

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Ruth Higginson writes

WEA

The Spring term for the Dedham WEA will be starting on Wednesday 8 January 2014. The lecture series is entitled *Encounters with Famous Scientists*, tutor Roger Bawden. The course looks at ten aspects of science by studying the lives of 48 famous scientists. This course is for scientists and non-scientists alike. The lectures are held at Munnings Museum on Wednesdays, from 10am to 12pm. There is coffee and biscuits and the lecture starts at 10.30am. If you would like more information, contact Ruth on ☎ 322 958 or Jane on ☎ 323 750.

Betty Callaghan writes

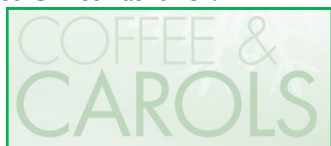
GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The outing to the theatre was an event to remember and with Christmas lunch to enjoy - will this jollification never end?

Audrey Mattack writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

For our December meeting, members are invited to Duchy Barn on Tuesday, 17 December at 10.30 a.m. for Coffee and Carols, and our January meeting will be on Wednesday, 29 January 2014, for our post-Christmas lunch.



This magazine can be read *in colour* at www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Christmas event will take place on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30 pm in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham. The evening includes a talk on *Birds & Wildlife in the Winter Garden*, given by Shirley Boyle from the RSPB, a Christmas Quiz, Raffle and Christmas nibbles and wine. Admission £5 at the door. There will be no meeting in January and our first meeting of 2014 will be on Wednesday 5 February when Sarah Cook will talk about *Sir Cedric Morris, Iris Breeder, Plantsman and Artist*.

Martin Broom writes

FOOTPATH GROUP

New Year's Day, I I am.

An additional short walk has been arranged for New Year's Day. Meet at Chapel Cottage, Long Road East at I I am with refreshments afterwards. Call ☎ 322 578.

Sally Gotelee writes

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a meeting to discuss the Christmas flowers for the Parish Church at 10.30am on Tuesday 10 December, at the home of Sally Gotelee: Whalleys, Dedham Road, Stratford St. Mary. The Church will be decorated on Thursday 19 December. All are welcome. ☎ 322 652.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP
1st Sunday in month

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
1st Sunday in month

Morning Worship CW
2nd & 5th Sundays

Holy Communion CW
3rd Sunday in month

Morning Prayer BCP
4th Sundays

5 p.m.

Re:Vive @5
4th Sunday in month

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer BCP
1st Sunday in month

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
1st Sunday in month

In groups on other Sundays during school terms

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EDITION:
15 January 2014

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS ◆ 22 December

Christmas starts with Christ

10.30 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER**
6 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

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 ◆

29 December

10.30 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER**

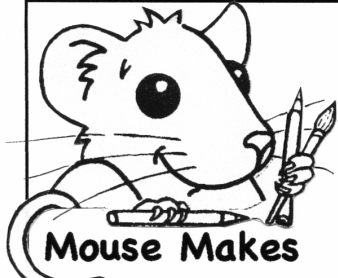
◆ EPIPHANY 5 January ◆

8.30 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
10.30 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER**



ALL ARE WELCOME

CHILDREN'S PAGE



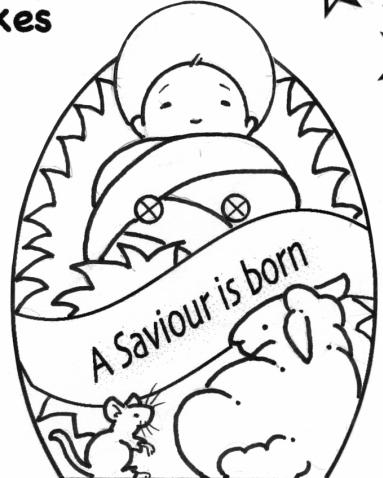
Mouse Makes

- Make this crib 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.

A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!
"Good news! - wonderful, joyous news for all people. A Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord."


"Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him."

Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke chapters 1 and 2




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- Punch out the ⊗ holes then cut 30cm of 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 crib boxes.

SONGS OF PRAISE

'In sweet music is such art'

BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S *ST NICHOLAS*

This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of the composer, Benjamin Britten, and this month sees the feast of St. Nicholas on 6 December. Nicholas was a fourth-century bishop of Myra, the origin of our Santa Claus, but also the patron saint of Greece, Russia, sailors, and of course children. Like all the saints, Nicholas' life gave rise to some extraordinary legends and fables – as a child we are told he prayed for two hours at his first bath, and he refused his mother's milk on Fridays and fast days. Eric Crozier was invited by Britten to study this life in all its facets to prepare the libretto for a cantata commissioned of the composer by Lancing College for its centenary celebrations in 1948.



Benjamin Britten

The result was *St. Nicholas* for tenor, boy soloists, choir, strings, piano duet and percussion. Britten wanted to provide music for the young of all abilities – as a result it is only the tenor and percussionist who need to be professionals. The other parts can be sung and played by amateurs. In an interview in the 1960s Britten praised 'the very fresh and unrestrained quality of music produced by amateurs' and that spirit is at the heart of this cantata.

'Across the bridge of sixteen hundred years' as the choir sings, we are treated to a mixture of waltz and march, storms at sea and alleluias to depict the saint's life from birth to bishopric, from prison to piety, from Palestine to the saving of three pickled boys.

In another work Britten quotes a line by W. B. Yeats, 'The ceremony of innocence is drowned.' The innocence of the young we know only too well in our day is a fragile gift, easily abused and destroyed. St Nicholas shines out here in this month of Christmas as the patron saint of the young, who expressed in his life and miracles that love of our Lord which welcomed children into the divine fold of comfort and safety. The cantata's final hymn *God moves in a mysterious way* invites us to rejoice in the mystery of grace and creativity that moves in the lives of composers like Britten. A grace and creativity that moves also in the lives of the holy ones of God like St. Nicholas, and that moves in the wonder and innocence of a babe born in a stable.

Michael Burgess



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2)

Isaiah's word 'darkness' described a situation in which no-one was certain what to do, and where there seemed no future hope to be found. Yet, in foretelling the coming light of Christ into the world, Isaiah was writing about the future as though it was in the past. Other prophets did the same, as they cast themselves forward in time, seemingly to look backwards on the sure actions of God in coming days.



Isaiah's people were facing the biggest threat they had ever known. In 733 BC, Assyria, with the world's first professional standing army, was massively powerful; unprincipled, and contemptuous of every religion in sight. But Judah's young king Hezekiah, faced by a threat in writing from Assyria's king Sennacherib, was to find encouragement from Isaiah. Taking the letter into the Temple, he prayerfully '*spread it out before the Lord*' (2 Kings 19:14). There then took place the God-given collapse of the enemy's army, and their withdrawal.

Christians today can learn from king Hezekiah. What of the persecution of Christ's disciples in many countries today? How should we react when faced by some banner headline of violence, secularism or aggressive atheism? Answer: Take it and spread it out before the Lord – with the hopeful message of the prophets and apostles at your side. For tomorrow

has always belonged to them, or at least to God's word through them - and never to the military dictators, terrorists, heathen, or to the other short-term opportunists.

Let us then, like Hezekiah, gain a fresh confidence from the light of Jesus' Advent among us. Though aware of discouraging events on every continent, we may be surprised to learn that Christ's Church is the fastest-growing family of belief in the world. His Light can never be put out. As that courageous pioneer of the Christian faith to our shores, Augustine, declared some sixteen centuries ago – '*This Child of Bethlehem fills the world*'.

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

Adapted from an article by Preb. Richard Bewes

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close on **Wednesday 18 December**
and open again on **Monday 6 January 2014**

Roy Laverick writes (from South America)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Robert Cannon, who died recently, was a member of the Parish Council for eight years, during which his contribution to the village was immense. He was, literally, never afraid to dirty his hands on behalf of the community. This applied whether the job in hand was the external decoration of the Sports Pavilion, the pruning of the trees that line the Drift, or any of the many other maintenance tasks which are barely noticed but have to be done. In conjunction with Ann, he also oversaw the rebuilding of the Duchy Barn shed. [Robert gave us all an outstanding example of community service. Ed.]

Bob Foster writes

13TH ANNUAL DEDHAM QUIZ

This will be held on Saturday 8 February at 7.30 p.m., in the Assembly Rooms. Entries are invited from teams of up to six people. Tickets are £7.50 per person, including refreshments. All proceeds in aid of the *Breast Cancer Campaign*. There will be a cash bar serving soft drinks, wine and beer. Offers of sponsorship and donations of raffle prizes are very welcome. Entries and enquiries to dedham.quiz@btconnect.com or call Bob or Jan on ☎ 323 424.

Quiz

Pete Keeble writes

CONSTABLE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Storm

The storm which hit the area in October caused disruption at our surgeries. We had significant roof damage at both sites and power outage for several days at East Bergholt. Thank you to our staff who worked extremely hard in very difficult circumstances, and to patients for their understanding.

Christmas and New Year

The practice will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. We will be open at usual times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Please ensure you let the practice have requests for repeat prescriptions needed over the holiday period by Wednesday 18 December.

Training Days

The practice will be closed from 1pm for staff training on:
11 December 2013 (Wednesday)
16 January 2014 (Thursday)
12 February 2014 (Wednesday)

WATCH OUT - THIEF ABOUT!

Someone damaged the case of the 150 year-old wooden model of the parish church in a (failed) attempt to get the small sum of money from the offertory box below - which is, like other offertory boxes in the church, emptied regularly. Please be vigilant - no-one whom you don't recognise should be tampering with these boxes.

❖ **Sun 8 Dec:** 4.00 pm **Colchester Choral Society:** Christmas Celebration, Moot Hall Colchester.

6.00 pm **Kelvedon Singers:** Christmas concert, St Bartholomew's Church, Groton near Boxford.

❖ **Fri 13 Dec:** **Aldeburgh Music:** *Christmas Spectacular!* Co-op Juniors Theatre Company, Snape Concert Hall Aldeburgh to Sun 15 December. 8.30 pm **Studio Music, Brightlingsea:** Marylebone Wind Trio,

❖ **Sat 14 Dec:** 7.00 pm **Witham Choral Society:** *Christmas Oratorio* by J S Bach and Carols by Holst, Coggeshall Church. 7.30 pm **Bury Bach Choir:** Christmas Celebration, Lavenham Church. 7.30 pm **St Botolph's Music Society:** SBMS choir And orchestra- works by Monteverdi, Purcell, Buxtehude, J.C.Bach, Werner and Mozart, Colchester.

❖ **Sun 15 Dec:** 6.00 pm **Suffolk Villages Festival:** *Greetynge* by Gabrieli, Hadleigh Town Hall (Grand Hall).

❖ **Tue 17 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Aldeburgh:** Frank & Ella's Swingin' Christmas, Snape Aldeburgh.

❖ **Thu 19 Dec:** 5.00 pm **Pimlott:** Informal Christmas Concert, Old House Great Horkesley. 7.30 pm **Bury Cathedral:** Carols concert.

❖ **Wed 1 Jan:** **Music in Felixstowe:** Viennese Concert, Orwell Hotel.

❖ **Fri 17 Jan:** 8 pm **SVAM:** Peter Facer, Oboe and Richard Uttley, piano, Constable Hall East Bergholt. 8.30 pm **Studio Music:** Heath Quartet.

❖ **Thu 23 Jan:** 7.30 pm **The Apex, Bury St Edmunds:** Tasmin Little & Martin Roscoe, Beethoven, Schubert violin sonatas.

❖ **Sat 25 Jan:** 7.30 pm **CSO:** Bach, Elgar, St Botolph's Colchester.

❖ **Sun 26 Jan:** 3.00 pm **Music in Felixstowe:** The Ward quartet, St Nicholas's Felixstowe Ferry. 5.00 pm **Pimlott:** *La Voix Humaine* by Poulenc sung by Sarah Gabriel, soprano, Old House Great Horkesley.



Sarah Gabriel sings Poulenc 26 Jan

❖ **Sat 1 Feb:** 7.30 pm **East Anglia Chamber Orchestra:** *Violin Concerto* by Brahms, Apex, Bury St Edmunds.

7.30 pm **Ipswich Chamber Music Society:** Elias String Quartet - Beethoven, Ipswich School. 7.30 pm **University of Essex Choir:** Handel and Mozart, Charter Hall Colchester.

❖ **Fri 7 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Apex, Bury:** Orchestra of St Paul's, fairy tale music.

For details of programmes and performers see the *What's On* page of www.eamaa.org

WHAT'S ON

BALLET

❖ **Mon 9 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Regent Theatre Ipswich:** *Cats* by Andrew Lloyd-Webber, to Sat 14 Dec.



9 to 14 Dec

❖ **Thu 12 Dec:** 7.15 pm **Royal Ballet - live link:** *The Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky, Dedham Assembly Rooms.

❖ **Sun 19 Jan:** 3.00 pm **Bolshoi Ballet - live link:** *Jewels*, choreography: Balanchine, firstsite Colchester.

❖ **Mon 3 Feb:** 3.00 pm **Bolshoi - live link:** *Lost Illusions* choreography by Ratmansky, firstsite Colchester.

❖ **Thu 13 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Russian State Ballet of Siberia:** *Swan Lake* by Tchaikovsky, The Regent Ipswich.

❖ **Fri 14 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Ballet of Siberia:** *Giselle*, The Regent.

OPERA

❖ **Tue 3 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Moldovan National Opera:** *Aida* by Verdi, The Regent, Ipswich.

❖ **Sat 11 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Trianon:** operetta, Corn Exchange, Ipswich.

❖ **Wed 22 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Operatic Society:** *The Sound of Music*, The Mercury, to Sat 1 Feb.

❖ **Sat 8 Feb:** 5.55 pm **Metropolitan Opera N Y - live link:** Dvorák's *Rusalka*, firstsite Colchester.

MUSIC

❖ **Sat 30 Nov:** **Woodbridge Choral Society:** *Petite Messe Solennelle* by Rossini, St Mary's Church Woodbridge. 7.30 pm **Colchester Symphony Orchestra:** Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Britten, St Botolph's Colchester. 7.30 pm **Ipswich Orchestral Society:** Autumn Concert, Saint-Seans, Brahms, Corn Exchange Ipswich. 7.30 pm **Stour Choral Society:** Fanfare for Christmas - brass and voices, Dedham Church.

❖ **Sun 1 Dec:** 2.45 pm **Kingfisher Sinfonietta:** Ballet music, Lion Walk Church Colchester. 3.00 pm **Music in Felixstowe:** Christmas concert, St Andrew's Church Felixstowe.

❖ **Fri 6 Dec:** 8.00 pm **SVAM:** Clare Hammond, piano, Constable Hall East Bergholt.

❖ **Sat 7 Dec:** **Tiptree Choral Society:** *Stella Natalis and the Christmas Messiah* by Karl Jenkins, St Luke's church Tiptree. 7.00 pm **Holbrook Choral Society:** *The Messiah* By Handel, Corn Exchange Ipswich. 7.00 pm **Pimlott Foundation:** *Christmas Oratorio* By J S Bach, Dedham Church. 7.30 pm **Eye Bach Choir:** *Magnificat* by John Rutter, Eye Church. 7.30 pm **Bury St Edmunds Cathedral:** *The Messiah* by Handel sung by the cathedral choir, the St Edmundsbury Singers and the Suffolk Handel Players.

For details see www.eamaa.org

NOTICEBOARD



DICKENSIAN
MARKET
ON THE HIGH STREET
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

3PM - 6PM



Merry Round
Hot Food
Home made Cakes
Santa's Grotto in the Duchy Barn
Wreaths
Games
Craft Stalls
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NOTICEBOARD



COFFEE & CAROLS
at the
DUCHY BARN
on
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2013
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

ALL WELCOME
MUSIC by PASTICHE and "ODES by ANDY"

SUITABLE HYMNS FOR A...

Walker: *One more step along the world I go*
Surgeon: *O for a heart (to praise my God)*
Pop star wannabe: *Abba, Father let me be*
Architect: *The Church's one foundation*



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Tree of Memories appeal

The *Tree of Memories* replaces the *Light up a Life* appeal from previous years. We invite supporters to make a dedication to someone special, along with a donation to the Hospice. Supporters will receive a personal copy of their dedication on a decorative tag and, if they wish, their dedication will also be hung on a *Tree of Memories* at the Myland Hall site, based at Highwoods, Colchester. The Hospice will also be holding a special *Tree of Memories* Service at Myland Hall, on Thursday 19 December at 6.30pm in the Joan Tomkins Centre. If you are unable to make this service, there are other services in the area, please see our website for more details.

To make a dedication and for more information, please go to www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/treeofmemories13 or contact the Fundraising Office on ☎ 791 740.

WHAT'S ON



THEATRE

- ❖ **Thu 21 Nov:** 7.30 pm **New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich:** *Dick Whittington* - a rock and roll pantomime, to Sat 25 Jan.
- ❖ **Fri 6 Dec:** 7.30 pm **The Mercury Colchester:** *Sleeping Beauty* Pantomime, to Sat 11 Jan.
- ❖ **Sat 7 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Headgate Theatre, Colchester:** *Kissing Angels*, a new comedy.
- ❖ **Tue 10 Dec:** 11.00 am **Wolsey:** *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, puppet show for children - to Sat 4 Jan.
- ❖ **Wed 11 Dec:** 7.45 pm **Headgate:** *Hansel and Gretel* - a pantomime by Sven Duett & Tony Franchi, to Sun 15 Dec.
- ❖ **Mon 16 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Headgate:** *Mr Pickwick's Christmas* by Charles Dickens read by Robert MacCal.
- ❖ **Sat 21 Dec:** 6.00 pm **The Regent Ipswich:** *Peter Pan*
- ❖ **Thu 9 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Wolsey, Ipswich:** *Canterville Ghosts*, to Sat 11 Jan.
- ❖ **Thu 30 Jan:** 7.00 pm **National Theatre, London - live link:** *Coriolanus* by William Shakespeare, firstsite .
- ❖ **Sat 1 Feb:** 7.00 pm **Wolsey:** Chinese New Year - dancing

Munnings's Summer: film 6 Dec
FILM

- ❖ **Fri 6 Dec:** 11.30 am **firstsite, Colchester:** *Summer in February*.
- ❖ **Mon 9 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Film Society:** *Lore* directed by Cate Shortland, Ipswich Corn Exchange.
- ❖ **Thu 12 Dec:** 7.30 pm **firstsite:** *Much Ado About Nothing*, modern version of Shakespeare's play,
- ❖ **Fri 13 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Polstead films:** *Behind the Candelabra* with Michael Douglas and Matt Damon, Polstead Village Hall, Colchester.
- ❖ **Thu 19 Dec:** 7.00 pm **firstsite:** *Sound City* dir David Grohl, (2013).
- ❖ **Mon 23 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Film Soc:** *Hunky Dory* dir Marc Evans, Corn Exchange Ipswich.
- ❖ **Mon 13 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Film Soc:** *Pather Panchali* dir Satyajit Ray, Corn Exchange.
- ❖ **Mon 27 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Film Soc:** *The Wages Of Fear* dir Henri-Georges Clouzot, Corn Exchange.

ARTS

- Fri 7 Feb:** 8.00 pm **Stour Valley Arts and Music:** Illustrated Lecture by Hugh Belsey: 'Gainsborough and his Suffolk connections', Constable Hall East Bergholt.

For details see www.eamaa.org

Christmas Oratorio II

Parts 1, 4, 5 and 6

J S Bach

Saturday 7th December at 7pm
Dedham Church

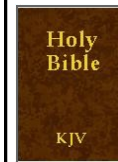
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ON-TRACK FOR A GOOD CHRISTMAS



Using the clues below (some are cryptic), and the King James Version of the Bible, identify the name of the **London stations** (Underground, Tube or DLR).



1. Does Bethlehem's underground service stops there? [S. Luke 2: 15]
2. Thirteen are his, as far as we know [1 Thessalonians 5: 27]
3. Place of work for a man in jeans? [S. Matthew 9: 9]
4. Forty cubits long, eh? [1 Kings 6: 17]
5. Whither goest thou? [Judges 19: 17]
6. Measuring up with them, then. [Ephesians 3: 18]
7. David's [1 Chronicles 2: 16] + Job's son's [Job 1: 4] + Lazarus's [S. John 11: 1]
8. God's sovereign rule set up there? [Joshua 24: 16]
9. Measure your distance then, from a Kentish town near Ashford.
10. That's no place to build too high! [Isaiah 30: 25]
11. Did the Vicar have too much to eat?
12. Another picture of heaven? [S. John 14: 2]
13. Sent to get them ready? [Exodus 23: 20]
14. Eight steps led up that way [Ezekiel 40: 31]
15. Gol-ath's central vantage point?
16. A house where the king of Edom ended his days? [Amos 2: 1]
17. Out of Juda, comes one who rules instead? [S. Matthew 2: 6]
18. 'Thyine' is one mentioned by him, apparently. [Revelation 18: 12]
19. No finish there - go twain [S. Matthew 5: 41]
20. Don't lodge there then! [Isaiah 65: 4]

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

THE PRIZE

A £30 cheque to spend with *any Advertiser in this Magazine* - you choose

Post or email (subject: 'Prize Quiz') your completed list with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER, to the Vicarage (see page 1 for contact details).

DEADLINE: Saturday 5 January 2014

In the event of more than one correct entry, the winner will be the name 'drawn from the Vicar's hat' on Sunday 6 January 2014.

**EDUCATION IN DEDHAM
1575-1875**

This article has been adapted and augmented by the Vicar from the Victoria County History of Essex.

1500s GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Queen Elizabeth's Free Grammar School, was incorporated in 1575, apparently derived from a school kept in a house given by Joan Clark (d. 1541). By 1548 the churchwardens had built a grammar school with some of the money raised by selling church plate. The school was endowed by William Littlebury, by will dated 1571, and continued, apart from a brief closure from 1664 to 1668, until 1889. An apparently earlier timber-framed schoolhouse with three floors of accommodation at the east end of the grammar school site was demolished before 1923. The school was extended in brick to the west c.1732. It was converted to private housing after the school closed, and classrooms built on part of Frog Meadow c.1868 were demolished after 1923.

1600 – 1700s

a. SHERMANS

The associated English school at Shermans was founded under the will of Edmund Sherman (d. 1601), rebuilt in the 1730s, and closed c. 1873. The house was converted to a private house, and bequeathed to the National Trust by Marshall Sisson in 1978.

b. 'ENGLISH' & DAME SCHOOLS

The schools kept in a chamber in the 1620s and in a house in 1650 were probably the English school, but the unlicensed private school complained of in 1664 may have been only one of many short-lived schools in the parish. In 1708 there were several dame schools. In 1810 a French priest taught French in the parish.

c. FIRST 'FREE' SCHOOL

In 1698 the Vicar and Lecturer William Burkitt settled 5½ a. of land ('Knyvetts') in Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, to pay school dames to teach poor children to read the Holy Scriptures; the endowment was applied to an 'ABC' school in the late 18th century. This was the beginning of the 'William Burkitt Charity' which exists to this day.

1750 - 1769 LADIES' SCHOOLS

A young ladies' boarding school changed hands in 1750, and that or a similar school was apparently still functioning in 1765. Another school, for the daughters of farmers and tradesmen, opened in 1769.

1810 'ABC' SCHOOL

In 1810 there were three endowed boys' schools, the grammar school, the English school, and the former 'ABC' school; a day school for 50 girls was supported by voluntary contributions, and 40 children attended evening schools.



LIVE!

No one on the original steering group ever imagined just how successful the monthly screenings of *Dedham Films* would become. We now have a core loyal audience who look forward to the regular social gatherings on the third Wednesday each month.

Over the last three years, investment in equipment has enabled the group to produce two Film Festivals, and screen numerous one off events, including the Royal Wedding, the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, the Olympics, a charity film night for the Colchester Samaritans, as well as private screenings for local organisations and individuals.



And now they have financed, with the help of supporters, the purchase and installation of a satellite receiver dish which will bring direct broadcasts into the village. Initially, the intention is to concentrate on Royal Opera House Live events, with Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* being the first event on **Thursday 12 December**.

Further live broadcasts from the National Theatre, Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and Sydney Opera House may be added at a later date.

It is hoped selected broadcasts will happen about every two months, but the group could do with a few more regular and able volunteers who would have the time to help with setting up and clearing away at the Assembly Rooms for both films and live events. And if there is anyone out there who would like to learn how to become a projectionist, then please contact *Dedham Films* on either ☎ **322 328** or ☎ **322 006**.



in the Assembly Rooms,
Dedham

**Wednesday 18 December
Miracle on 34th Street
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(Voted for by our Audience as our
Christmas film 2013)

Wednesday 15 January

Populaire (12A)

Admission 7pm

Film Begins 7.30pm

Tickets £3.50

Refreshments are available before
the film and during the interval

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Miracle on 34th Street

Directed George Seaton, 1947



Edmund Gwenn plays Kris Kringle, an old gent who is the living image of Santa Claus. He is offered a job as Macy's toy department Santa as a last-minute replacement for a drunken Santa who was to have led the Thanksgiving Parade. People begin to notice there is something special about Kris and his spirit of Christmas amidst the rampant commercialism around him. A great film for the whole family.

Populaire

Directed by Regis Roinsard, 2013



Spring, 1958 and Rose Pamphyle lives with her grouchy widower father who runs the village store, but that's not the life she longs for. Louis recognises her ability to speed type, and decides to take her on with the proviso she becomes a 'typing athlete'. Whatever sacrifices Rose must make to reach the top, Louis declares himself to be her trainer. But a love of sport doesn't always mix well with love itself.



1813 'NATIONAL' SCHOOL

(in School Lane, the fore-runner of the Primary School) - Edward Betts

There was a National School by 1813, and in 1818 it taught 20 boys and 70 girls. Edward Betts built a new schoolhouse south-west of the church in 1825. In 1859 the boys were transferred, apparently to the English school, and their classroom converted for infants. A new classroom was built for the infants in 1873. Accommodation for 60 boys was built in 1875, and new classrooms in 1891 and 1904-5, perhaps the surviving very plain red-brick building with low pitched slate roofs.

1824-1878 BOARDING SCHOOLS

A private boarding school for 11 girls opened in 1824 and continued in 1833 when there was also a private day school for 15 boys and girls. Ladies' boarding schools were recorded from 1863 to 1878. Girls' schools recorded at Ivy Cottage from 1881 to 1898, and at Ivy Lodge in 1866 and 1894, were perhaps a single school held at Ivy House, on the High Street. It may have transferred next door to Shermans, where there was a private school for girls by 1897; that school continued in Gould House, then in what was called 'The King's Highway,' and is now part of 'Royal Square', after 1914 and was recorded in 1937. John Everett is the last man living who is known to have attended that school.

1842 GEO. TAYLOR'S SCHOOL

For several years from c.1842 the Lecturer, George Taylor, supported a 'dame school' for up to 60 children in a converted malting on Dedham Heath. By deed of 1857 he gave nearby land at the junction of Long Road and Castle Hill for a schoolroom, which was also licensed for church services. Dedham Heath National Infants school, for 67 children, opened in 1858. In 1880 the average attendance was 44 which declined steadily to 16 in 1911. There were 17 pupils when the school closed in 1951. It was later converted to a private house.

1851 CONGREGATIONAL or 'BRITISH' SCHOOL

In 1851 there was a Congregational Sunday school with 45 children; by 1866 it was a British school. Although a room was built for it in the new Congregational chapel in 1872, the school closed in 1873.

1873 ENGLISH SCHOOL REBUILT

A Charity Commissioners' Scheme of 1873 required the grammar school trustees to build a new boys' school to replace the English school. The school opened in 1873 with 67 boys, and from 1874 received annual government grants. ❖



PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago December / January 2003

◆ **FLAGPOLE** 'An anonymous cash donation of £2,000 given to the Vicar means that the flagpole support will now be repaired early next year and that the Cross of St. George or Union Flag will once again be able to be hoisted to mark special events. Thank you to the generous donor.'

◆ **CHRISTMAS GIFT** 'With this edition of the Magazine comes a Christmas gift to every home in Dedham, a book entitled *What's the Point of Christmas?* The Trustees of the William Burkitt's Charity have paid for copies of this book to be purchased — enough for one copy to every home in the village.'

Fifty Years Ago December / January 1963

◆ **PRESIDENT KENNEDY** [The Vicar wrote] 'When we heard the stunning news of President Kennedy's assassination the Churchwardens and I sent a cablegram to the people of Dedham, Mass., to let them know that we sharing their grief and that they were in our thoughts and prayers...'

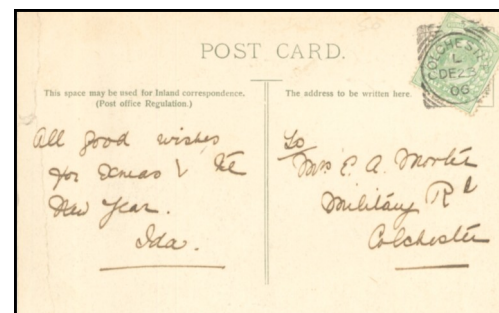
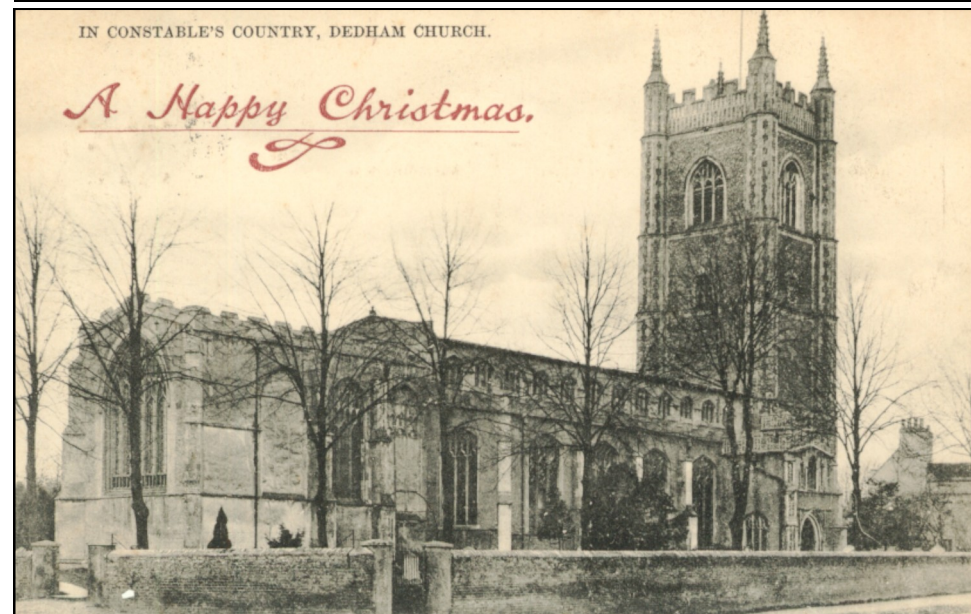
◆ **BAPTISM ON CHRISTMAS DAY** 'I am writing this letter just prior to Christmas when our family will all be together, including our grandson Justin, who I hope to Baptise on Christmas Day.'

A Century Ago December / January 1913

◆ **DUCHY FIELD PURCHASED** 'For some time-past there has been some anxiety as to the possession of a playing field for the Parish, as it was known that the traditional ground, which from time immemorial had been the play ground of the old Grammar School, had been sold by the Duchy of Lancaster, to whom it belonged, and passed into private hands. Negotiation were set... for its purchase for the Parish; but... conditions were imposed which fatally prejudiced the free and unrestricted use of the ground... meanwhile... the Duchy of Lancaster were willing to sell their property on the other side of the Drift... a good sized field of some four acres... We are now able to say that the whole property of nearly six acres on the west side of the Drift has been bought from the Duchy by Mr. Hewitt, who will enter into possession next Lady Day... There was a further consideration in his mind, and that was the extension of the Churchyard... Mr Hewitt's purchase has helped to a solution to that problem.'

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DEDHAM'S OLDEST-KNOWN CHRISTMAS CARD



Posted 23rd December 1906

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