

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Graeme Forsyth writes

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

At our first meeting on Wednesday 3 December Maralyn Bambridge will speak about *Children of Rwanda*, and at our final meeting of the year on 17 December Robin Finch and Dave Carman will host Manningtree's very own *Pointless Quiz*. Please note, we now meet at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree.

New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10.30am. Please contact Secretary Brian Rolfe on ☎393 665 for further details.

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A pleasant outing to Tiptree started with a most appetising lunch at *The Ship* followed by visit to Perrywoods Nurseries where we were able to view all the things bright and beautiful. A great day! Our next meeting will be on Friday, 12 December 2014.

Ian Rose writes

U3A

The next talk will take place on Wednesday, 14 January, and is entitled *Boudica and the Iceni Rebellion, 60-61AD*, given by lecturer Dr. Nick Sign. The talk will cover the origins of Boudica's name, the many different images of her produced over centuries and an examination of the surviving evidence plus an alternative view of events. Talks are held at the Constable Hall, East Bergholt, from 2.15pm.

Judith Anderson Fowle writes

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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.

Evening Prayer *BCP*
2nd Sunday in month

5 p.m.

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4th Sunday in month

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
1st Sunday in month

In groups on other Sundays

**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY EDITION:
21 January 2015**

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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

28 December
10.30 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER**

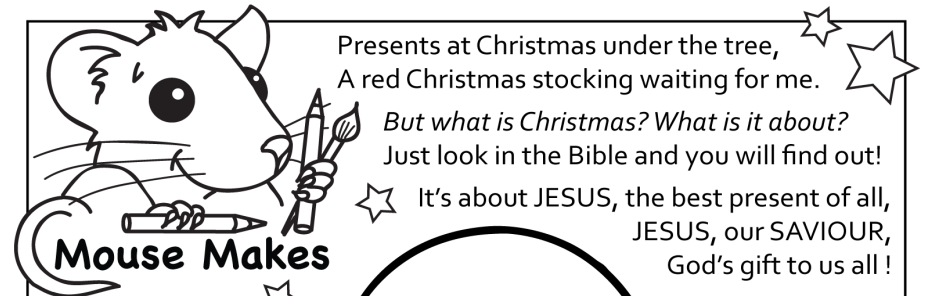
◆ **EPIPHANY 6 January** ◆

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



ALL ARE WELCOME

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Mouse Makes

Presents at Christmas under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me.

But what is Christmas? What is it about?
Just look in the Bible and you will find out!

☆ It's about JESUS, the best present of all,
JESUS, our SAVIOUR,
God's gift to us all!

☆ Make a stand up card
for Christmas

☆ HAPPY ☆
CHRISTMAS!

Glue the picture
and the stand
onto card,
colour in
then cut
out around
the edge.

☆ Cut
along
the
slots
marked
A and B
on the
picture
and
the
stand,
then
slot
together.



STAND



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Paul Hardingham writes

CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

If you run out of wrapping paper this Christmas, you could always take some birthday wrapping paper and simply add 'Jesus' after the 'Happy Birthday!' Until a century ago brown paper was generally used for wrapping Christmas presents. Then in 1917 Joyce Hall, who ran a stationery store in Kansas, ran out of brown paper at Christmas. In desperation, she sold envelope lining paper instead, and the rest is history!

The true gift of Christmas is Jesus, God's Son born in human form. But how did God gift wrap him? The wrapping he chose tells us a lot about the gift inside.

Wrapped in humanity: Christmas reminds us that God came to dwell with us in human form as a baby. For Jesus, 'who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.' (Philippians 2:6-7).

Jesus was gift-wrapped in human form because God wanted to enter fully into our world, to reveal the immensity of his love for us and that we could know the eternal God personally.

Jesus' birth illustrates how he was born in poverty. The stable or cave with its animals, smells and straw was not easy! 'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.' (2 Corinthians 8:9). The poverty is significant. The swaddling cloths could have been strips of cast-off clothing, or they may have been taken from linen that was carried on long journeys by travellers in case of death - to be used as a shroud.

CHRISTMAS...
UNWRAPPED



This reminds us that Jesus was born to die - not just in the usual way but wrapping himself with our sins. This was far from the 'gift wrapping' of a king, yet only the King of kings allowed himself to be gift wrapped in this way! Through his poverty we may become rich, as he offers us forgiveness and a new relationship with God.

So something as simple as an envelope with a beautiful lining may carry the same great Christmas message. The plain exterior looks similar to any other (the humanity of God), yet inside it has colour and beauty, reminding us of the glory of God! If you open such an envelope this Christmas - be sure to give thank to God for his inexpressible gift: Jesus!



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

GETTING READY

As Heather, Lauren and I prepare to take our leave of you early in the New Year, I realise that I will have spent a third of my life here in Dedham, and that it is the only home that Heather and Lauren can fully remember - so it will not be easy for us to say 'farewell'. I am very grateful to Be Burleigh and others who will be organising an occasion when we can thank you and to take our leave, after my final service on Sunday 18 January (see page 4 for more details).

There remain many decisions to make, many things to do - and so many people to see in the few weeks that are left to me before I begin another part of my life, as the



Chaplain of Bloxham School in Oxfordshire. Please continue to pray for me, as well as for all those here in Dedham who will have extra responsibilities during the months ahead.

Between now and then there is Advent and Christmas for us to enjoy. I find that I get more joy from Christmas if the Advent weeks have been used fully as they are intended - for 'getting ready' spiritually. I invite you to use the services of worship in December so as to get more out of Christmas, that together we may celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ - and the freedom we have to do so.

Gerard Moate
Vicar & Lecturer

WHEN THE VICAR LEAVES

When a parish minister leaves there is a wide range of possibilities as to how another may be found. One likely outcome is a 'Suspension of the Benefice'. This means that the Bishop, through various diocesan officers and committees, will then be able to decide whether Dedham is to be linked by its ministry with any neighbouring parish. This process can take up to a year. When the time eventually comes to make a new appointment, the PCC *specifies* the post and the kind of person they seek (this is called a 'Parish Profile'); the Patrons (i.e. Dedham Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust) *nominate* a suitable minister; the Parish Representatives (i.e. the two Churchwardens) *decide* whether to accept the nominated candidate; and finally the Bishop *institutes* (if it is to be a permanent appointment) or *licenses* (if it is to be temporary) the new minister. Whew!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close on **Thursday 18 December** and open again on **Tuesday 6 January 2015**

NEWSROUND



Be Burleigh writes FAREWELL GIFT

As you are all aware, our Vicar and Lecturer, Gerard Moate, will be leaving Dedham in January. As a Deputy Churchwarden I am organising a collection for his leaving present. Cash, or cheques payable to *Dedham Parish Church Fees a/c*, should be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked 'Vicar's Farewell' and may be given to me in person or left for my attention at the Parish Office in the Vicarage. I do hope that you will give generously to mark his twenty years in the village. Thank you in advance for your gift.

LEAVING PARTY

We shall also be having a leaving party for Gerard in the Assembly Rooms on **Sunday 18 January** after his final service here. The 10.30 a.m. service will end at about 11.45 a.m. All are welcome but please could many of you bring a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food, enough for about four people. You might combine with friends and make a larger plate. This should be left in the Assembly Rooms between 9 and 10 a.m. on the morning. A list will be on the board outside the choir vestry for your names and what you will be bringing. If you don't want to (or cannot) do this then a donation towards the drinks will be equally acceptable. This can be given to David Jewell, to David Drutt, or to me. Thank you again.

MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED

As this magazine was being prepared **Katie Courts** has given notice that, as a new mother, it be it will be the last edition for which she can be Editor. Thank you, Katie for all the issues that you have prepared over the past year or so. Is there someone in the Church or in the wider community, who who would be willing to take on this task? Please get in touch with the Parish Office to find out more about what is involved.



CHURCH SECRETARY

Welcome to the new Parish Secretary, **Claire Arculus**, who who will take over many of the duties that used to be done by

Betty Cox. Claire, who has worked in Human Resources departments, lives in Langham. To begin with she will be in the Parish Office on *Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.* If and when this changes then it will be shown on the first page of the Parish Magazine.

PCC SECRETARY

At the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council **Ruth Higginson** kindly agreed to be the PCC Secretary, a role that has been vacant for some time. It will her responsibility to prepare the Council's agenda and to ensure that decisions made by the Council are carried out.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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Something to tax your brains after taxing your waistband! (courtesy of Nigel Lambert)

If **16 = 0** in a **P**, means '16 ounces in a pound', then what are these? (Answers below)

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| 1. 26 = L of the A | 13. 1 = W on a U |
| 2. 7 = W of the W | 14. 57 = HV |
| 3. 1001 = AN | 15. 11 = P in a FT |
| 4. 54 = C in a P (with the J's) | 16. 29 = D in F in a LY |
| 5. 9 = P in the SS | 17. 64 = S on a CB |
| 6. 21 = S on a D | 18. 6 = S on a C |
| 7. 18 = H on a GC | 19. 1 = BE on a DB |
| 8. 90 = D in a RA | 20. 13 R in a BD |
| 9. 200 = P for PG in M | 21. 60 S in a M |
| 10. 3 = BM (SHTR) | 22. 240 OP in a PS |
| 11. 4 = Q in a C | 23. 66 B in the HB |
| 12. 24 = H in a D | 24. 144 in a G |
| | 25. 36 = I in a Y |
| | 26. 3 = 'M in a B' |
| | 27. 16 = O in a PW |
| | 28. 3 = G from the WM |

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| 15. 11 Players in a Football Team | 1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet |
| 16. 29 Days in February in a Leap Year | 2. 7 Wonders of the World |
| 17. 64 Squares on a Chess Board | 3. 1001 Arabian Nights |
| 18. 6 Sides on a Cube | 4. 54 Cards in a Pack (with the jokers) |
| 19. 1 Bull's Eye on a Dart Board | 5. 9 Planets in the Solar System |
| 20. 13 Rolls in a Baker's Dozen | 6. 21 Spots on a Dice |
| 21. 60 Seconds in a Minute | 7. 18 Holes on a Golf Course |
| 22. 240 Old Pennies in a Pound Sterling | 8. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle |
| 23. 66 Books in the Holy Bible | 9. 200 Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly |
| 24. 144 in a Gross | 10. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run) |
| 25. 36 Inches in a Yard | 11. 4 Quavers in a Crochet |
| 26. 3 Men on a Boat | 12. 24 Hours in a Day |
| 27. 16 Ounces in a Pound Weight | 13. 1 Wheel on a Unicycle |
| 28. 3 Gifts from the Wise Men | 14. 57 Heinz Varieties |

* A Quiz to do for the Twelve Days of Christmas!



in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham

Wednesday 21 January
PRIDE (15)

2014 Directed by Matthew Warchus
Starring Bill Nighy & Emelda Staunton



Inspired by an extraordinary true story. It's the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers' families. Initially rebuffed by the Union, the group identifies a tiny mining village in Wales and sets off to make their donation in person. As the strike drags on the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.

There will be no film in December

Admission 7 pm, film at 7.30 pm
Tickets £4 available from
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Tuesday 16 December
ALICE IN WONDERLAND
Live from ROH Covent Garden



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Admission 6.30, film at 7.15 pm
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Wednesday 18 February
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PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr. Nicola Baker writes:

Parish Plan

Members of Dedham Parish Council held a planning session recently to consider a replacement for the Dedham Parish Plan, published in 2011. We welcomed two speakers, Laura Chase from CBC planning team and Sarah Sapsford from the Rural Community Council of Essex. Laura talked about the likely progress of the new CBC Local Plan, which should be published in 2017 and Sarah about 'neighbourhood plans', introduced as part of the *Localism Act 2011*.

Councillors presented a number of possible priorities for Dedham, leading to healthy debate. Early indications are that the following are important in the short to medium term: voluntary services; planning and housing development; clubs and societies; the AONB; tourism; the appearance of the village centre; educational facilities. Of course, local people may consider other issues to be more important. Crucial to any new plan is consultation with the village in order to gather as wide a range of views as possible. Details of our consultation plan will be published when agreed.

If any resident has thoughts on the priorities for the village then we would very much like to hear them. Please get in touch with the Acting Parish Clerk who will collate the responses.



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Boundary Commission Review

Details have been published about the proposed new Ward structure for Colchester. A proposal has been made to subsume the Dedham and Langham ward into a large new 'Rural North Ward', from Little Tey in the West to Dedham in the North East. Interested residents might like to review the proposals and comment on them www.consultation@lgbc.org.uk before 12 January 2015. The Parish Council will also be making comments.

Parking in Royal Square

The Parish Council will soon be making decisions about parking in Royal Square. Please see the website for details.

Cllr. Sheila Beeton writes:

Councillor Jane Hughes

Cllr. Jane Hughes has now vacated her role as a Parish Councillor and moved to Devon to be nearer her family. Jane made a very positive and valuable contribution to the work of the Parish Council and will be missed. We give both Jane and Michael our best wishes for the future and thank them for their commitment to Dedham.

Next Meeting: Monday 1 December 7.30 pm in the Duchy Barn.

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WHAT'S ON

MUSIC continued

❖ **Sat 24 Jan:** 7.30 pm **CSO:** Shostakovich *Piano Concerto*; Dvorak's *New World Symphony*; St Botolph's, Colchester. 7.30 pm **Ipswich Chamber Music Society:** Doric String Quartet with Alasdair Beaton (piano), Haydn, Janacek, Brahms; Ipswich School.

❖ **Sat 7 Feb:** 7.30 pm **St Botolph's:** Orchestral concert, Colchester. 7.30 pm

Wolsey Orchestra: The Apex, Bury.

❖ **Fri 20 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Studio Music:** Divertimenti, Brightlingsea.

OPERA/MUSICAL

❖ **Wed 3 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Chisinau**

National Opera: *Madam Butterfly* by Puccini; Regent Theatre, Ipswich

Wed 26 Nov: 7.15 pm **Royal Opera House - live link:** Donizetti's *L'elisir D'amore*; Dedham Films live; also at the Odeon, Colchester.

❖ **Sat 13 Dec:** 5 pm **Metropolitan Opera New York - live link:** James Levine conducts Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*; firstsite, Colchester.

❖ **Sat 17 Jan:** 5.55 pm **The MET - live link:** *The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehár with Renée Fleming; firstsite, Colchester.

❖ **Wed 21 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Operatic Society:** 42nd Street to 31 Jan; Mercury, Colchester.

❖ **Thu 29 Jan:** 7.15 pm **ROH - live link:** *Andrea Chénier* by Umberto Giordano; Odeon, Colchester.

❖ **Sat 31 Jan:** 5.55 pm **The MET - live link:** Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*; firstsite.

❖ **Thu 12 Feb** to 14 Feb: 7.30 pm

Pimlott: Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*; Mercury, Colchester.

❖ **Sat 14 Feb:** 5.30 pm **The MET - live link:** Tchaikovsky's *Iolanta* and Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle*; firstsite.

BALLET

❖ **Sun 23 Nov:** 7 pm **Bolshoi Ballet - live**

link: *The Pharaoh's daughter*; firstsite, Colchester.

❖ **Tue 27 Jan:** 7 pm **Bolshoi - live link:** Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*; firstsite.

❖ **Sun 7 Dec:** 7 pm **Bolshoi - live link:** *La Bayadère*; firstsite.

❖ **Fri 12 Dec:** 7.15 pm **Royal Ballet - live link:** *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*; Odeon, Colchester.

For details see: www.eamaa.org

WHAT'S ON: THEATRE, LECTURE & MUSIC

THEATRE continued

❖ **Thu 11 Dec:** 8 pm **National Theatre, London** - live link: *John*; firstsite, Colchester.

❖ **Mon 15 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Headgate:** *The Further Adventures of Mr Pickwick* by Charles Dickens - Robert MacCall.

❖ **Thu 22 Jan:** 7 pm **NT** - live link: *Treasure Island*; firstsite.

❖ **Thu 12 Feb:** 7 pm **Royal Shakespeare Company** - live link: *Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Lost*;

❖ **Wed 18 Feb:** 2.30 pm **NT** - live link: *Treasure Island*; Dedham Films Live, Assembly Rooms.

firstsite.

LECTURE

❖ **Fri 6 Feb:** 8 pm **Stour Valley Arts and Music (SVAM):**

Professor John Mullan: *What matters in Jane Austen*; **Dedham Assembly Rooms**

MUSIC

❖ **Sat 29 Nov:** 7 pm **London**

Oriana Choir: *World War I Centenary Commission* by Toby Young; Royal Hospital School, Holbrook. 7 pm **Nayland Choir:** *Brilliant Baroque*; Nayland Church. 7.30 pm

Aldeburgh Music Club: Handel's

Alexander's Feast; Snape Maltings. 7.30 pm **Colchester Symphony Orchestra (CSO):** Mozart, Beethoven and

Hummel's *Trumpet Concerto*; St Botolph's, Colchester. 7.30 pm **Eye Bach Choir:** Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*; Eye Church. 7.30 pm

Woodbridge Choral Society: Handel's *Messiah*; St Mary's church.

❖ **Sat 6 Dec** 7.30 pm **St Botolph's Music Society:** Choral and orchestral works by Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Colchester.

❖ **Thu 11 Dec:** band of the Parachute Regiment; St Botolph's.

❖ **Fri 12 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Studio Music:** New Gabrieli Quartet, Brightlingsea.

❖ **Sat 13 Dec.** 7.30 pm **Wrabness Concerts:** Demelza Stafford

(soprano) and Daniel Grice (baritone); Wrabness Church.

❖ **Sun 14 Dec:** 3 pm **SVAM:** Jessie Ann Richardson (cello), Jan Rautio (piano); Constable Hall, East Bergholt.

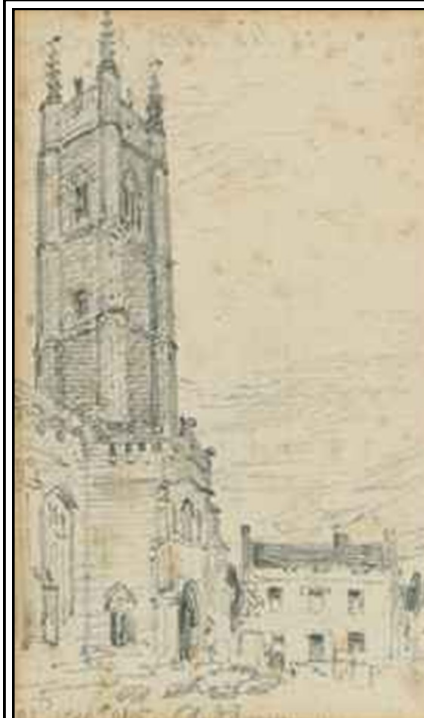
❖ **Fri 9 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Studio Music:** Hot Gypsy Jazz, Brightlingsea.

❖ **Sun 18 Jan:** 4 pm **SVAM:** Ensemble Ste. Geneviève, Baroque music for violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord; Constable Hall.



Jane Austen lecture, 6 Feb

NEWSROUND



ORIGINAL OF OUR PARISH MAGAZINE COVER HAS BEEN FOUND!

Since the 1980s we have used a copy of a sketch by John Constable as the cover of our Parish Magazine. We have also sold postcards of the same picture, these being credited to 'Sotheby, Parke Bernet' as holding the copyright. But when the Vicar contacted them in the mid-1990s they were unaware of either having handled the sale of the picture, or of its whereabouts.

Church member Susan Morris is a senior researcher for the leading London art dealers Richard Green Ltd. Recently she reported that, after looking for it on our behalf for more than a decade, she had at last found it - being offered for sale at Christie's on Tuesday 2 December 2014. Its provenance is given on their website as:

'C. Bostock; Sotheby's, London, 26 June 1946 (part of lot 71) with Agnew's, London - where it was purchased by Lord Ivor Spencer-Churchill, and by descent.'

The picture, which is inscribed and dated '22^d Sept. 1815 -Dedham' (lower left) and indistinctly inscribed in ink on the back, is a pencil sketch 6 x 3 1/2 in. (15.2 x 9 cm.) that shows the newly re-built Vicarage (with its front door then facing the churchyard) and a somewhat distorted perspective of our church tower where the height has been emphasised at the expense of its width. Though this may just have been 'artist's licence' this has led some, such as the artist Alvin Crawshaw (who presented a TV series where he sat where Constable had once sat, and painted the same views, whilst speaking about the local scenes and techniques that Constable had employed), to suggest that Constable may have developed an unusual optical condition that narrowed his view of objects. As of mid-November, however, this picture is marked by Christie's as '*This Lot is Withdrawn*', without giving a reason why. Susan will no doubt try to find out what happens to it and that will be reported here in due course.

NEWSROUND

Fred Merrin writes

ARDLEIGH SURGERY Friends and Family Test

The Department of Health has asked general practices to implement a Friends and Family Test. It is a way of gathering the feedback of patients based on this question: "How likely are you to recommend your GP practice to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?", with a follow-up question such as "If you would not recommend this surgery then why not?" Your response will help us learn more about what you think of your experience – in particular, what you think we could improve.

Access to GP records

The DoH is also wants us to extend online access, not only to provide repeat dispensing and appointment booking but also to allow patients to access their medical record held on our computer system. As a minimum patients will have access to their Summary Care Record (SCR) which covers medication, bad reactions to medication and allergies. The SCR will also be available to be accessed, with the patient's consent, by other health care providers. Patients that have opted out of having their SCR uploaded to the national database can still access this information held on their general practice computer. Patients who are not currently registered for online services can do so at any time by attending the surgery with a photo ID to obtain login details.

Pete Keeble writes

CONSTABLE MEDICAL PRACTICE Vaccinations

The 'flu days held in October at were very successful. We vaccinated 2,175 patients and raised £1,108.46 for St Elizabeth Hospice.



Phone System Upgrade

Our new phone system is now up and running. This provides the practice with detailed information to help ensure we have sufficient resources at peak times to answer calls promptly. We now have additional phone lines and more receptionists answering calls. If you need to see a GP urgently, then please inform the reception who will ensure you can see a GP the same day.

Friends and Family Test

Patients may be handed a question card to be completed after they have visited the practice, or can pick one to complete. Feedback can also be left through our website.

Ebola

If you have returned from Guinea, Liberia or Sierra Leone, or have cared for someone with Ebola in the past 21 days, and you have a fever or feel unwell you should not touch anyone and call 111 immediately. Don't come into the practice, or travel anywhere.

Training Days

The practice will be closed from 1pm on 10 December, and on 14 January 2015, for staff training.

WHAT'S ON: CHRISTMAS EVENTS, FILM & THEATRE

PANTOMIMES

❖ **Thur 27 Nov** to 31 Jan: **New Wolsey**, Ipswich: *Beauty & the Beast*

❖ **Wed 3 Dec** to 10 Jan: **Eastern Angles Theatre Company**: *The Mystery of St Finnigan's elbow*; Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich

❖ **Fri 5 Dec** to 11 Jan: **Mercury Theatre**, Colchester: *Cinderella*.

❖ **Wed 10 Dec**: 7.30 pm **Headgate**, Colchester: *Rumpelstilzkin*; to 13 Dec. 7.30 pm **Lakeside**, Colchester: *The Snow Queen* to 12 Dec.

❖ **Sat 20 Dec**: **Regent Theatre**, Ipswich: *Cinderella*; to 30 Dec. 7.30 pm **Coggeshall Church**: Cabaret.

CAROLS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC

❖ **Sat 6 Dec**: **Ipswich Bach Choir**: Bach's Christmas *Oratorio* (excerpts) St John's Church, Ipswich. 7 pm **Stour Choral Society**; St Mary's Church Frinton. 7.30 pm **Braintree Choral Society**: Coggeshall Church.

❖ **Sun 7 Dec**: 4 pm **Colchester Choral Society**: Moot Hall Colchester.

❖ **Sat 13 Dec**: 7 pm **Lexden Choral Society**: Lexden Church. 7.30 pm

Pimlott Foundation: Baroque Christmas classics; Stratford St Mary Church. 7.30 pm: Icen- ladies' chorus; St Botolph's, Colchester. 7.30 pm and 4:45 pm **Coggeshall Church**.

❖ **Sun 14 Dec**: 2.45 pm **Kingfisher Sinfonietta**: Humperdinck to Bach; Lion Walk Church, Colchester. 6 pm **Suffolk Villages Festival**: Music from Shakespeare's time; Hadleigh Town Hall.

FILM

❖ **Fri 5 Dec**:

11.30 am **firstsite**, Colchester: *The Great White Silence*, Scott's Antarctic.

8 pm **East Bergholt**

Cinema: *Nebraska*; Constable Hall.

❖ **Sun 7 Dec**: 2 pm **firstsite**: *Touch of Sin*; about modern China.

❖ **Wed 10 Dec**: 8 pm **Colchester Film Society**: *His Girl Friday*; firstsite.

❖ **Thu 8 Jan**: 7.30 pm **firstsite**: *Death in Venice* dir. Visconti with Dirk Bogarde (1971).

❖ **Sun 11 Jan**: 2 pm **firstsite**: *The Wind Rises* about a Japanese World War II aircraft designer.

❖ **Wed 21 Jan**: 7.30 pm **Dedham Films**: *Pride* (2014) dir. Matthew Warchus; Assembly Rooms

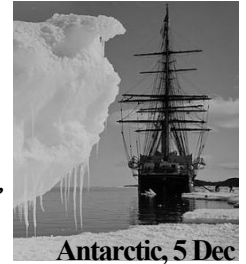
❖ **Wed 28 Jan**: 7.30 pm **firstsite**: *Ida*, a novitiate nun in 1960s Poland.

❖ **Wed 18 Feb**: 7.30 pm **Dedham Films**: *Boyhood* (2014) Richard Linklaker; Assembly Rooms.

THEATRE

❖ **Wed 26 Nov**: 7.45 pm **Headgate**, Colchester: John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*; to 29 Nov.

❖ **Thu 4 Dec**: 7.30 pm **Lakeside**: *Phantasmagoria*, cabaret with a bite by Jesus Paolini Park.



Antarctic, 5 Dec



GUN HILL GARAGE

Katie Graham, a grand-daughter of Bert Sampson, the last proprietor of the *Gun Hill Garage and Cafe*, has recently donated a copy of her grandparents' archive of photographs and letters to the Muniment Library.



It was in 1954 that Bert Sampson moved from Romford to Dedham when he purchased the site for his garage and cafe. The photographs include scenes of the many traffic accidents on Gun Hill and in the surrounding area, of crime scenes involving recovery of vehicles from ponds and rivers, as well as more unusual subjects - such as getting a safe into the first floor of Colchester Town Hall by using his crane.



Laura Valentine writes

DEDHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the children who completed the *Essex Library Service Summer Read* challenge this year. It was wonderful to see so many children standing up in assembly receiving their certificates and medals.

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application for the Artsmark award. Artsmark is a national award which recognises schools which exhibit excellence in provision, teaching and learning in the arts subjects.

As Christmas approaches once again, glitter twinkles in the carpets, carol tunes will be learned and of course the stable scene will be set for another Nativity play. This year's adaptation of the Nativity story is entitled, '*A Midwife Crisis!*'. Mary and Joseph will be assisted by a very flustered midwife (and her donkey Steve!) As usual, the children are very excited and the play is sure to move some very proud parents to tears... as all such school plays should!

Cllr. Brian Hindley writes

VACANCY : PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the resignation of Cllr. Jane Hughes, who has recently moved to Devon, Dedham Parish Council is seeking to appoint a new Councillor. Interested applicants should please contact the *Acting Clerk*, Brian Hindley for further details and the method of application. Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31 December 2014**.

Please contact:

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☎ **395 579**

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES MEETING

Churchwardens, ministers, stewards and all those involved in preparing for worship and welcoming people in the Parish Church will be meeting briefly at **11.45 a.m., Sunday 7 December** to consider emergency and safety procedures. This review will be timely in advance of some of the most well-attended services of the year.

GETTING THE CHURCH READY

If you would be willing to help get the Parish Church ready for Christmas - erecting and decorating the tree, folding and stapling services sheets and the like - please be in church **10 a.m., Saturday 20 December**.



Ten Years Ago **December 2004 / January 2005**

◆ WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR *'The Parish Church is grateful to the Friends of Dedham Church for making a grant to enable an emergency replacement of the heating oil supply tank. Not, it has to be admitted, a glamorous project — but a vital one generously made possible by Friends who care.'*

◆ HEWITT COTTAGE *'Eight registered bidders attended the public auction, together with others who were interested enough to witness the sale. At the fall of the... hammer the successful bid was for £280,000 [This] will be invested so as to produce an income to maintain the Assembly Rooms.'*

Fifty Years Ago **December 1964 / January 1965**

◆ DEDHAM VALE PETITION [The Vicar wrote] *'You will have seen the Dedham Vale Petition and I hope you have signed it. The issues at stake are greater than most people realise. It does not follow that because we need houses we have to accept what is offered to us and where they are built. We do need houses for the natural growth of the village and I hope to get them, but not the kind and number which has been proposed for Parson's Field, the Heath and Lower Park... Unless the Minister of Housing and Local Government is persuaded to call a halt to the present proposals for development in the Vale we may be sure that it will not be very long before the quiet beauty and grandeur of the Vale will disappear.'*

◆ DEATH OF CHURCHILL *'Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill died shortly after 8 a.m. on Sunday 24th January, and his passing from the field of human activity made us all conscious of the great loss felt by the whole world. He was a world figure and the tributes paid to him were a testimony to his greatness... Wherever and whenever men are engaged in thinking about freedom his unique and inspiring words will often be quoted.'*

A Century Ago **December 1914 / January 1915**

◆ SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND SOLDIERS *'The Working Society has divided its energies during last month between work for the Soldiers and work for the Refugees. We were able to send 50 belts and 50 pairs of socks to Queen Mary's Fund... Our difficulty now is that we have many workers but our funds are nearly exhausted. We shall hope for renewed subscriptions.'*

Two views that include *Dedham Vicarage* (and the chestnut tree!)



Dedham Church and Vicarage from The Essex Tourist or Excursions Through Essex, published by J. Dowding, London, 1819.



Dedham High Street c.1905