalls with unique and stylish gifts and produce that will delight your family and friends.
Something for everyone — get into the spirit of Christmas and indulge yourself, you've earned it!**

All proceeds will go to Oaklea Montessori Nursery in Dedham and Compassion.

OPEN HOUSE @ THE VICARAGE



Saturday 1 November
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
& Sun 2 November
12 noon — 4 p.m.

BOOKS - DVDs - VIDEOS - CDS

*In aid of Heather Moate's
 visit to Uganda
 supporting the work of Veritas College
 through Richard & Sue van de Ruit*

Thank you to everyone who bought my cakes and puddings last year, I hope you enjoyed them – I'm doing the same again this year and hope you will be kind enough to support me again...

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Want time to relax
 this Christmas?
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 CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS!**



Delicious home-baked Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings baked for you in aid of a Malaysia and Borneo Project 2009. Cakes from £10, Puddings from £5.

John Osborn writes

DEDHAM HEALTH CENTRE

One year after the construction of a pavement on Manningtree Road and almost two years since the building's completion, Dedham Vale Community Health Centre finally became available for use on 22 September. Prior to and throughout the two-year period the Directors of the *Dedham Vale Community Health Association* have been concerned to secure a National Health Service presence in the new premises. Although this has yet to come about, the fight will continue and in the meantime there will be an opportunity for patients using the East Bergholt and Ardleigh practices to comment on satisfaction levels through a questionnaire now being discussed by the largest local NHS-funder.

Meanwhile the DVCHA are delighted to be able to announce that the Dedham Vale Network (DVN), a grouping of complementary health practitioners already established in the Dedham Vale area, will be offering expertise in areas such as Hypnotherapy, Reflexology, and Shiatsu from the new premises from early November. The DVN are keen to work alongside any future NHS presence but in the first phase will be taking sole use of the premises for appointments three days a week.

On Saturday 15 November, from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., members of the DVN will be holding a launch event, when they hope to meet up with local people and explain their approaches to healthcare at greater length. Dedham residents and those from neighbouring villages will be welcome to view the new surgery building in Manningtree Road, and to discover more about complementary therapies and the role they play in general health care. Vouchers will be available on the day giving visitors a 25% discount on their first treatments booked at the Centre.

THANK YOU D.V.A.

The Directors and Management Committee of the *Dedham Vale Community Health Association (DVCHA)* would like to express their sincere thanks to the officers and members of the former Dedham Village Association for generously donating the Association's funds at the time of the winding-up of the DVA earlier this year.

The DVCHA continues to work towards restoring NHS services to Dedham from the new Community Health Centre and the cheque for over £900 will be placed in a new reserve fund for special contingency costs allied to that goal.

Healing is a matter of time, but sometimes it is a matter of opportunity.

Hippocrates (c. 460-357 BC)

Christine Henderson writes

PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

Continuing our links with the community, some of Year 6 are taking part in a course at Colchester United, *Playing for Success*. Visiting the new stadium every week is great fun, especially as it has a state-of-the-art learning centre. The whole of Year 6 were also runners-up in an indoor athletics festival at Manningtree High School. The staff provided a children's squash-and-cake morning to coincided with the MacMillan coffee morning at Munnings to help raise funds for them. Christmas has come early with all the children designing Christmas cards for the Dedham Visitors Guide Trust competition. Once again the bird man, Nick Williams, gave a stunning slide show talk during his annual visit, which we all thoroughly enjoy and look forward to. All part of a successful school.

Carol Mitson writes

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Since 2001 the parish church has held a 'Service of Thanksgiving' for those we have loved and whose memories we cherish. This year the service will be on Sunday 2 November at 2.30 p.m. and you are warmly invited to attend. It does not matter whether the death you are remembering is recent or many years ago; there is still a place to remember those who have touched our lives in a special way but who are

no longer with us. The service will last about 45 minutes and there will be an opportunity for the names to be read out and for you to light a candle as an act of remembrance. If you would like the name of the person you are remembering read out please let John or Carol Mitson know. ☎ 323 136.

Tracy Lovelock writes

'BODY SHOP' PARTY

Dedham Guides once again invite you to our Party on 20 November 7 – 9 p.m., at the Assembly Rooms. There will be refreshments, stalls and a raffle with Body Shop items - all good Christmas present opportunities! Orders arrive the next week. If you can't come along on the evening you can place your order before, I will have catalogues. Guides get 10% of sales. Contact Tracey Lovelock ☎ 323 521.



"It's a right problem to start on damp November mornings — fortunately one our Sidesmen used to work for the RAC."

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH



Entries are invited from Individuals, Clubs, Businesses and Children for our second

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL :
DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH**

Everyone is invited to submit a Christmas Tree (it can be made of anything, as long as it is not toxic, dangerous or offensive), entries can be from an individual or a group or a class. It can be on any theme or subject. Let your imagination run wild!

Each tree should be no taller than 5 feet (approx 1.5m) but it can be as small as you like. If you wish to illuminate the tree using electric lights, this may be permitted — but the Organisers will refuse any entries where the lights or wiring appear to be unsafe.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated tree in each of the two categories:
ADULT & CHILDREN up to 12 years of age
Entry fee for each tree submitted is £1

All entry forms to be submitted by **Monday 17 November** with completed trees being brought to the Church on **Friday 5 December between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.**
Entry forms and further details available from Jill Moore on ☎ 322 006



girls in the lead
Girlguiding **Ist Dedham Guides**

Invite you to our Body Shop Party
20 November 7 pm – 9 pm
Assembly Rooms, Dedham – please bring a friend and join us.

There will be refreshments available and other stalls together with a raffle with Body Shop items — good Christmas present opportunities!
Orders arrive the next week — if you can't come along on the evening you can place your order before, I will have the catalogues — remember Guides get 10% of all orders.

Contact Tracey Lovelock (01206) 323 521
tracey.lovelock@btinternet.com

Barry Stewart writes

NO FOOL

A man owning a small farm was recently contacted by the Department of Employment & Pensions claiming he was not paying proper wages to his staff. A DEP agent was sent out to interview him. "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them" demanded the DEP agent.

"Well" replied the farmer "there's my farmhand who's been with me for several years. I pay him £250 per week plus free room and board.

Then there is the cook / housekeeper who has been here for 18 months and I pay her £200 per week, plus free room and board. Finally there's a simple fellow some call 'the half-wit'. He works some 18 hours most days and he really does about 90% of the work around here. He earns about £10 per week, after tax, he pays his own room and board and, if he's lucky, he might get a bottle of whisky every now and again."



"That's the man I want to talk to — the one you call 'the half-wit'" said the agent. "That would be me" replied the farmer.

RUNNERS WANTED

- Into running or jogging ?
- fed up of training on your own?
- Want to get away from the treadmill?

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jon.flack@btinternet.com

☎ 323 833



friendsfirst

Being on your own can be a lonely experience, however busy you are. If you are on your own, and would rather not be, get in touch with **friendsfirst** — the Christian friendship organisation.

Since 1989 we have been very successful in bringing people of all ages together for friendship and relationship. For an informal and confidential chat about membership could help you, ring **Katharine Gray** on **020 7100 1220**.

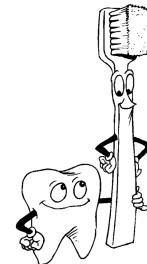
www.friends1st.co.uk

Sarah Curtis writes

PRE-SCHOOL FUN

The children at *Smartys* Pre-School have enjoyed a very busy first half term. Our wooden playhouse is now in place in the Assembly Rooms garden. We have plans to build a small wildlife area around it to encourage insects and birds. The children are keen to participate in our outdoor activities. We now have colourful chairs and tables being used for snack time, 'circle time', 'show and tell', ICT activities, arts and crafts, and cookery.

Our village PCSO, Natalie, organised a visit from a colleague. The children were able to spend two sessions 'investigating' a police car and asking the Police Officer, Neil, all sorts of questions. The Rising 5's children also



had a visit from an oral dental hygienist, where a giant tooth and toothbrush were used to teach the importance of looking after teeth and gums. the children have also been enjoying dancing during their PE sessions, taught by Debbie Miller, whom we thank for her enthusiasm with the children.

The older children got to walk to the Parish Church to take part in the Primary School Harvest Service. On the way back the children stopped to collect conkers.

Judith Fowle writes

DEDHAM VISITORS' GUIDE

A competition has been held by those seeking to re-publish a Visitors' Guide, for primary school age children, living in or attending school in Dedham, to design a Christmas Card. From the entries two have been chosen to be printed and sold in the village, all the profits going to the primary School. Look out for them and, perhaps, send them to your friends and family.

The Vicar writes

OPEN — NOT CLOSED

My notice in last month's Parish Magazine about the proposed removal of some of the older memorials, to allow for new burials in one area of the churchyard, made front-page news in the *East Anglian Daily Times*. With perverse inaccuracy the newspaper reported that "the situation has echoes of a row in *Brightlingsea* when [the vicar] closed the churchyard". It does not. The purpose of the proposal for Dedham is to achieve quite the opposite, which is to keep the churchyard *open*. An accurate reading of my notice could have drawn no other conclusion [EADT please note].

The reference in my notice to the *Colchester Archaeological Society* should have been to the *Colchester Archaeological Trust*. The survey work was carried out under the supervision of Philip Crummy, the Trust's Director.

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago **November 1998**

◆ PRIMARY SCHOOL Linda Marven started a 'Gardening Club' for the children of the School ◆ JOHN & CATHY BRIEN retired after many years of leading CYPECS (or Junior Church as it became) as John began his training for ordination. [He is now an assistant minister in Manningtree & Mistley.]

Fifty Years Ago **November 1958**

◆ GOING DOWN 'A BOMB'? "A course of three lectures on the H Bomb, etc, will be given by Mrs. South...it is hoped to have a very good attendance."
◆ IN MEMORIAM : FREDERICK SPEARING (aged 92) known to everyone in the village...after a glorious army career he decided to start life again in the surroundings where most of us knew him best. He started his Dedham business [a fine grocery shop, in what is today the Pharmacy] at a time when the average man would have decided to retire...he has left behind a memory admired by all who knew him."

A Century Ago **November 1908**

◆ LECTURESHIP TRUST "The Scheme for the amalgamation of the Lectureship with the Vicarage of Dedham is now an accomplished fact, and has been approved of by His Majesty, the King, in Council [and] was published in 'The London Gazette' of October 6th, 1908, and is to take effect on the next voidance of the Lectureship" ◆ ASSEMBLY ROOMS Mr William Hewitt's letter to the Vicar was published, "It remains only for villagers to make the best possible use of the Building placed within their reach...may I be allowed...to emphasise my desire that one room be reserved for use as a quiet Reading Room, and that there be gradually formed there a Library for the use of the Parishioners. [This was established, and used until the 1980s. Some books were sold in 1998 to raise money for the restoration of the Assembly Rooms, the remainder was sold in 2006 and the proceeds used for the Muniment Library, which holds the village archives.] ◆ DANGER IN DEDHAM At the meeting of the Parish Council "attention was called to the danger arising from the speed at which cyclists ride up and down the Drift...if they do not regulate their speed...it may be necessary to close the Drift to cyclists altogether".

PAST TIMES



LATE RUNNING SERVICE?

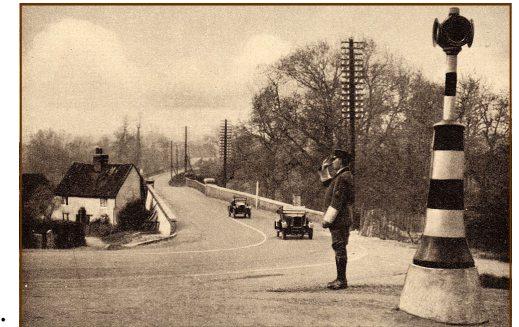
This picture, from the 35mm-slide photograph collection of the late Jim Eley (kindly donated by his family to the Muniment Room archives) is dated November 1980.

What's the story? Why was this ancient bus in Dedham — and where was it going and with whom?

THE 'R.A.C.' MAN

George Beeken writes

"The man in this picture is Alfred Rose, who lived in Stratford St. Mary, later moving to Burnt Heath, Ardleigh where he became the landlord of the 'Trowel & Hammer' P.H. He retired to Crockleford Heath. His one son, Reginald, used to work at Spearing's in Dedham High Street during the 1930s. He was killed whilst in the R.A.F. over Germany during World War II."



THE 'ENGINE' DRIVER

Georgina Cottee writes

"The driver of the Clover's engine was Tony and Dennis Cottee's grandfather, William E. Cottee. We have seen this picture before in a book."