

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Betty Callaghan writes

### GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

At our November meeting we were entertained by a talented trio playing guitars, singing and reading poetry, an act that certainly has the 'X-factor'. There will be a repeat performance at 10 a.m., Tuesday 16 December at the Duchy Barn. Dedham Primary School extends an invitation to all our members to see the KSI Christmas Nativity, at 10. a.m., Wednesday 17 December. Our Christmas Lunch will be at the *Rose & Crown*, 12.30 for 1.00 p.m., Friday 12 December.

Members wishing to participate must notify Rhoda Smith or Mary Hood a.s.a.p. There will be a raffle.

Ian Rose writes

### U3A

The Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 3 December. At 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 14 January, in the Constable Memorial Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, there will be an illustrated talk 'Roy Tricker on Churches'.

Paw Slingo writes

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Christmas Party will be held at the Assembly Rooms 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 3 December. Wine and mince pies will be provided and the entertainment will be by the *Dedham Players*. Friends of members will be very welcome, so do come and have an enjoyable evening. Tickets £4.  
The first meeting in 2009 will be on Wednesday 4 February when Sylvia Norton will be talking about 'Plant Hunting in Chile'.



Daphne Langton writes

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting in the New Year will be in the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 28 January at 2.30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPE

(see page 16)

Fine flour / Butter / sweet cane (sugar)  
Raisins / Almonds / Ripe figs / Honey /  
Spice / Eggs / Milk / Leaven / Salt / Beat



We take this opportunity to thank the Contributors, Advertisers, Printer, Sorters and Delivery volunteers, and all who make this Parish Magazine possible and worthwhile - and that includes you, the Readers!

**A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you.**

## DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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## DEDHAM

## PARISH MAGAZINE

## Christmas 2008 & New Year

## 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.

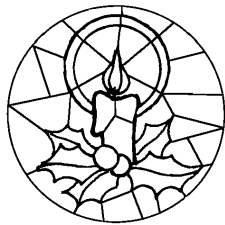
Family Service in Church

1st Sunday in month

In the Duchy Barn  
& Vicarage

on all other Sundays  
during school terms

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT EDITION :  
14 January**



◆ **SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS** ◆  
**21 December**

**10.30 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE**

*The Junior Church will be involved in leading this service.*

**6.30 p.m. CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

*A traditional service for all ages*

☆ **Please bring a torch with you...** ☆

◆ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ◆

**6 p.m. CRIB SERVICE**

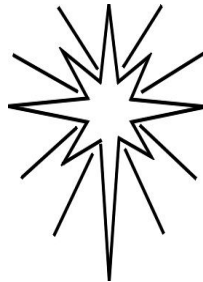
*For children and the young at heart*

**Come early to be sure of a seat!**

**11 p.m. FIRST COMMUNION of CHRISTMAS**

*A service from Common Worship*

☆ **Please note the time of the start.** ☆



◆ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ◆

**10 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION**

*A devotional and contemporary focus for families on this festival day*

☆ **Please note the time of the start.** ☆

◆ **SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS 28 December** ◆

**10.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER**

*A traditional service*

☆ **N.B. There will be NO 8.30 a.m. or 6.30 p.m. service on this day** ☆

◆ **EPIPHANY 4 January** ◆

**8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION**

**10.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER**

**6.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER**



*Colchester Borough Council*

**RECYCLING AT CHRISTMAS**

To enable everyone to recycle all their glass, foil, paper and cardboard and textiles over the festive season plastic and garden waste collections will be replaced over the Christmas holiday period by three consecutive blue recycling weeks.

The three consecutive BLUE recycling weeks over the seasonal periods will run from 15 December until 3 January, instead of alternating between BLUE and GREEN weeks as usual. This means that the GREEN week that would normally fall on Christmas week will be replaced with a BLUE week, as shown on your recycling calendar 2008/09.

Plastic and garden waste collections will recommence the week beginning 5 January 2009. Residents are encouraged to save their plastics in the clear recycling sacks provided and not to send them to the landfill in their black sacks.

You can kick start the New Year with the resolution to recycle more because you can leave out for collection as many clear sacks as you have!

Don't forget that if you run out of clear sacks, you can pick up extra ones from the Council's Customer Service Centre, High Street **free of charge**. For information on other pick-up locations just visit [www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling) or phone 01206 2282700.

*Colchester Community Voluntary Services*  
**TRANSPORT SCHEME**

CCVS are desperately short of volunteer drivers, who are car owners, to help operate our Transport Scheme in the Colchester and surrounding area. We are targeting drivers from the rural areas to assist us in improving transport. We are a non-profit making organisation and provide transport for people within the community who have difficulty accessing public transport due to their frailty, disability or isolation. Volunteer minibus drivers aged between 25 and 70 are also needed. We reimburse your private car mileage and out-of-pocket expenses. Can you help?

☎ **562 244** [www.ccv.org](http://www.ccv.org)

*Ruth Higginson writes*

**BEACON HOUSE**

Beacon House provide practical help for those in Colchester who are homeless and sleeping rough. They provide a safe place for them to have a shower and wash their clothes, also medical attention when they are ill. Christmas is a special time to think of the homeless, but they always need the following items: *shampoo, washing powder, soap, and razors* (disposable). Donations of *tinned food and clothes* are always welcome. There is a collecting box at the back of the church which is delivered after every Family Service, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your help.



## 'FEAR NOT ...'

As the days draw in, curtains close and blinds come down earlier in the darkening afternoons. Lamps are switched on and fires burn in the grate. Collars are turned up, hats, coats and scarves are donned at the bite of the weather. Our thoughts turn towards carols and tree decorations, mince-pies and the wrapping of gifts, Nativity plays and family togetherness - that is, always supposing that we have secure homes, warm clothes, enough food, an income to pay for presents, (and which will be there in the New Year) and families to love and to be loved by. Those who have all of these things are in the minority in the world and, possibly, even in this country.

For the Christian believer no amount of personal or cultural distraction can spoil that moment when, perhaps in a carol, or a prayer, or a Bible reading, a unique stillness falls. In that moment it is as if the world, with all its busyness, holds its breath and we are reminded that *Emmanuel*, 'God-with-us' has come into the world. The Servant King, born into the muck of a stable, amidst the pettiness and preoccupation of simple lives, was in that moment God's answer to the conceit of the powerful: that they are 'in charge'.

It was as a painfully shy man, who was obliged by accident of birth and the disaffection of his older brother to become monarch, that King George VI contemplated the first Christmas of World War II, in 1939. He had good reasons to be afraid that Christmas, having seen as a young man the consequences of World War I (which was to have been 'over by Christmas'), and through being privileged to know more than most about our vulnerability as a nation.

Every year, as regular as Christmas itself, Christian ministers will go on about how the significance of the season is lost in the clang of cash-registers, the jangle of *Jingle Bells* or the nightmare of non-stop *I'm dreaming of a White Christmas*. Just as reliably (even in times of recession), our towns and cities will be filled with people spilling out of bars in 'Father Christmas' hats, trying vainly to remember the words of *Here comes Santa Claus* or *Merry Christmas, Everybody*. Yet in spite of all of that, the Christmas festival continues to have a strong hold on both our imagination and our hopes.

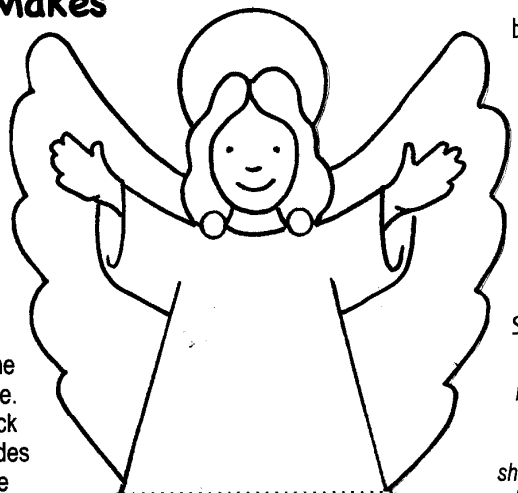


At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus... and it all started with a message from an angel. The angel **Gabriel** came to **Mary** with a message from God that she would be having a very special baby boy and his name was to be **Jesus**, which means 'the Lord saves'.

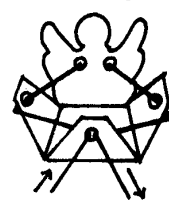
The night Jesus was born a great number of angels appeared to the shepherds. They sang, praises to God because Jesus, our Saviour, had been born!  
*Read about the angel's visit to Mary and the shepherds in Luke chapters 1 and 2*

## Mouse Makes

- Make this angel box to hang from the Christmas tree.
- Glue onto thin card then carefully cut around the outside.
- Fold back the sides along the dotted lines.

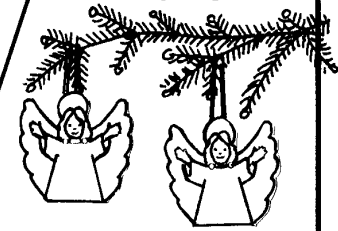


- Punch out the holes then cut 30cm of wool or thin ribbon and thread through the holes.



- Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



- Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of angels!

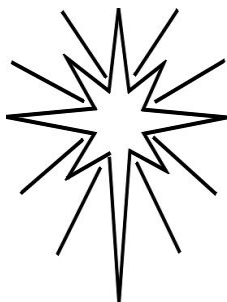


## VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE (CONTINUED)

" I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!' So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

It was into a fearful world and at an anxious time that Jesus Christ was born. God's gift of love was given both to 'comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable'. If you take time to be present at a church service this Christmas, or if one catches you by eye or ear through TV or radio, listen again to St. Luke's telling of that first Christmas. You will find a source of hope that fear cannot destroy:



"Fear not, for I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people. For to you is born this day in the town of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

S. Luke 2: 10-11

May God bless you this Christmas.

**Gerard Moate**  
Vicar & Lecturer

## PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU 2010

In a small Bavarian village the Great Plague arrived in 1633. The people made a solemn vow that, if their lives were spared, the whole village would enact a play depicting the Passion of Christ. True to their vow they have continued to do so every decade since in spite of wars and other perils.

Gerard and Margarita Moate plan to go to make a pilgrimage to Oberammergau when the Passion Play is next performed in Summer 2010. It will be necessary to make a booking soon (within a month or so) to be confident of securing a place. For those who may like to join with them, there will be a brief meeting at the Vicarage at

**12.15 p.m. Sunday 7 December**

to discuss the options; dates, travel (plane, train or coach), quality of accommodation, and excursions, prior to making any booking.

*If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in this pilgrimage, please get in touch:*

**☎ (01206) 322 136**  
vicar@dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

## CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ

**HOW MANY THINGS CAN YOU 'C' IN THIS PICTURE BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER 'C'?**  
**( THERE ARE MORE THAN 60 ! )**



*This is a Quiz in which all the family can help — but some of the answers may favour intellectual grandparents !*  
**CLUE** for some of the faces - this puzzle was first set about 1925.

### TO WIN A PRIZE

A £25 Book Token from *Dedham Bookshop* or £25 Voucher to spend in the *Dedham Gourmet* or *Just For You* will be given to the person who identifies the **MOST NUMBER OF THINGS/PEOPLE** in this picture beginning with the letter 'C'.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** There will also be a £5 Book Token awarded to the *Dedham Primary School* pupil who makes the longest list.

Put your completed list (TYPED or BLOCK CAPITALS, please) with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER (and CLASS, if a pupil) through the letter-box of The Vicarage.

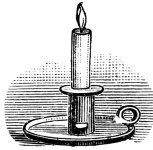
Mark the envelope 'PRIZE QUIZ'. DEADLINE: Saturday 10 January.

In the event of a tie the winners will be the names "drawn from the Vicar's hat" on Sunday 11 January 2009.

**A MATTER OF PRIORITY**

The telephone rang very early one morning. *'Hello, this is Peter, from Country House Care. You know, I'm looking after your house and pets while you're on holiday.'*  
 'Ah, yes. What can I do for you?'  
*'I am very sorry to have to advise you that your cat has died.'*  
 'My cat! Dead? The one that won second place at Kitty Crufts?'  
 'Yes, sir, that's the one.'  
 'I spent a fortune on that cat. What did it die from?'  
*'From eating rotten meat.'*  
 'Rotten meat! Who the — fed him rotten meat?'  
*'Nobody, sir. He ate some of the carcase of the dead horse...'*  
 'Dead horse! What dead horse?'  
*'Your thoroughbred stallion, sir.'*  
 'You mean to say that my treasured thoroughbred is dead?'  
*'I regret that is so, sir. It died from all the work pulling the water cart.'*  
 'Are you insane? You put my horse to work pulling a water cart? Besides, we don't have a water cart!'  
*'No, I realise that, sir, but we used an HGV trailer, in the absence of anything else to hand, as a water cart to put out the fire.'*  
 'You're telling me there's been a fire! Where? What fire?'  
*'The one at your house, sir. I regret to say that a candle fell and the curtains caught fire. And that was that...'*

'Are you saying that my house has been destroyed?'  
 'Most regrettably, sir.'  
 'What on earth were you doing using a candle anyway?'  
*'It was for the funeral, sir.'*  
 'The funeral! Whose funeral?'  
*'That of your mother-in-law, sir. She came into the house late at night and, tragically, I mistook her for a burglar. So I hit her, rather hard, with your new golf club.'*



**LONG SILENCE**

'Peter, if you've damaged that driver you are in very deep trouble!'

**CHRISTMAS RECIPE  
for an  
OLD TESTAMENT CAKE**

- 4½ cups of *1 Kings 4: 22*
- 1½ lb of *Judges 5: 25*
- 2 cups of *Jeremiah 6: 20*
- 2 cups of *1 Samuel 30: 12a*
- 2 cups of *Numbers 17: 8*
- 2 cups of *Nahum 3: 12*
- 2 tsp of *1 Samuel 14: 25*
- Season to taste : *2 Chronicles 9: 9*
- Six of *Jeremiah 17: 11*
- 1½ cups of *Judges 4: 19b*
- 2 tsp *Amos 4: 5*
- A pinch of *Leviticus 2: 19*
- Directions: *Proverbs 23:14*
- Bake: 1-2 hours

From Elizabeth David's *Christmas*  
by Jill Norman

For recipe safety, use a traditional Bible version.  
For those in doubt the answers are on page 20.

Kevin Taylor writes

**TREE TIME**

Dedham Youth Club (DYC) has successfully applied for a grant to plant 2,630 trees and hedging saplings in Dedham. The initiative was offered to us by the *Essex Community Foundation* in association with *Essex County Council*. This is an exciting opportunity for the Club to enhance our environment, work for the community and to see the fruits of the youth's labours grow over the coming years. The trees have been ordered. We now need help to prepare the ground. ☎ **322 122** [kevintaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:kevintaylor@btinternet.com)

**Please reserve  
30 November & 7 December  
Meet at Royal Square at 10 a.m.  
complete with suitable clothing,  
refreshments and a spade each!**

Katie Sambrook writes

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**

The number of shoeboxes collected from the Parish Church and the Guides was 53, and from the Primary School, 117, making a total of 170, which have been sent to *Operation Christmas Child*. Thank you to all who gave generously of their time and effort to fill them.



Sally Gotelee writes

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

There will be a meeting to discuss floral decorations for the church at Whalleys, Dedham Road, Stratford St. Mary, Tuesday 2 December, 10.30 a.m. ☎ 322 652. All are welcome.

Miles Wilson writes

**FIREWORKS EVENT**

The fund-raising Fireworks Event held at Dick and Rita Beeson's home was a massive success, raising £390 for Dedham Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. The night was filled with great family atmosphere, with children in fancy dress and a superb professional display of fireworks orchestrated by Dean Beeson. We want to thank Dick, Rita, Dean and Marie Beeson for their efforts and generosity in once again organising and hosting this great night at their home in Dedham.

Judith Fowle writes

**CHRISTMAS CARD**

The winners of the *Village Guide Group's* Christmas card competition were **Bertie Rose** (aged 4) and also **Elizabeth Head** (aged 8). Well done! The cards are available from the Primary School, *Dedham Bookshop*, *Just For You* and *Shakespeare House Gallery*.

**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office closes on **Wednesday 17 December**  
and opens again on **Monday 5 January 2009**

Roy Laverick writes

### SPEEDING VEHICLES

Many Dedham residents are worried by vehicles that exceed the speed limit and are driven without due regard for other road users. Ardleigh Road and Long Road East and West have been identified as particular areas of concern, with high levels of speeding.



We believe that most of the problems are due to a lapse of concentration rather than a deliberate intention to break the law. We therefore we plan to erect up to three Vehicle Activated Speed signs which automatically remind speeding motorists of the legal limit, and ask them to slow down, and to site them in Ardleigh Road (south of the junction with Long Road West) and in Long Road East and West (on the approach to the Heath crossroads, a notorious accident black spot). Currently funding is available only for the first of these locations.

The signs will not improve the rural street scene, but we consider this is a price worth paying in order to gain a significant improvement in road safety. We think that this view is shared by the majority of residents, but we would like to hear your constructive views regarding the proposals. Please contact Cllr Brian Hindley ☎ 323 009 Email: [briaris@hotmail.com](mailto:briaris@hotmail.com)

### ALLOTMENTS

Would everyone who is interested in allotments (including those who may have previously recorded their details with Simon Marrison) please affirm their interest by contacting Cllr. Mrs. Kim Spencer ☎ 322 773 Email: [kim.spencer@aspects.net](mailto:kim.spencer@aspects.net). The next Parish Council meeting (see below) will be attended by Mr Penny, who will explain what Colchester Borough Council can do to advance this matter.

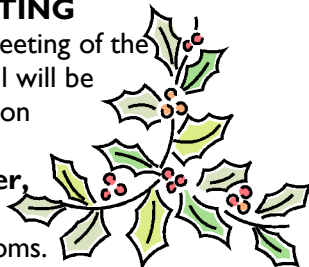
### STREET CLEANING

In readiness for the *Dickensian Christmas Market* on 6 December, street cleaning will be carried out **between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.** on the morning of **Friday 5 December.**

*As in previous years, it would be helpful if the High Street and Royal Square could be cleared of cars while this work is in progress. Residents will be reminded nearer the time.*

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday 10 December,** in the Assembly Rooms.



ON BEHALF OF THE BROOK EQUINE WELFARE CHARITY

## BURNS' NIGHT SUPPER 250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

#### ASSEMBLY ROOMS, DEDHAM

(Scottish Castle for the night)

TICKETS £32 Contact: Sue Evans-Avlonitis ☎ 323 113

## VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 31 January 2009**  
**7.30 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start**  
**Bar opens 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets £6 per person  
including light refreshments during interval

Contact : ☎ 322 938, or 323 370, or 323 047

Please put the date in your diary and gather your 'team of six' for this highly enjoyable annual village event.

### Your team could win the Cup!



## NOTICEBOARD



# BURNS' NIGHT

Ogilvie Hall, Lawford

## SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

You are invited to join with the Wild Fox Rangers.  
All proceeds to the Malaysia Aid Project and the RSPCA

Tickets: £12 includes three-course meal, one drink  
and Burns' Night entertainment.

Contact: **Ann Bailey** ☎ 230 404

### LANGHAM BABY / TODDLER GROUP

A new Baby/Toddler Group will be starting up in Langham, starting on Monday, 5 January 2009 at the Langham Community Centre, from 9.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., and every Monday thereafter during term time. The cost will be £2 a family each week.

We have received generous donations of toys but if there are any further donations (for age 2+ in particular) they would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

☎ 271 264

### Used Postage Stamps = Cash for a Hospice

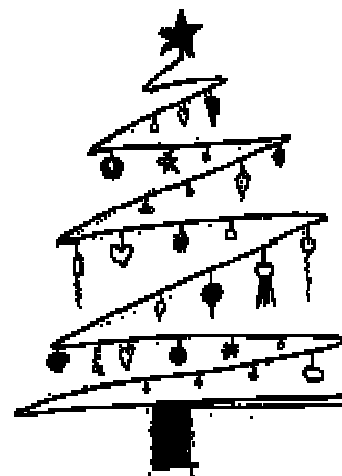
Thousands of pounds have been raised for *St Elizabeth Hospice*, Ipswich by re-selling used postage stamps.

Please send your used stamps to:

**Mrs M J Bourne**  
**28 Woods Lane**  
**Melton**  
**Woodbridge IP12 1PH**

*All stamps should be carefully cut from the envelope or card, leaving a small border around the edge.*

## NOTICEBOARD



Dedham Parish Church

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 6 — Sunday 7  
December

Come and see all the festive trees.  
Vote for your favourite.

Entrance £2 adults, children free



# Dickensian Market

Saturday 6 December

4 pm - 7 pm on the High Street

Hot food **Home-made cakes**

craft stalls *roast chestnuts* *Santa's Grotto*

*Spectacular Hamper Raffle*

**Shops open & Much, Much More!**

Spaces can be booked through  
Alison Phillips ☎ 01206 323 948

**All Proceeds to Dedham C.E. Primary School**

Ruth Stuart-Box writes

### DISTRICT SCOUTS

1<sup>st</sup> Brantham Venture Scout Unit was formed in 1977 from the Senior Patrol in the Scout Troop, the panther patrol and ran right up to 1992. Initially the Unit consisted of just boys but after a year or so girls we able to join as well. Over the 15 year span there were about 60 members, five of whom gained their Queen's Scout Award.

Many of the people who were in the Unit are still active in Scouting or Guiding today, including 5 who are still involved with 1<sup>st</sup> Brantham Scout & Guide Group. The Unit had members from not only Brantham but also Lawford, Dedham and the Stour Valley, where there were no Venture Scout Units. After several years with no Venture Scout activity in Brantham (and in fact Venture Scouts ceased to exist, being replace with Explorer Scouts and Scout Network) a reunion was held in 2003. If you were a Venture Scout at Brantham and would like to get in touch you can email us: [BranthamVSU@gmail.com](mailto:BranthamVSU@gmail.com)

You may also like to have a look at our new website which contains lots of stuff ancient and modern including loads of photos; you can find that at <http://branthamvsu.googlepages.com> and if you do have a look please feel free to leave a comment in our guest book. Be gentle with us, it is the first thing like this that we have ever done.

Sarah Curtis writes

### SMARTYS PRE-SCHOOL

The staff and committee at *Smartys* have been planning and organising many activities and events which will keep both children and parents very busy and entertained, we hope. A Nativity play (along with a lot of practicing of songs), the Christmas Party with a visit from Father Christmas and his Elf, a visit to Dedham Primary School to watch a dress rehearsal of their KSI Nativity performance, and Christmas crafts activities, and present-making.

One of our main fundraising events is the *Dickensian Christmas Fair*, Saturday 6 December, in the High Street. Our usual spot is near the main Church entrance, where you will be greeted with our mulled cider, cheese straws and iced biscuits - homemade, of course. It will also be an excellent time to view our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival, held in the Church throughout the weekend.

The 'big switch over' – from our Rising 5's to Reception class at the school, happens after Christmas. Eleven of our children will be starting school. Supervisors Jo and Sue have been with these children during three 'taster' sessions at the school. Headteacher, Mrs Tetchner, and the Reception class teacher, Miss Wright have both visited *Smartys* during a number of occasions. I think the only people who are anxious about next term are the parents!

Due to popular request local hypnotherapists Hugh Clover and Liz Kotarska are to run their well attended Self-Hypnosis Courses in the day time as well as evenings starting in the New Year.

Hugh and Liz, established local hypnotherapy practitioners, are founder members of the *Dedham Vale Network* of complementary practitioners.

The next two of their six session courses will be run in East Bergholt commence as follows:

Daytime - Tuesday 20 January (10 a.m. - midday)  
Evening -Thursday 19 February (7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.)

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Liz ☎ 299 724 or Hugh ☎ 323 089.

For more information regarding their work visit their websites [www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk](http://www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk) and [www.hughclover.co.uk](http://www.hughclover.co.uk)

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## BIG BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2009

Assembly Rooms, Dedham

8.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

Tickets £7 on the door (donation for the under 10s)



## FROM 'PICTURESQUE DEDHAM' 1908 (a booklet belonging to Mrs Daphne Langton)



Visitors to and Residents in Dedham should buy



their  
Grocery,  
Tea,  
Provisions,



Drapery,  
Millinery,  
Clothing and  
Boots,



at Gammer's Stores, Royal Square, Dedham.

Kate Ranson writes

## EPPa COOKERY CLUB

The Autumn Term has seen the start of our after-school Cookery Club with children and parents from every class having the opportunity to cook and have fun finding out about food. The tempting aromas of cookies, pizzas, pasta salads and scones have filled the Primary School! Our thanks to the *East of England Co-operative Society* for their generous gift of £100 through their Community Support Scheme. This sum has enabled us to provide ingredients for the whole of this term.

The Cookery Club is collecting Flora margarine tokens in order to obtain much-needed cooking equipment for the children to use next year.



If you have any to spare, please either drop them into school or to the Dedham Pharmacy.

## EPPa FAMILY LEARNING

It is 'back to school' for parents with the start of our Family Learning course, 'Keeping Up with the Children – Numeracy'. We are discovering how our children are taught maths at school which is very different to the methods taught 'in our day'! A ready supply of biscuits keep the brain cells ticking over and we have a lot of fun along the way. The sessions are proving so successful that a second course is planned for next year.

## WHAT IS EPPa?

A team of parents, community members, school staff and Governors who aim to enhance the experience for school children and their families. We also work with village groups in order to provide mutual support. If you would like to know more about us, please contact the Primary School.

## HEALTH CHOICES

A new chapter has begun for the *Dedham Vale Community Health Centre*. Originally intended as a doctors' surgery, it had been vacant since 2006. It is now occupied three days a week by the *Dedham Vale Network*, an established group of complementary therapists and practitioners, which was welcomed by Bonnie Hill, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, amid enthusiastic support by local people. Whilst a GP would still be very welcome in the village, the DVN are keen to provide a wide range of health choices in the locality. Founder and chairman Liz Kotarska says, 'Many complementary therapies in the UK are poorly regulated. Our aim... is to provide the community with a group of properly qualified and professional practitioners under one banner. Taking this building is a tremendous opportunity both for our group and for residents in the area, and we bring with us our original purpose which is to offer a professional and caring service to all those who seek our support.'  
[www.DedhamValeNetwork.com](http://www.DedhamValeNetwork.com)  
or ☎ 299 724.

## PAST TIMES

### Ten Years Ago December 1998 & January 1999

- ◆ HALLELUJAH! Roy Flewin led a rehearsal of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* prior to it being sung by a 'scratch' choir as the climax of the Carols by Candlelight.
- ◆ 'GHOST TRAIN' The *Dedham Players'* last production in the Hewitt Hall, prior to it being closed for refurbishment as part of the Assembly Rooms, was a period comedy/thriller by Arnold Ridley (who played Private Godfrey in *Dad's Army*).
- ◆ HENGRAVE A report was made of the Parish Church 'weekend away' at Hengrave Hall, near Bury St. Edmunds.

### Fifty Years Ago December 1958 & January 1959

- ◆ CHOIR OF 80 CHILDREN from Westbourne Secondary Modern School, Ipswich, under the direction of Mrs. Lusty, sang at the Carol Service. The Dedham Choral Society sang at the evening service on the Sunday after Christmas.
- ◆ CHARLES CLOVER & LORRAINE BARFORD were baptized 23 November.
- ◆ PARSONS FIELD ALLOTMENT ASSOC. held its AGM at the *Rose & Crown*
- ◆ CANON WILLIAM HOUSE died. He had served as a curate of St Anne, Limehouse in 1896, before being rector successively of Barnstable, Gt. Dunmow and Copford and "had endeared (himself) to the people of Dedham"
- ◆ NEW COVER For the first time the *Parish Magazine* was published with a three-colour cover, being a picture looking through the Galilee Porch from the South.

### A Century Ago December 1908 & January 1909

- ◆ ADVENT PRAYERS Evening Prayer was said daily at 5 o'clock during Advent.
- ◆ CHANCEL WINDOWS A memorandum for the proposed new windows in the Chancel was published. Three windows, the East one and the central one on either side, were already filled with stained glass, to designs by the late C.E. Kempe. The proposal was that the remaining four closed windows should be opened up, under the direction of Mr. T.G. Jackson R.A. When the work of restoring the walls of the Chancel was completed the windows would be fitted by Walter E. Tower, successor to Kempe. On the North side the theme would be the Old Covenant: *Presentation in the Temple*, with David, Abraham and Solomon above; also *Sermon on the Mount* with Samuel, Moses and Ezra above. On the South side, representing the New Covenant, *The Baptism of our Lord*, with Amos, Elijah and Malachi; also *Holy Supper at Emmaus*, near a figure of St Luke (who alone records this incident) with Jeremiah, Isaiah and Ezekiel above. [NB: A copy of the full 1908 magazine article on the Chancel windows is available on request from the Parish Office.]

## PAST TIMES

### DEDHAM HEATH SCHOOL c.1938



#### Back Row L-R

? / R. Bacon / B. Jowers / D. Monger / Robin Shippam / Lenny Sage / D. Woodgate / ?

#### Middle Row L-R

Pauline Kerridge / 'Baby' Radford / Sheila Long / P. Sage / ? / S. Gandy / ?

#### Front Row L-R

Teddy Self / ? / K. Clark / Keith Osborne / P. Jowers

*Can you add to or correct any of this information? Who was the teacher?  
Please write to The Editor, at the Vicarage, Dedham.*

### SIMILAR PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR THE ARCHIVES

Have you any old school photographs taken in Dedham?  
Can you name some or all of the people in the photograph?  
Please consider making the photograph available to be copied  
(the original will be returned)