



Thursdays	Mothers and Toddlers	Memorial Hall 10—12 noon
1st Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
2nd Friday	Second Friday Club	See inside magazine for details

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Date	DEBDEN	WIMBISH
3-Feb	Next before Lent	
	<i>9.30 am Holy Communion</i>	<i>11.00 am Family Service</i>
6-Feb	Ash Wednesday	
	<i>8.00 pm Holy Communion</i>	<i>No Service</i>
10-Feb	Lent 1	
	<i>9.30 am Family Service</i>	<i>11.00 am Parish Communion</i>
17-Feb	Lent 2	
	<i>9.30 am Holy Communion</i>	<i>11.00 am Mattins</i>
24-Feb	Lent 3	
	<i>9.30 am Choral Mattins</i>	<i>11.00 am Parish Communion</i>
3-Mar	Mothering Sunday	
	<i>9.30 am Family Service</i>	<i>11.00 am Family Service</i>

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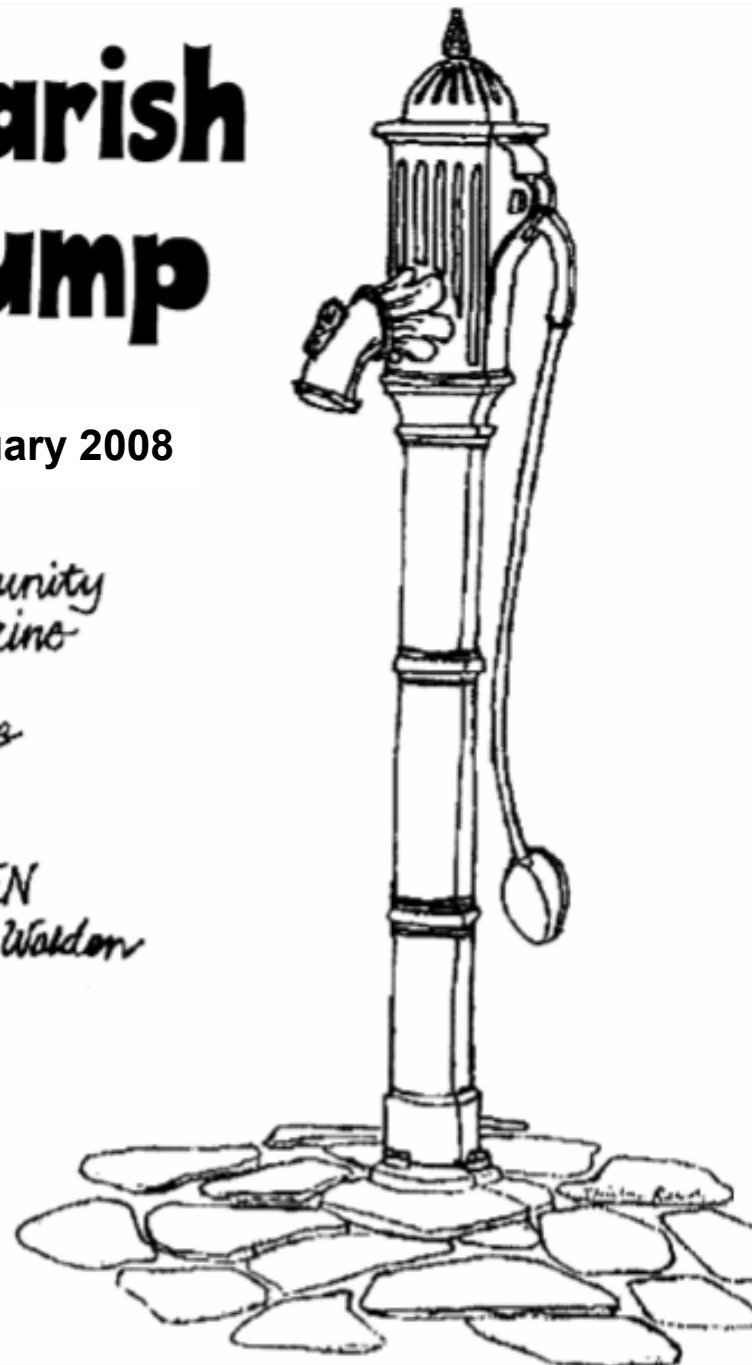
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	FORTHCOMING EVENTS
12th February	Friends Get together—Carver Barracks village hall
Sat 16 th Feb	1940s/Valentine dance Rhodes Centre Bishop's Stortford
29th April	Friends Get together—Carver Barracks village hall
6th December	The All New— Debden Christmas Party

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ABOUT THE PUMP

The Parish Pump was started in 1978 to provide a free community magazine in the parish. It began as, and still is, a joint venture, combining the church magazine and village magazine.

The Parish Pump is sponsored by the Parochial Church Council and Debden Parish Council. Both bodies contribute financially to the cost of running the magazine by means of a donation, received annually. It is intended that the magazine reflects all aspects of village life within the parish and provides an opportunity for 'community' matters to be raised. In addition to the information recorded in the magazine, our sister publication, the Debden Directory provides a host of useful contact numbers for services ranging from bus times, local plumbers, doctors and restaurants. If you do not have a copy, please contact a member of the committee.

The magazine has editors but no official reporters. Consequently, an interesting magazine depends on articles, news, etc. coming from people in the village. The closing date for submitting material is:

the 10th of each month.

The editor's job is to edit. This means fitting the material into the space available and trying to ensure there is a reasonable balance of views on controversial subjects etc. Consequently, it is not always possible to publish everything submitted and sometimes changes have to be made to the length of a contribution. 'Non topical' articles cannot always be published in the next issue but will appear later unless you are told otherwise. Contributions of up to 400 words have a better chance of being published in full than longer ones.

The name of the person submitting material must accompany the contribution. If you do not want your name published please make that clear.

Copy for inclusion in the next edition should be emailed by the 10th of the month to;

editors@theparishpump.org.

There is also a folder in the shop for submission of written or typed copy. The current editors of the Parish Pump, who have the sole prerogative of the editorial policy (so don't blame anyone else) are;

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EDITORIAL

There is a theme again this month, I never look for one they just seem to appear, as if by magic.

Rising house prices are very much a hot topic at the moment and how the haves have, and the have-nots can not afford to live in our village. In a quite remarkable article, on page 28, David Price tracks some house trades over 70 years ago and seemingly nothing changes.....

David has discovered that in 1937 a house was sold for 34% higher than it was bought for in 1936 - yes, just a year earlier.

He also reports that poor old Mr Fielding lost £9,200 on Debden Hall Estate between buying it in 1900 and selling it again in 1904.

Our housing market works as a (mostly) free market, with prices fixed by supply and demand. Governments beware, because whenever they interfere in free markets they invariably make things worse. Without Government changing the planning rules would a 3 storey house ever have been built in Debden and with such site density?

Free speech comes under fire in the Pump occasionally, usually when the writer can not articulate their argument and just wants contrasting views suppressed. We have it again in letters in this edition, with one seeming to suggest that we should censor any contribution that does not meet the approval of ... well who exactly? That is always the problem with censorship. Who decides what is right and proper to publish? Not me for sure, as I am often the one that people would like to shut up.

The letters we receive are people's views, and whether the editors agree with them or not, we will defend the right for them to publish their views.

Perhaps we should censor letters suggesting censorship, it would only be a little bit of censorship and surely that would be acceptable? Now where have we heard that before?

There is also a bit of a dig at my Second Friday Club. Yes, I do organise it, and yes, everyone is welcome, and yes, I recognise that not everyone likes going to pubs. However, our pubs are important to the village and they are no longer the smoky dens of iniquity they once were, so give it a try and come to the next Second Friday Club.

However, welcoming new people to our village is the important thing so I would be just as pleased if there was a Second Friday Club, or whatever you would like to call it, at either Church, at the barracks, in the Village Hall or anywhere else you would like to arrange it. So yes, we also have the freedom to organise our own welcome.

Brad

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Christmas Congregations Raise over £880 for Barnardos and Crisis

It has long been the tradition at Debden Parish Church to give all funds collected at the Christmas services to two Charities. This year a total of £881.70 was raised at the four Christmas services and has been split between Barnardos, the charity which helps children, and Crisis, which provides temporary food, shelter and help to those who have nowhere to go over the Christmas period.

The amount we give away at Christmas is influenced by both the generosity of individual church goers and by the numbers attending the services. This year Christmas attendances remained at a very high level. For comparison the table shows attendances two years ago when the same pattern of services applied. Midnight mass takes place in Debden every other year. Overall both attendances and giving were increased, an encouraging sign.

Service	2007 Number	2005 Numbers	2007 Giving £p	2005 Giving £p
Carol Service	153	170	316.71	292.07
Children's Nativity	210	174	174.26	214.74
Midnight Mass	83	71	256.02	173.22
Christmas Day Eucharist	56	59	134.71	151.10
	502	474	881.70	831.13

Debden Parish Church normally gives a total of about 10% of its regular income to a range of Charities during the year, including the British Legion, which received £266 from the Remembrance Sunday services. Donations this year of £400 have been sent to the Essex Clergy Charity Corporation and Emmaus. Emmaus offers homeless people a home, work and a chance to rebuild their lives. Our nearest branches are at Landbeach north of Cambridge and St Albans. As we have Carver Barracks in the benefice, the church has also sent £400 to a charity supporting army families.

Tony Vernon



PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY

Dear Friends,

Firstly, a huge thank you for making both Arthur and me, so very welcome in the parish. We are quite overwhelmed by so many warm handshakes, kind words and cards. I am very much enjoying working in the parish and getting to know you all better. My sincere hope is that this will be a time of blessing for us all and for our community.

How this New Year is rushing on already. It seems scarcely possible that Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, is 6th February. Before we know it, Easter will be upon us. When life rushes past at such a rate, it is good to step aside even just for a moment and take a good hard look at where we are. Lent provides one such opportunity.

Just as our Lord spent 40 days in the wilderness, reflecting on the ministry of preaching, teaching and healing, that he was about to begin, so too, we are invited, for the 40 days of Lent, to consider our own lives and to reflect honestly on our priorities, values and motivations, so that we may better serve him.

There is a tradition that we should 'give up something' for Lent – the idea being that abstinence sharpens our focus on God, though I think (certainly in my own case!) there is a grave danger that the triumph of 'giving up' focuses more on 'me' than on God! So what about 'giving up' some time to do something for Lent? Ideas could include giving weekly to a deserving charity, or inviting someone who lives on their own for a meal, or simply doing a good turn for a neighbour.

Or you might like to give up a little time to join in a 3 week study of the Beatitudes! Each study session, starting promptly at 8pm and lasting no more than an hour, will focus on a different aspect of the message of the Beatitudes and will conclude with Compline. This is a joint venture between Debden and Wimbish, thus on Wednesday 27th February we will meet in St. Paul's, Wimbish; the following Wednesday 5th March we will meet in the New Room at Debden Church; the final session on 12th March will be in St. Paul's. Everyone is very welcome – do come!

May God bless you in all you do this Lent. With all good wishes, *Hilary*

6 th February Ash Wednesday	HOLY COMMUNION with imposition of Ashes Debden Church 8pm
27 th February Wednesday	BEATITUDES STUDY COURSE St. Paul's, Wimbish 8pm
5 th March Wednesday	BEATITUDES STUDY COURSE Debden Church New Room 8pm
12 th March Wednesday	BEATITUDES STUDY COURSE St. Paul's, Wimbish 8pm



FROM THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Well, I think it must be my turn to ask the ques-

tions this month! When I first came to Debden in September lots of questions were put to me, and I've only just realised that I don't know **exactly** how Debden came to have a Pentecostal Church so I'm off to interview our oldest member, John Graves, who with his wife Miriam, lives at 'Barnfield'.

Maureen: John, can you tell me when your family came to live in Debden?

John: My grandfather, Arthur Graves, took over Smiths Green Farm on September 29th 1897!

Maureen And did your father take over from him? I believe it was James Graves who invited the Pentecostals here.

John: Yes, in the summer of 1949 a group of students came to stay at Smiths Green Farm which was then run by my father. With a Pastor Boone from Wimbledon they held nightly meetings for just one week and when they left a small group of people (which included Maurice Baker, the father of our current church elder, Paul), so enjoyed the Pentecostal meetings that they decided to continue them. At first they were held in my father's barn!

Maureen: How many people did you start with? Did you have a leader?

John: Only about 10 to start with and we were led by a lady pastor, Miss Clarke. She worked in a solicitor's office in Saffron Walden. She was highly thought of both by the church and her employer, who bought the church a lovely communion table. Sadly, Miss Clarke died prematurely from cancer.

Maureen: How long did you meet in the barn?

John Not for long. My father saw the need of having a building and he bought the land in Thaxted Rd where the church now stands. A prefabricated building was put up and opened in January 1950. Later the 2 semi-detached bungalows were built; one was sold and the other retained for the use of a pastor. The current church building is actually the third to be constructed.

Maureen: Tell me one exciting thing about life at the Pentecostal Church.

John: Well, we have always had a big heart for children and at one time the Sunday School was 20 - 30 strong. We used to bus children in from the local barracks, (at that time RAF). We also used to have excellent outings to Walton-on-the-Nazeenjoyed by all age groups!

Maureen: How do you feel about the future of the church?

John: My father had a great vision! Maybe the best is yet to be.....

(I hope readers have enjoyed that.. I know much more about the church now. We would love to see some of you. See our advert.) *Maureen Lee*



NEWS FROM THE SHOP

Just a short note from the shop this month we are all exhausted after the Christmas rush.

Ivy Fearon was the winner of the Shop Xmas Raffle.

Champagne, wine and chocolates. Jackie Gunn.



LETTERS

Editor,

Regarding the planting of tree's out side Lacey's Farm:

Safety Issue Posted in the parish pump was a small article regarding the **SAFETY ISSUE** of the trees and planning permission required (*December 07 Parish Council minutes. Ed*). The trees were planted for a number of reason's which are stated below:

However as you will see we have removed our "KILLER TREES" to allow drivers going too fast to use our front garden as a safety zone, but please don't hit our children and if you don't mind please try to miss our animals. (The ones we have left) We have to remove the trees not because we don't have planning but because they were a safety matter??

It is such a shame and now the garden looks so bare again.

Is this the same for the small trees in tubs by the side of the road close to the village signs? Are they also dangerous??

As far as we can see there are no **safety issues** regarding the trees, unless you are driving at a ridiculous speed, of which most do on that section of the road. Even if someone did hit them they are hardly going to cause any damage and should this happen it would be the drivers fault.

The average person drives through the residential area where Lacey's is situated at 60 - 70 mph and some times more. There are children riding their horses on this stretch of road!!

How long will it be before a serious accident occurs? The Parish Council is more concerned with the removal of trees than safety on the roads.

We are aware that we have moved the goal posts somewhat and want to be sure that those who donated are all happy that the money they gave to build a new hall is redirected toward significant refurbishment. The reality is that without lottery funding we cannot think of a way to raise the money needed to build a new hall and we feel that this refurbishment plan is the only way we can improve the facilities for the village hall which the community obviously needs.

I will be writing to all donors personally to ask them to choose to have their donation returned in full or to allow their donation to be used to help improve the village hall significantly. It is important that all donors are given this choice so that we know where we stand in terms of funds available to us before we move forward any further.

Subsequent reports in the Parish Pump will give progress reports, particularly the estimated overall cost of the project and the ways in which the villagers can help us, perhaps by offering some practical assistance, to deliver it.

Finally, if anyone feels inclined to make a donation to help with the village hall refurbishment you may do so by sending me a cheque payable to 'Debden Village Hall' (Registered Charity Number 30129).

Trustees of Debden Village Hall (Stephanie Watson, Jim Watson, David Peasgood, Anne Cunningham, Natasha Gilder)

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Many of you will know that we were unsuccessful in our bid for lottery funding to build a new village hall on the site of the current hall. We received the news back in July 2007 and we were, of course, very disappointed.

As Trustees of the Village Hall, we are very aware of our responsibilities to provide a much needed village hall facility for Debden and Debden Green and to this end we have continued to meet regularly to discuss what to do next.

Roger Manser presented a new design idea to our October meeting. His idea is for a phased refurbishment including shop and hall which would:-

- Improve the current facilities and encourage continued use of the whole facility
- Create more storage clear of the main hall
- Install proper disabled access and toilet facilities
- Provide alternative rooms for simultaneous hire
- Maintain full use of the hall during the works.

The plan would be for the work to be carried out in stages as follows:-

- Construct and commission new toilet block and new entrance lobby
- Gut the old toilet block and create a new meeting room
- Create new kitchen/ bar (where the green room is currently) and convert old bar to storage
- Make additional storage adjacent where the current kitchen is (looking out toward the tennis courts)
- Remove all existing stores in main hall.

Roger is working on getting a full quotation for the work. It will cost a lot of money, of course, but it will not cost as much as it would to build a completely new hall. We would be eligible for grants and would end up with a vast improvement on the current hall.

Many of you were generous enough to donate money when we started trying to raise funds to build a new hall. As we have said many times, that money has been kept separate and we have a record of all the donors (other than the few donors who wished to remain anonymous).

The idea of the trees was to prevent people driving over the garden and killing any more of our animals and to protect our children when they wait for the bus. The children had been told to stand back behind the trees never standing near or in front of them. (The trees would eventually become a low hedge) The trees would not be allowed to grow much more in height because they would block the sunlight from the house. We would hope most people would have the common sense to realise this. Obviously not.

How many of you wake up to find a stranger sat out on your front garden? We do and this has happened on more than one occasion. Planting the trees meant that hopefully this problem would also be reduced.

We cannot for the life of us see how they are dangerous. We thought we were meant to be a “Greener Britain” Planting trees is a good thing not a bad thing.

For those of you that complained about the trees because you felt they were a **safety issue** (they jump out and get you at night!) you will be pleased to know we have agreed to remove them rather than going to court.

Once again, thank you from all at Lacey’s Farm.



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People often ask why they should bother to complain about aircraft noise, thinking that it doesn’t seem to achieve anything.

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NEWS

The Parish Council have appointed a new Parish Clerk Elaine Culling whose contact details are found on page 27.

Elaine is an experienced Parish Clerk and is also Clerk at Great Chesterford where she also lives.

Tina Knight says "The PC is absolutely delighted that Elaine has joined us and as an experienced Parish Clerk she is knocking us into shape (and not before time!!)"

For once no comment from the Editor on PC but welcome Elaine.

Carol Singing

A big thank you to all villagers who kindly donated to our large group of carol singers on Saturday 22 December. We all had great fun and raised £54 which will be donated to FODS (Friends of Debden School).

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Due to me not telling Melissa, our new editor, that there is a Pump envelope in the Shop for non electronic copy there were some letters received before Christmas that did not get into the December edition.

All those letters are published this month and I apologise for the mistake.

Brad



LETTERS

Dear Editor

I think perhaps you may just have answered your own question "why does everyone ignore the Parish Pump?" in the September edition.

If I was a newcomer I would certainly be put off by some of the views expressed in so many recent editions. I wonder what impressions future researchers into English village life, via copies of the Pump lodged for posterity in Saffron Walden town library, will receive

How sad it is that so many "old" residents tell me they no longer read it.

We all make decisions as to where our spare money goes, but I don't think the pre-school children of Tang Ting would agree that there are no benefits from the twinning now that they have a day centre, the building and running costs of which were partly funded by the friends, instead of sitting all day in the fields whilst their mothers work, as they used to do.

I haven't seen too many of Debden's under fives having to spend their days in the surrounding fields. I also suspect that the school children of Debden and Wimbish would be sad to pass up the unique opportunity to discover a way of life so different from their own and make friends with children half a world away.

Tang Ting has provided generations of Gurkha soldiers, perhaps we should remember the debt we owe to the contribution these brave men have made and take advantage of doing this in a tangible way.

The social get togethers at Carver Barracks provide a very good place to meet new villagers and old friends (not everyone enjoys meetings in pubs) and to make contact with the delightful Nepalese families in our midst.

Rosina Down

Is it true that the Pump is not read as much now? If so we would like to know why you have stopped reading it? Email the editors or use the envelope in the Shop.

Ed



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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

A big thank you to all the generous people in Debden who have volunteered their services for the Tang Ting Twinning Association. This has been a tremendous success story and both the Villages of Debden & Wimbish and the people at Carver Barracks have benefited from the community spirit that has ensued and much fun has been had at the events that have been put on. The Day Care Centre project has been completed in record time and, no doubt, one of the Committee members will be writing about this shortly.

Much has been made of the preferred option of UDC for the enormous number of houses the Government is imposing on this area. Sadly this situation is a totally unsatisfactory one and not of the Council's making. Whatever scheme is chosen it will be wrong in some people's eyes. It was decided that, instead of trying to spread the houses all round the villages and the already overloaded Saffron Walden and Dunmow, where the infrastructure is already sadly lacking and every village would suffer, it would be more prudent to concentrate the development in one area where the necessary infrastructure could be incorporated which could be shared by all. One has to wonder why the Government does not look at areas that need re-generation and industry and where, in many cases, there are properties standing empty that could easily be re-furbished at a minimal cost, their constant pressure on the South East of England is beyond my understanding.

The appalling financial state that the current leaders of the Council have inherited has, not only caused great suffering for many of the staff who will lose their jobs but it does mean that many of the local issues are suffering, I have cases where work needs to be done on improving housing, people with medical problems that need to have alterations to their houses to accommodate their needs being turned down at the moment for lack of funds. I am constantly fighting these decisions but, unfortunately, if there is nothing in the pot it is difficult but, hopefully, I shall prevail, (and to think a quarter of a million pounds was spent, 'just in case' chipping wheelie bins!!!).

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LETTERS

A big thank you to everyone who attended Claude's funeral. Also, thank you for all the messages of sympathy (so many), the flowers and phone calls.

I don't want to miss anyone out, but I must mention Steller, who has been an angel, also George for your support; Thank you David and Steve for passing on information to Brad for the write up about Claude in last month's Parish Pump.

So many memories we had over the years at the Plough, too numerous to mention.

I would also like to thank everyone for donations received in the memory of Claude, which amounted to £270. May I wish you all the very best for 2008.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely

Doris Dare

I know that Doris wanted to thank all her friends and neighbours for the strong support and help she has had over the last two months before Christmas. Due to my mistake we failed to publish this letter in the December edition. I can not undo it, but I hope you can accept my apologies. Brad

Dear Editor

I sympathise with Mr. Ken Lockwood when he complains about cat dirt in his garden. Here at Rook End Farm we have a cat called Boots who is fifteen years old. She has adopted me and I admit to being at fault. She loves Gourmet cat food and I bring her a weekly supply from Waitrose - well, we are two oldies together!

So, of course, I have the same problem as experienced by Mr. Lockwood.

One day recently, spotting still another mound, I grabbed boots and walked purposefully towards it ready to demonstrate to madam the error of her ways. To my horror, the pile rose into the air at the speed of light and vanished under a bush. It was a toad! The frightened cat dashed through a hole in the hedge.

Happily, the incident did not ruin a beautiful relationship - Boots returned within the hour for more of her favourite treat.

Maud Witten



LETTERS

Dear editor

My wife Margy and myself celebrated our Diamond Wedding on Christmas Eve, but as the Autumn approached we had asked the family not to lay on a celebration we both felt unable to cope with at the grand old age of eighty-two.

Understandably, our large family and numerous friends were a little dismayed by this, but solved the problem by having an old-style party in secret in the village hall, video taping the proceedings, and sending the results to us in tape and video form, to our great delight on our Anniversary Day.

Amazingly, they did this without the secret being made known to us by any of those who attended. Accordingly, we would beg through the good offices of the Parish Pump to thank all those who wished us well in such an original way (to their own obvious enjoyment!), and to all those who sent us gifts and Anniversary Greetings cards.

Sincerely

Tony Hynes

and Land Registry plans. Its naming as part of Deynes Road only occurred with the introduction of postcodes and this remains unrecorded.

Mrs. Kellett died in 1972, leaving 'Lime Tree Cottage formerly known as The Limes' to her stepson, Richard Philip Bland Kellett. He never lived there but sold it to Hermhill Securities, a company of which he was a director, for £16,500 in 1973, and in 1976 they sold it to Sue and to me for £27,500.

Why all this? I'm no historian but I was alarmed to discover that, on registering land, many of the documents that were used to establish title often disappear. I therefore rescued what I could from my solicitor before they were swallowed up.

There must be some who may still remember some of these people; who may know whether or not Batemans and Boatmans are connected; who know where White Hill Cottage is or was; who know whether it really is Dean's Farm or Deynes Farm; or who may have some more information to share about Debden's not so distant history.

David Price

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No.2 Back Street

I wonder if there's anyone left in Debden who would know where to deliver a letter to the above address. In 1934, Back Street is recorded in a deed of property transfer as running from the White Hart to Mrs. Rogers' house - now Redbrick House. Only thirteen years earlier in 1921, 'cottages no.1 and no.2, Debden' - then with no street name - had been sold by Margaret Charlotte Baroness Strathcona and Mount Royal to Martin Westwood, carpenter, for £300. At that time, George Pigney and George Bateman were living in them. It must have been around this date that much of what is commonly referred to as Lord Strathcona's estate was sold.

To my surprise, Lord Strathcona owned the Debden Hall estate for less than ten years. The records show that in 1900 William Fuller Maitland sold it to John Ashton Fielden of Lawrence Court in Huntingdon for £124,750. Included in these estates was part of Dean's Farm (*sic*) called The Ley, on which stood, amongst others, cottages nos.1 and 2. John Fielden, by now of Homewood near Peterborough, then sold it in 1904 to Donald Alexander Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal for £115,000. Ten years later, Lord Strathcona died leaving his estate to his daughter, previously the Hon Margaret Charlotte Howard but then Baroness Strathcona and Mount Royal.

After just over ten years' ownership, Martin Westwood decided in 1932 to split up his mini-estate, which consisted of cottages nos. 1 and 2 and a carpenter's shed. Cottage no.2 was by then called 'The Limes' and it had been 'lately in the occupation of Frederick William Spackman but now unoccupied'. It was bought by Fred Stanley, signalman, of 10 Scotts Road, Leyton for £270. Arthur Bateman, presumably a relative of George Bateman, was then living in cottage no.1 - today's Kelly's Cottage.

Fred Stanley died only two years later in 1934 when ownership passed to his widow, Edith Augusta Stanley, and it is this transfer deed that makes mention of Back Street. By 1936, Mrs. Stanley was living in the Radwinter Alms-houses and she sold The Limes to Hugh Owen Coates, gent, of 58 Tudor Avenue, Chelmsford for £305. I wonder whether Mr. Coates ever lived in Debden because only one year later he was living at 'Desrich', Rainsford Lane, Chelmsford and he sold The Limes in 1937 for £410. Presumably, 'gent' means property speculator because he cleared 34% in a year.

It was to Herbert Edward Bunting, farm bailiff, of White Hill Cottage, Debden that he sold, many of whose descendants still live in Debden today. When, 24 years later, in 1961 Herbert Bunting sold The Limes to Mrs. Evelyn Kellett of 16 Hammelton Road, Bromley for £3,100, the property was still described as bordering the road to Dean's Farm but there was no mention of Back Street. Nor was there any mention of The Causeway, the name shown even today for this stretch of road on the official Uttlesford District Council



Dear Editor

I have not seen anything in the Pump about the potential impact on traffic flows through Debden and Debden Green if 3,000 new houses are built between Elsenham and Henham, as proposed by Uttlesford Conservatives (presumably including our local councillor Tina).

As two of the roads from the area where the new houses will be built are single track, there is every likelihood that many of those going to Saffron Walden and the north will travel through Debden rather than face the challenge of the low, narrow and skewed bridge on the road to Newport or the Elsenham level crossing. As David and Sue Price know, a bus can't get under the 'hooting' bridge.

It is now too late to lodge formal views as the consultation period closed on Jan 11 but Debden folk might like to be warned - I had not assessed the implications till I saw a map of the area to be covered with houses. I have sent off a letter to Uttlesford Policy unit and will be copying it to Tina.

Tony Vernon

A good point regarding traffic increases. However, I am intrigued as to how David and Sue know that a bus can not get under the bridge, can we be enlightened?
Ed.

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PARISH COUNCIL

**Extracts of the Parish Council meeting
held on 02/01/08**

District Councillors Report.

Cllr. Knight reported that Uttlesford District Council, in deciding how best to meet the Government's housing targets, had selected Option 4, the development of a new settlement north east of Elsenham (3000 homes) plus 750 dwellings in larger towns, and 250 dwellings in villages, as their preferred option.

It was agreed that the Parish Council was against any large scale housing development in Uttlesford, and therefore was not in support of any of the housing options.

A number of complaints have been received regarding inconsiderate parking at the Dene Syde development, causing problems for both pedestrians and the bus service. Cromwell New Homes Ltd will be contacted to ask that the contractors be more considerate when parking and asked to keep the road free from mud.

Planning Results

Application No: UTT/0658/07/DFO Dene Syde, Thaxted Road. Reserved matters.

Dismissed.

Footpath Warden Report

The Forestry Commission are to be contacted about suitable signage, to be placed along the footpaths into Rowney Wood, regarding the need for horse riders to be respectful of pedestrians.

Sports Pavilion

It is hoped in the near future to be able to improve the facilities at the Sports Pavilion and a working party will be established in order to drive forward this project.

New Councillor

Will Bidwell was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

New Parish Clerk

Elaine Culling has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk. She can be contacted at elaineculling@dsl.pipex.com.

Finance

A precept request for £13,000, for the financial year 2008/09, is to be submitted to Uttlesford District Council.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be on Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 8.00pm at the Debden Memorial Hall.

Please Note: These notes are taken from unapproved minutes which will be signed at the next meeting.



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All comers very welcome. If you're not sure what we're like, why not pop along and find out for yourself. We hope to see you there.

Date	Event	Venue	Price
7.45pm Tues 12 th Feb 2008	Debden villager Alan McLean's experience of travelling in Nepal, meet and make friends from Debden, Wimbish, Carver Barracks and the Nepalese community. Alan will be able to give us a view of Nepal from a sensitive, sensible and seasoned travellers point of view. This is a fascinating angle which has not been explored in past Friends meetings.	Carver Barracks Village Hall	Free!
Sat 16 th Feb 2008	1940s/Valentine dance with the famous 20-piece Galaxy Big Band Dress code: 1940s (serious or fun), black tie, uniform or smart. Coach pickup from Debden and Wimbish will be available.	Rhodes Centre, Bishop's Stortford	£15

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LETTERS Editor

It is not often easy to decide what to give money to. Many fine causes exist, but very occasionally one captures the imagination and a profound difference is made, often in a place one will never visit or to people one will never meet. But a remote location cannot diminish the gratitude of those supported; the best aid being that which helps folk to help themselves.

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That the needs of these proud people have captured the imagination of so many of us is a marvel. That so many folk give so generously of their time and effort to support Tang Ting shows a generosity of spirit that can only be admired. It goes without saying that the people of Tang Ting must feel likewise. Their future can only hold so much promise, as a result.

Perhaps understandably, some refuse to take Tang Ting to their heart and surprisingly make very public such refusal. If they believe there are better causes, there appears little evidence that they take these very seriously either. That people give to the lifeboats, RSPB, Oxfam or Tang ting is their own business. But when such people are openly criticised it is profoundly offensive, and something most of us could do without.

Callum Skeat

The following Christmas greeting was also in the Shop envelop and is a month late. My sincere apologies.

David & Marilyn Francis

would like to thank all our friends for their support during this difficult time and wish you all a very happy Christmas.



Welcome to Debden

When I was invited to the Licensing of The Reverend Hilary Davey at Wimbish Church in December, in my role of Chairman of the Parish Pump Committee, I had no idea of the very moving occasion it would be. A 'celebration' in the true meaning of the word.

Welcomed by the Rural Dean, the congregation of guests from both Wimbish and Debden all joined in a very human and uplifting service to install Hilary as 'Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Debden and Wimbish with Thunderley. A service which included her affirming her belief and assenting to her installation; taking the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and the Oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop and signing the official documents. This was followed by the handing of the keys to the churches and a map of the parish.

Having been taken ceremonially to the seat of the parish priest and following her leading of the congregation in prayer and being officially presented by the Bishop of Colchester, the celebration continued with Hilary being welcomed by members of the two village communities – including the Church Wardens, the Headteacher of Wimbish School, the Chairman of Wimbish Parish Council (and me), being presented with a flagon of water at the font; a bible at the pulpit a book of prayers at the prayer desk and a chalice and paten at the altar.

These symbols are presented as a welcome both from church people and from representatives of the local community, as the role of the Anglican parish priest is both to nurture the congregation and to care for the whole community (order of service)

This is as you will see, a very 'lay persons' view of the event and although not a regular churchgoer in Debden, I was truly moved by this warm and very meaningful welcoming of Hilary and have thought since of how many priests over the years have been welcomed in such a way into their communities.

May I, once again, on behalf of us all, welcome Hilary and her family, to Debden.

(I've already suggested she visit our 'second Friday' meeting at the Plough!)

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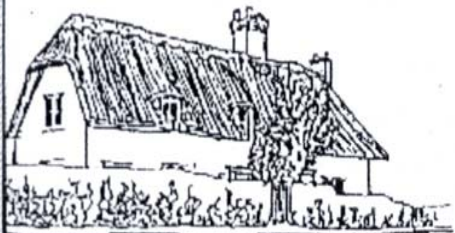
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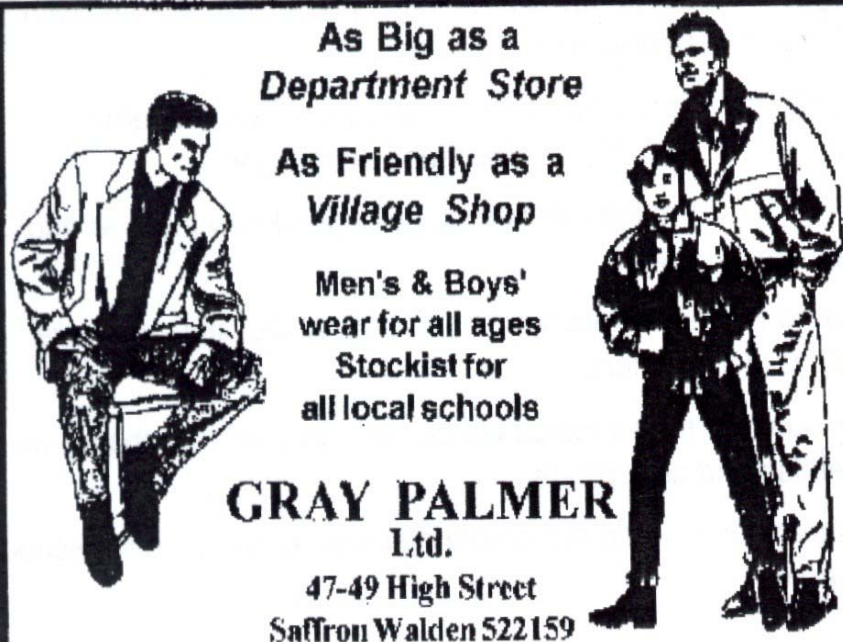
As always, if you are a new or old Debdenite, the Second Friday Club is a great opportunity to meet new neighbours, make new friends and importantly to catch up with old friends. With the pace of life increasing all the time the regularity of the every second Friday allows us to put in the diary in advance. If you have new neighbours please let the Editors know for the New Debdenites column and invite them to the next meeting.

If you are a new Debdenite please come along any time after 8:30 introduce yourself to Stuart or Margaret behind the bar and we will take it from there.

Debden Second Friday Club next meetings

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FROM THE SCHOOL

(Continued from page 21)

parents at the service. The school is looking forward to working closely with Hilary and developing the relationship between the school and church.

We have just finished a project to refurbish our staffroom and the toilets in our main corridor. Work has commenced to install our much needed additional mobile classroom. Class 5 who have been temporarily based in our school hall are looking forward to moving into their new classroom.

If you would like to find out more about Debden School please look on our regularly updated school website www.debden.essex.sch.uk

More news from the school and children in the next issue.

With all good wishes

Julie Gibbons



PARISH COUNCIL

Notice to all Horse Riders

After December's PC meeting it was agreed that the Forestry Commission would erect signs along the footpaths into Rowney Wood regarding the use of the paths by pedestrians and horse riders.

In the meantime the PC would ask that all users are respectful of each other and that riders, in particular, take care on the footpaths; riding at a sensible pace and being aware that the footpaths through Rowney Wood are very popular with walkers. Horse riders must also ensure that they only use footpaths that have been granted access to horses.

Hire of Recreation Ground

The PC would like to remind everyone that if you wish to use the recreation ground for an event/function you need to apply through the PC. You will also need Public Liability Insurance, which contrary to public perception does not cost a fortune and the PC can help with this. The decision to limit the number of events to 5 P/A was taken out of respect for the families living around the recreation ground and also in recognition of other users such as football, cricket and general everyday usage by families.



LETTERS

THE GOOD OLD DAYS - OH YES THEY WERE!

During my recuperating period I have been trying to sort out old video tapes etc. It was great to come across the videos of the pantos we put on in 1991 and 1992 - 'Puss in Boots' and 'Cinderella' respectively.

Those of you who were involved, and those who saw them, will remember I am sure how good they were. But I wonder if you recall just HOW good they were; I was quite amazed, on viewing them again, at the quality of all aspects of the productions. Not only that, the team spirit was tremendous; watching the last night party with the spontaneous singing by everyone of all the songs brought quite a lump to my throat.

Many of the people involved are still around, though somewhat older! In addition I know there are many new talented people in the village. Would it be too much to ask whether there would be any chance of a group getting together to explore the possibility of a panto next Christmas? It is certainly not too early to start thinking about it.

If anyone wants to borrow the DVD of the pantos, to see the kind of thing we produced, they would be more than welcome.

Ken Lockwood

Do you have new neighbours ?

Have you just moved to the village?

We would like to meet you.

Please email a few details to editors@theparishpump.org

And remember the Second Friday Debden Club where you can meet other villagers old and new. See separate article for next date

When you arrive just introduce yourself at the bar and we will look



Happy New Year to you all!

The end of last term was a very busy one. Several special events were held.

Our Christmas Fayre organised by FODS was very well attended and raised in excess of £500. The children's Christmas sale also organised by FODS was visited by

Dear Pump Reader,

success. All the children were brilliant. It was lovely to see some of you at the dress rehearsal performance.



Father Christmas Visits the Christmas Fayre



Reception Visit FODS' Xmas Sale

all the children during the school day. The children thoroughly enjoyed buying gifts for their families.

KS2's production, 'There's Something Amazing Going On...' was a huge



All the children and staff enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch on the last Friday before Christmas. Our cook Mrs Cienkus and Mrs Banham her assistant worked extremely hard to prepare the lunch. In total 181 Christmas lunches were served and eaten!

Christmas Lunch

In the last week of term the children were visited by Father Christmas and had their Christmas class parties. On the last day of term Reception classes, Class 1 and Class 2 led the Christmas church service with their nativity play. Reception children all looked amazing in their nativity costumes. The narrators from Class 1 and 2 were brilliant as were the singers. Our school orchestra played a variety of Christmas carols.



It was lovely that The Reverend Hilary Davey the new priest in charge of Wimbish and Debden Churches was able to meet many of our