

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

At our last meeting we enjoyed bingo, poetry, and a brief rendition of 'Burlington Bertie'. At our December meeting will have a Christmas party. The competition will be an *unusual Christmas card*.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A warm welcome awaits members and friends to the Christmas Party in the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 2 December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be £5 and include a wine-tasting, mince pies and cake. There will be a raffle. Entertainment will be provided by Peter Adams and John Tavner.

Ian Rose writes

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On Wednesday 13 January, in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, Mark Nicholls will give an illustrated lecture on *The History of Dunwich*.

Lesley Sant writes

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all House Box holders. A total of £609.74 was raised for the work of the Society. If this work is to continue then a volunteer to distribute and collect the boxes in Dedham will need to be found. Is that you?

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

We will be holding a Tea Party on Wednesday 25 November, in the Assembly Rooms.

David Padwick will provide the entertainment. Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 10 December, at the *Wooden Fender, Ardleigh*.



On Wednesday 27 January the Rev'd Nina Brown will be the speaker. Nina is a retired Anglican priest who is a member of the Committees of Colchester Inter-Faith Net and the Council of Christians and Jews.



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

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all

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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
or Duchy Barn
on all other Sundays
during school terms

**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY :
19 January**



◆ **SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS** ◆
20 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** ◆

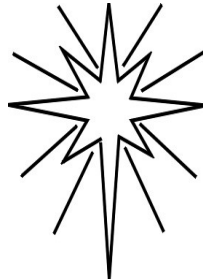
6 p.m. CRIB SERVICE

For children and the young at heart

Come early to be sure of a seat!

11 p.m. FIRST COMMUNION of CHRISTMAS

ending at 12.15 a.m.



◆ **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 27 December** ◆

10.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

A traditional service

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

◆ **EPIPHANY 3 January** ◆

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

6.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER



COLCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

We would like to offer a free trial to anyone interested in having a go at bowling on grass, and or indoor on carpet, to see if they like it with the option of joining the Club, a pair of flat shoes is all you will need to bowl outdoors, as we have bowls you can use, and all the other equipment.

Please contact for more details:

Margaret Wheeler ☎ 852 310 or
Ray Seath ☎ 540 760

DEDHAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

If, after Christmas, anyone is thinking of disposing of an artificial Christmas tree - would they like to donate it to Santa's Grotto at the *Dickensian Market* for next year?

Please contact:

Mary ☎ 322 879

or

Lisa ☎ 391 260



THE CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE

The Practice wishes everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (emergency only on-call doctor 1 pm–6.30 pm)
Christmas Day Closed
Saturday 26 December Closed
Monday 28 December Closed
New Year's Eve 8 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. (emergency only on-call doctor 3.30 pm–6.30 pm)
New Year's Day Closed

The Practice offers a minor injury service during normal opening hours.

A list of the conditions which can be treated by the Practice Nurses or Nurse Practitioners is available from the Practice.

Reminder : Our latest Quiz is available from East Bergholt & Capel Surgeries and the East Bergholt Post Office, £1 donation for St Elizabeth Hospice, closing date 21 December 2009.

NOTICEBOARD

SWINE 'FLU : ARCHBISHOPS' STATEMENT

Following our statement in September 2009, we have reviewed the situation in light of the latest advice from the Department of Health. Their latest update shows that the number of new cases has risen. There were 78,000 new cases in England the first week of November, with 751 people hospitalised.

The additional information now available confirms earlier guidance that children under 16 are significantly more susceptible to the virus, and up to 30% may fall ill during this second wave. Deaths worldwide have increased by 12% in one week. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) believes that about 520,000 people have been infected by swine 'flu in England since the outbreak of the pandemic. The vaccination programme in this country has started this week. The plan is to offer it to all at risk groups by December.

Our recommendation, first made in July 2009 to those presiding at Holy Communion in parishes [that the cup should not be shared at Communion] remains unchanged. We would encourage you to continue to show patience and to pray for all those affected.

+ Rowan Cantuar + Sentamu Ebor

It's not too early to enter your team of six for the...

2010 Dedham Quiz Cup

Saturday 6 February

7:30 pm

Assembly Rooms, Dedham

Tickets: £7 including refreshments / Bar

Mark Dempsey ☎ 322 803

Book your table early to avoid disappointment!



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

CHRISTMAS IN 3-D

Revival in the making of films in '3-D' has begun to catch on. From *Niagara Falls*, nearly a century ago, to Pixar's first 3-D film, *Up*, this year, there has been several systems of production and great claims made for them. With a few exceptions the films themselves have usually been unremarkable. It has been as if the concentration on the process has meant that the producers have overlooked the basic requirement of any film, that it tells a story well.

It has got me thinking: what would it take to enjoy the same effect for Christmas? For many this festival is rather like an old 3-D film; full of high hopes and hard work, but more often than not followed by disappointment. Here are some suggestions for a 'full-feature 3-D Christmas' that will not disappoint.

Don't be satisfied with 'Xmas'
I sense that there's been a change in the past year. Christmas had become overshadowed by commercial pressures, to the extent that some people would dread this time of year, being unable to afford to keep up with expectations. Now that many more are feeling that pressure, we are once again wondering what it takes to make a good Christmas, without resulting in a New Year headache. The answer is to put Christ back into *Christ*-mas. That way we can recall what as children we

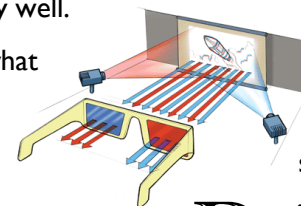
once knew - that a simple, thoughtful token of love means much more than expensive but empty gestures.

Devote some time to God
If there is one thing sure to spoil your Christmas it is having no time for yourself, as you dash round looking after everybody else. Worship of God combines time with Him and time for oneself. Choose one or more of the opportunities provided in Dedham this Christmas to worship God, and you may be surprised how that benefits *you*. After all, God does not ask us to worship Him for His sake - but ours.

Decide to share the festival
Whether it is by giving a gift to a charity of your choice, or offering some time to help others in greater need than you, the blessings which come from developing a generous heart are available to us all. True worship begins not in religious places, but in a thankful heart. Being grateful for our blessings, and for wisdom gained through the heartache of our losses and disappointments, can be brought to the Crib and offered to our Saviour. We will then be reminded that the blessings of giving are not limited by our resources - but by our gratitude.

A HAPPY 3-D CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer



NEWSROUND

CHANCEL CLEARED

On the second Saturday in November a team of volunteers cleared the chancel of the church of everything moveable, in preparation for the major refurbishment project which has begun. Some items, such as the main Communion table, were very heavy. Others, like the candle holder, or *corona lucis*, required careful handling. Finding a place to store everything was another challenge. The whole project was accomplished in just over an hour. The Vicar and Churchwardens are very grateful to the team, who worked together so well.

SILVER PYX DEDICATED

On the day after the chancel was cleared, a silver pyx (see next paragraph for a definition) was dedicated for use in our Parish Church. Commissioned by Rosemary Hartley, in loving memory of her late husband Christopher John Hartley, it was hand-made by local craftsman Roy Flewin, in what he has called an 'Arts and Crafts' style. We are particularly blessed to be able to celebrate our worship of God with a combination of such local generosity and skill.

A **pyx** or **pix** (Latin: *pyxis*, from the Greek: *πυξίς* for a box-wood receptacle, from 'pyxos', the box-tree) traditionally refers to a small, round container used to carry the Communion bread or wafers to those otherwise unable to come to a church to receive Holy Communion. The plural of pyx is **pyxides**. The term is also used to describe other small, round, lidded boxes designed for any purpose from antiquity or the Middle Ages. Our pyx will be used to store communion wafers before they are consecrated.

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN?

The problem of gaining safe access to certain heights in church, for example, to arrange flowers over the North door, or change the hangings to mark the liturgical season, has been solved by the generosity of the *Friends of Dedham Church* who have made a grant for the purchase of some 'warehouse steps' for the church. Given no choice over the original colour (a garish blue) the steps were subsequently re-painted by Roy Flewin with a more modest colour ('cappuccino'), in paints supplied by Plasti-Kot. The Parish Church is very grateful to Jacque Freeman and the *Friends* for their help and support.



Great things can grow from a small decision...

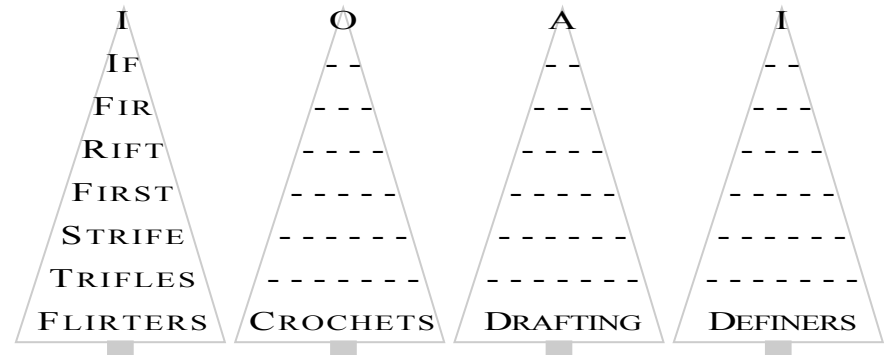
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Dedham Parish Church
in your Will

CHRISTMAS PRIZE QUIZ

CHRISTMAS TREE WORD PUZZLES

Here are three 'Christmas tree' puzzles. Your challenge is to:

1. Enlarge the word on top of the 'tree', one letter at a time and
2. Rearrange the letters so as to create a word with all the letters of the previous, shorter word, and your extra one (see example)
3. Until it becomes, with each further letter added, the word at the bottom of the 'tree'
4. Then add a letter to any one of the four at the bottom of a tree, following the rules above, to make a different nine-letter word.



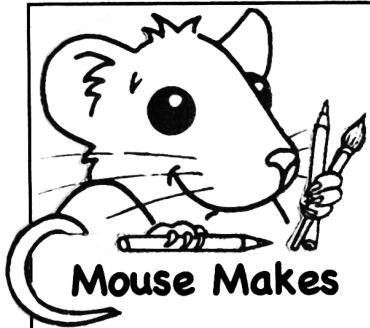
TO WIN A PRIZE

A £25 Voucher to spend in the *Dedham Gourmet* or *Dedham Bookshop* will be given to the person who completes the four 'tree' sequences.

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

Mark the envelope 'PRIZE QUIZ'. DEADLINE: Saturday 9 January.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the winner will be the name "drawn from the Vicar's hat" on Sunday 10 January 2009.



Mouse Makes

The **PSALMS** are hymns of **PRAYER** and **PRAISE** to God.

"I will **proclaim** your greatness, my God and king; I will **thank you** for ever and ever. Everyday I will **thank you**; I will **praise you** for ever and ever."

Psalm 145:1-2

Glory to God



"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done."

Psalm 19:1

Cut out and keep these cards to help you to thank and praise God.

God my guide



"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." *Psalm 119:105*

God's World

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;



the earth and all who live on it are his." *Psalm 24:1*

Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" *Psalm 150:6*



Give Thanks!

"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give you thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer" *Psalm 63:3-4*



Jan 10

KENYA SCHOOLS LINK

Dedham headteacher Heather Tetchner has been invited by the Diocesan Board of Education to be one of the representatives from our diocese on a visit to Embu in Kenya during the half-term break in February 2010. The Vicar has invited the parish church's Director of Music, Antony Watson, to be our parish representative. Together with people from other schools and parishes from this county they will be strengthening the diocesan links. Some funding for this may come from a local charity. It is also hoped that there will be support for them from the people of our village. There will be an opportunity to give towards this project at our *Carols by Candlelight* service, which takes place on the Sunday before Christmas.

The Diocese of Chelmsford began its link with the Diocese of Mount Kenya East in 1979. That former diocese has now divided into four, of which Embu is one. This diocese includes the Mount Kenya National Park.



Embu Cathedral

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 9 December, 10.30 a.m. ☎ 322 652. All are welcome.



Ray Medler writes

NAPS ADVICE - BRIGHTEN UP

During a recent *Neighbourhood Action Panel* (NAPS) meeting at the Assembly Rooms comment was made that people, walkers especially, should be aware of the poor visibility these mornings and late afternoons / early evenings, following the seasonal time-change. Walkers are particularly vulnerable on country lanes and should make a point of wearing light clothing (ideally with some reflective / high-visibility material) and carry a lit torch to draw attention to their presence. It is very important that horse-riders, cyclists, dog-walkers and other pedestrians can be seen by approaching motorists.

SEE - AND BE SEEN!



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office closes on **Monday 21 December** and opens again on **Wednesday 6 January 2010**

Roy Laverick writes

FOOTPATHS INFORMATION

Dedham Parish Council's website has recently been significantly enhanced to provide extensive details of local footpaths. Not only does the site now contain a detailed map showing all of the footpaths in the Parish (together with their reference numbers), but it also provides directions for a number of "recommended" walks within the Parish and the surrounding area.

To access this information, look at: www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk/footpath

PARKING

The Council has received several complaints that the village two-hour parking restrictions are being ignored by a number of motorists, and that as a result of their action, it is becoming more difficult for shoppers to find short-term parking in the centre of the village. Drivers are asked to observe the restrictions: it is expected that they will be enforced more rigorously in future.

Similarly, the area in Royal Square (by the War Memorial) has always been designated for short-term parking only, but there is increasing evidence that this guidance is not being followed, with consequent difficulty in clearing the square when special events are held. Overnight parking is permitted only when specific permission has been granted by the Parish Council.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 December in the Assembly Rooms, and will start with a presentation and discussion with Superintendent Jason Bloom of Essex Police regarding the effectiveness of community policing within the village, postponed from the last meeting.



STREET CLEANING

In readiness for the *Dickensian Christmas Market* on 5 December street cleaning will be carried out

between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.
on the morning of
Friday 4 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.



Too Much Christmas Pudding?

Walk off the excess on our Christmas walk to d'feet MND!

A circular walk *from Dedham to Flatford*

11 a.m. Monday 28 December
meet at the Main Car Park, Dedham

Donations on the day in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association
No need to register in advance, just turn up.

Festive Dress Optional!

For further information contact **Anne Lipscomb** ☎ **323 723**



ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

ESU Colchester & North-East Essex

You are warmly invited to attend
Around the World in 80 Minutes

at Colchester English Study Centre
19 Lexden Road, Colchester

7.30 p.m. Thursday 26 November
for an evening of international interaction.

Both ESU members and non-members are welcome to this event, which is completely free of charge, and suitable for those of secondary-school age and above. This is a good opportunity to introduce young people to different cultures across the world. The evening will include a fun quiz.

You might like to bring some change to buy a coffee from the Centre's vending machine - to keep your vocal chords lubricated!

Susanne Grimwade writes

SMARTYS GET READY

The children have been busy adding their finishing touches to their snow-flakes, ahead of the *Christmas Tree Festival* in the parish church, and have been busy making their home-made Christmas cards. Rehearsals are under way for the children's Christmas concert. We will be holding a party for the children on Thursday 9 December, which will include a visit by Father Christmas and entertainment provided by Party Belles.

Our next fundraising event is as part of the eagerly-awaited *Dickensian Market*. Please join us for a glass of mulled cider and a mince pie between 4 and 7p.m .

It is at this time of year we have to say goodbye to our Rising 5's who, start school in January. We wish the children every success and to thank their parents for all their support over the years.

Katie Sambrook writes

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This year we were able to despatch 165 filled shoeboxes as part of the Operation Christmas Child scheme. Of these, 130 were provided by children and families of the primary school, and the remainder came from people connected with the parish church. Thank you to all involved.

INNS and OUTS

The little boy was disappointed he didn't get the part he wanted in the school Nativity play. He had hoped for the role of Joseph, which had several 'lines', but had been given the minor role of the Innkeeper, which had only one. When Mary and Joseph came to him 'seeking shelter' he beamed and, departing from the script, said, "Sure. Come in! There's plenty of room!"

Perplexed, the children playing Mary and Joseph were 'shown around' his



apparently commodious inn. Then Joseph showed that he was equal to the occasion, and said, "This place is a dump! We'd far rather sleep in the stable!"

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

A group of children were being encouraged to perform a Nativity by improvising and using their own words to tell the story. As a couple of Shepherds approached the manger nervously, they smiled at Mary, and then knelt down without a word. A third, somewhat bolder boy, then came forward, looked into the manger, turned to Mary and said, "By eck, isn't he like 'is Dad?!"

Christine Henderson writes

LAST POST

Once again Mrs Sherriff was thrilled with the performance of the choir at the Royal Albert Hall. The behaviour of the children was, as expected, exemplary. Five Year 4 children have embarked on a multi-media challenge at the Apple Computer Regional Centre, based at Colchester United stadium. When successful they will show case their work in the summer 2010 at an awards evening. Three members of the School Council also had an informative visit to County Hall in Chelmsford.

Thank you to all from the School who contributed so many shoeboxes for needy children in Eastern Europe. Year 6 had great fun competing in an indoor athletics festival at Manningtree High School. Our visit to the Church for Remembrance Day, 11 November, was moving and informative, the service was thoughtfully presented in a sensitive way so the children and adults could appreciate it. All part of being a successful school.



[This is Mrs Henderson's last report from the Primary School, as she will be leaving at the end of this term. We have been grateful for her keeping the village informed about the progress of the school during one of its most demanding periods of growth and change. Ed.]

Neil Bedford writes

C.U. 'DADS & KIDS DAY'

As part of our aim to strengthen links with our local community, our EPPa group was delighted to take part in the Colchester United Football Club 'Dads and Kids Day'. Due to very high demand places were allocated 'by lot'. In our tour of the stadium we were taken to areas not open to the public. We saw the spacious blue-and-white changing room of the home team, with all the kit and towels laid out ready for a game that day and the small, drab-coloured, away team changing room!

We went onto the pitch and sat in the 'dug out' and learned about stadium acoustics. We saw the laundry room, directors' boxes and banqueting room, and we met Alan Brazil, Ipswich Town and Scotland legend and now the *Radio Talk Sport* host. We had a 'healthy food' session, learning more about the recommended balance of foods to eat, and were treated to a healthy snack. After lunch we watched the afternoon game, where we saw Colchester drawing to Exeter, from the Family stand. The stand was packed full and we could really hear the Colchester fans in the South stand cheering their team on. The game was action-packed with four goals and Colchester scoring in the last few minutes of the game. A very big thank you both to the organisers and to Colchester United Football Club.

NEWSROUND

John Osborn writes

WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Among the few activities that are both good for you and enjoyable, walking in the countryside for the sheer pleasure of being there is surely one of the foremost. This is particularly true for those who discover for the first time, or revisit, some of the forty footpaths that criss-cross the Parish of Dedham. Nearby villages, Langham, Boxted, Ardleigh, and Stratford St. Mary are almost as well served and their close proximity to Dedham makes possible a rich and varied choice of rambling opportunities. The *Dedham Footpath Group* meet every month or so for two or three hours of enjoyable discovery.



The *DFG* has been in existence for almost thirty-five years and although there are no longer walking members from 1975, when it was formed, there are many who have been coming along for several decades. It would be good to get more members - all ages are more than welcome - and show them through the enthusiasm and good-will that characterizes every outing, that a four or five mile walk is worthwhile and both free and easy. The cost of membership is less than £5 per year, with the money used for insurance, postage and the hire of the Duchy Barn for the AGM. Dogs on leads are always welcome.

At the AGM, usually held in January, a programme of twenty or so walks is arranged and leaders are encouraged to volunteer. There is no pressure to lead a walk, however, as others are very often happy to do so.

On **Friday 11 December** there is a morning ramble of 4-5 miles starting at Royal Square at 11 a.m., returning a couple of hours later when there will be an opportunity to adjourn for refreshments in the 'Essex Rose' or Craft Centre. There will also be an outing on **1 January 2010** with details to follow. Why not take time off from Christmas shopping and enjoy some healthy activity?

For further details about the group please contact:
John Osborn *Chairman* ☎ **322 157**
email: johnfosborn@btinternet.com or
Jean Appleby *Secretary* ☎ **323 047**
email: appleby451@btinternet.com.

Neil McShane writes
TOWER TOURS

Among the 756 people who made it to the top of the church tower on a scheduled tour during 2009 was the Bishop of Colchester, a group of National Trust staff from Kent and Surrey, and a 93-year-old. Local guide Phillip Erith, who conducted 130 of the 153 tours, ascended more than 17,000 feet in the process! A total of £2,146 was raised for church fabric.

NOTICEBOARD



Dedham Parish Church

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**Saturday 5 — Sunday 6
December**

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

Entrance £2 adults, children free



COME & ENJOY THE **BIG BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 2010

Assembly Rooms, Dedham

8.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

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

The most interesting member of the group was the shop, with windows glazed with bottle-glass panes, where the Hunnaballs did a thriving fish trade, supplemented by sweets and small sundries. The name Hunnaball appear in the Marriage Registers of the 18th century with the following variants - n 1727, Honeybell ; in 1751, Hannibal ; and later as Honeyball, Honiball, Hannibal and Hunniball. The Burial Register of 1750 contains the careful entry. "Honeyballl or Hunnibal." The family group, who posed for the photographer, includes Emma Hunnaball to whom, as Mrs. Cottee, I am indebted for the photo here faithfully and artistically reproduced.

The shop was doubtless the lineal descendant of the Cheese House, where the products of the Hall Farm were purveyed to the townsfolk. The Overhall and Netherhall Manors include the moiety of the primary manor transferred to the Nuns of Campsey Priory by Sir John de Stuteville in 1240. In a Campsey Steward's account for Michaelmas 1414-5, "the Cheese House" is entered as rented for "3s. 4d. to Katherine Leyham for a house at the gate of the manor, called the Cheese house. "This must be distinguished from the namesake Cheese House (next to the Marlboro' Head in High Street), appendant to the primary Manor and farmyard, which occupied the site of the Square. No doubt for centuries the two were active competitors for local custom.

The demolition of the cottages made room for the diversion of the old approach, and its reconstruction as an Entrance Drive to the modern residence of Dedham Hall, and invites a further footnote on neighbouring topography. On the further side of the banked meadow-land, which flanks the Dedham Hall Drive, there is a little row of four low-lying cottages : these, with their associated premises, appear on early Manor Rolls, with copious varieties of spelling, as **Conifer Stead**. No survivors of the fir-tree plantation remain, but the fish-pond, which covered the rectangular meadow bordering on the High Street, retained the name of **Nether Pond**, as testified by the following entry in the 1762 Rental "I Feb 1748 - Thomas Watkinson...ffor a parcel of Meadow adjoining (Conyfers Slade) and containing one Acre and one Rood called the Nether pond ... 1s 4d." The meadow fills the gap between the Conifers and Dedham Hall Drive, and the entry preserves the memory of the two ancient fishponds, reserved to the Lordship by the terms of the original 1243 partition of the Manor. ❖



Dickensian Market



Saturday 5th December
4 pm - 7 pm
on the High Street

craft stalls **Games**

Santa's Grotto

Spectacular Hamper Raffle

Shops open & Much, Much More!

Tables can be booked through

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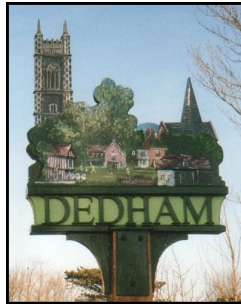
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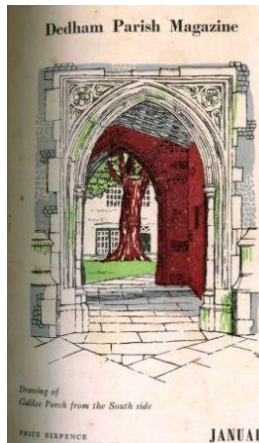
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Ten Years Ago **December 1999 & January 2000**

◆ **VILLAGE SIGN** In January Dedham's 'oldest resident', Major Dick Green, and the Primary School's youngest pupil, Sarah Richardson, unveiled the village sign. It had been designed and made by Roy Flewin, painted by Terry Jeffrey, and erected by Ron Long. A dedicatory prayer was said by the Vicar and Lecturer. Hospitality was provided through the generosity of Tony Clark and Del Bowers.



Fifty Years Ago **December 1959 & January 1960**



◆ **MAGAZINE ARTWORK** - 1959 was the first year in which the cover of the Parish Magazine was that of a local view, and in colour. No artist was credited. It was used until December 1960.

◆ **VICAR'S INDISPOSITION** The Vicar was unwell a few days before Christmas; he was grateful to the new chaplain at Severalls Hospital for assisting with the Midnight Service.

◆ **B.B.C. OUTSIDE BROADCAST** 'Sunday Half-hour' on the Light Programme came from Dedham in January 1960.

◆ **SUPPER AT THE 'ESSEX ROSE'** Someone had kindly arranged a light supper at the 'Essex Rose' for the Choir and Choral Society after the broadcast.

A Century Ago **December 1909 & January 1910**

◆ **LANTERN LECTURE** on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the Memorial Hall on 'Korea'.

◆ **CRICKET CLUB** a Whist Drive and Dance raised £6 6s.

◆ **MINISTRY MATTERS** During 1909 there were 22 Baptisms, 9 Marriages, and 36 Burials at Dedham, of which 5 were infants under the age of 2 years, and a child of 8 years old. There were 7 deaths between the ages of 20 and 60; and the remaining 23, ranging from 66 to 96 years old, giving an average of 77¾. 'The prolonged cold of the spring, the wet summer, and still wetter autumn, must have tried severely weak constitutions and the declining vitality of the aged.'

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This picture of some 'Old Brook Street Cottages', and the text below, comes from a Christmas card commissioned from the artist John Foster by Canon Gerald Rendall in the 1930s.

From an original in the possession of Peggy Bullett.

ONCE more through the skill and kindness of Mr. J.E Foster, my New Year's Greeting to Dedham friends may serve as a memento of scenes fast vanishing from living memories. The group of cottages depicted stood at the Brook Street end or High Street. In the picture, their exact location is shown by the gable-end of Mr. Foster's own house, with its mansard roof : and, on the spot, by the white posts of its railed enclosure, which preserves the frontal lines of the site on which they stood. This belonged to the Demesne of the Overhall and Netherhall Manor, and the cottages, four or five in all, were appendant to the Manor House and Farm of Dedham Hall, the residential nucleus of the Manor. In the 1762 Rental of the Manor, they were heal at rents varying from 1s. 8d. to 1d.

In 1903, when death-sentence was pronounced by Mr. Eben[ezer] Clover, the cottage to the left of the picture, with rounded bow-window facing down the King's Highway, was rented by the Sharps : next to it came that of the Hunnaballs, with shop adjoining, and a useful adjunct in the Archery Piece Close stretching eastward beyond Mr. Fosters house. Two more cottages, tenanted by the Grimwoods and the Coles respectively, rounded the corner and faced on to the roadway leading to the Farm. This was then a cart-track driven in a straight line from the farmyard to the gateway a Archery Piece, where it turned at a sharp right angle past Mr. Foster's house (popularly known as Muniment House, because School *muniments* were lodged there !) to join the High Street.

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