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Can we help?

Sometimes things in life can just get too much to cope with on your own... **Psalm 34:18:** *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* If you would like some support or know of any one who would, please contact: Ruth Higginson **Tel: 322 598.**

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8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
 9.30am Café Church
 9.30am Rise N Shine
 5.00pm Evensong

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Sunday, 14th July

9.30am Morning Prayer
 11.00am Holy Communion

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Sunday, 21st July

9.30am Holy Communion
 9.30am Matins
 5.00pm ReVive@5

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Sunday, 28th July

9.30am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Holy Communion

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**Morning Prayer - Every Tuesday
 10.30am at Dedham Church.**



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Men’s Breakfast - Saturday 6th July 9am - venue tba. For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

Walk and Talk - Thursday 11th July, Dedham Arts and Craft Centre for a walk. 10am for a walk, or at 11am, same venue, for just a chat.

Mission Bake Sale: Saturday 27th July, 10am-12pm, Dedham Church

FROM THE REGISTERS.

Weddings

15th June - Carly Turnage and Damien Myles
 11th July - Georgia Rowland and James Vickers
 15th August, - Sonya Wooldridge and Adam Ball

Funerals

18th June - Brian Edevane
 26th June - Susan Collins
 2nd July - Derek Oven

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Mission Bake Sale: Monday 26th

August 10am-4pm, Dedham Church



BIBLE VERSE COMMENTARY

Mark 10:13-16:

"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"

I love this passage. It shows the importance, love and belonging Jesus places on children in the Kingdom of God. It guides us as readers not to hinder our young ones but to keep them safe, to protect them and to guide them. As I start my new job as Children and Young People's worker in Dedham, so too do I take on the privilege of introducing Jesus to young people who may not have a faith and also support and grow the faith of those who do.

I thank everybody for their warm welcome and congratulations on the job and look forward to writing again after a few weeks in the role!

Claire Arculus

Dear friends,

Well by the time this reaches you we should be on the verge of an important political event on 4 July (and to clarify for our American friends I don't mean Independence Day!). It is, of course, the long-anticipated General Election. Who will be the winners? Who will be the losers? Where will the biggest surprises come? All will be revealed!

Politicians, and the governments they represent, come and go. Christians believe that God "establishe[s]" the authorities we have (Romans 13:1). That's not to say necessarily that He is 'for one party' and not 'for another' in any given election cycle, but more that

He realises that for humanity and society to flourish we need leadership – and ideally the best leadership on offer. We can't always have great governments, but at least in our society we have a voice and an ability, however small or large, to make our concerns heard and views known at the ballot box.

One thing I have noticed at politically significant times in our national life is that our general wellbeing can be greatly enhanced by occasionally 'switching off' or 'zoning out'. Whether it's social media, the newspapers or a programme on the telly, it can contribute to a feeling of being overwhelmed. King David, the famous King over God's people in the time before Jesus whose life was one punctuated by significant events that threatened to overwhelm him, was able to escape that fate by 'switching off' from the daily stresses of life and turning his attention to something else. Here's what he writes about this: "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: ...to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him" (Psalm 27:4). King David knew how to refocus in the midst of events and people that clamoured for his

attention: he turned to the Lord. And what he found was beautiful, what he found was something that was much more worthy of his attention. The challenges he experienced were real and significant, but he knew there was something much more important: his relationship with his Maker and his Saviour.

This election season – whether you're reading this before or after the big day – why not take some time to 'switch off' and refocus? You could do this personally, by reading one of the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life (the Gospels), or you could do this with others, by joining us at one of our services (details of service times and places in this publication). It might just help us escape the stress of it all!

Best wishes
Rev'd Phillip Young

FROM THE EDITOR

Please contact the editor if you have an event that you would like to appear in the calendar page. The Parish Council pages include details of the new council and the new structure of working groups and committees.

Remember the cut-off date for submitting articles for publication is normally the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication, we would love to hear from you via dedhameditor@gmail.com



TUESDAYS AT 10.30AM

Dedham Church stands right at the heart of the community and as a congregation we are delighted the church is open every day for people to visit whether you be a local resident or come as a visitor to Dedham.

Some people pop in to admire the building and its history, some to view the Constable painting and still others to take a moment to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet before stepping out again to the challenges of everyday life.

There are others who light a candle and still others who write and leave a prayer request. These prayer requests are left up for two weeks and are remembered and prayed for on a Tuesday morning.

Every Tuesday at 10.30am Morning Prayer is said in the choir stalls which takes a variety of forms that different people lead. The service lasts around twenty minutes and is an opportunity to pause midweek. The worship includes a brief reflection on a Bible reading, and prayer for the community and world concerns but also to lift to God the prayer requests that have been pinned to the prayer board.

Why not when shopping on a Tuesday morning pop in, you will be very welcome and make a morning of it by going to the Duchy barn for a coffee afterwards.

Sue and Merv McKinney

DEREK OVEN

Passed away 27th May 2024

Funeral service and celebration of life will take place at St Mary's Church, Dedham at 12.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12th - 18th May

An amazing amount of £500 was collected during the week, one way and another, to be sent to the Christian Aid Charity for distribution between the Middle East crisis, Ukraine, the Libyan floods and the ongoing appeal for Turkey and Syria.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed or donated in any way.

Lynne Al-Sad

MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the Mission Stall are as follows:

- 27th July 10am to 12noon
- 26th August Bank Holiday Monday
10am to 4pm
- 28th September 10am to 12noon
- 26th October 10am to 12 noon

The Parishes Office hours have changed to Mondays 9am-1pm.

The change came into effect from Monday 10th June and the office will no longer be open on a Tuesday or Thursday.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

JULY

July 14th

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 11.00am communion service. They will be singing the anthem 'Ave Verum Corpus' by William Byrd.

William Byrd (1540-1623) was an English Renaissance composer. Considered among the greatest composers of the Renaissance, he had a profound influence on composers both from his native country and on the Continent. He is often considered along with John Dunstaple, Thomas Tallis and Henry Purcell as one of England's most important composers of early music.

Byrd wrote in many of the forms current in England at the time, including various types of sacred and secular polyphony, keyboard, and consort music. He produced sacred music for Anglican services, but during the 1570s became a Roman Catholic, and wrote Catholic sacred music later in his life.

*Graham Bell
Deanery Choir Organiser*



Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

~Author Unknown



Submitted by Liz Reed



North side chancel window,
left panel



North side chancel window,
centre panel



North side chancel
window, right panel

This month we go back to look at scenes of Jesus' early life as depicted in the stained-glass windows in St Mary's Church, Dedham. We know very little about Jesus' early life as the son of Joseph, a carpenter, and his mother Mary but two important stories are depicted. By Jewish custom and law, babies were circumcised at one week of age, to be followed at 40 days by a ceremony of Purification for the mother and Consecration of the first born male child. Mary and Joseph went with Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for this ceremony. They were clearly a poor family for they took a pair of doves for sacrifice as allowed for those who could not afford both a lamb and a dove. (Leviticus 12). This event is depicted in the window on the north side of the chancel nearest the altar. In the left-hand panel the Prophet Anna is standing beside Joseph who is holding the two doves and the cage in which he brought them is held by a small boy. In the right-hand panel stands Simeon, whom God had promised would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. In the Bible once Simeon has met Jesus he says "Now Lettest Thy Servant Depart" which in Latin is "Nunc Dimittis Servum Tuum" and is written in a speech ribbon in the window. (Luke 2: 21 – 40).

In stained-glass windows there are often lots of little details, for instance above Joseph's head in this window, on the temple wall is a carved scene of Daniel in the den of lions (Daniel 6). It was probably shortly after this ceremony that Mary and Joseph fled with Jesus to Egypt to escape the slaughter of the infants, ordered by Herod, and only returned to Judea, after Herod's death, when Jesus was about 5 years old. (Matthew 2: 13 – 23).



Detail - Daniel in the
Lions den



Dedham Church, South side of the Chancel nearest the Altar.

It was the custom at that time for Jewish families to make a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. Jesus and his family along with others went and when it was time to go home his parents thinking that Jesus was with their friends in the pilgrim group set out without Him.

Realising Jesus was not with them, they returned to look for Him and found Him in the temple. (Luke 2: 41 – 52). The window on the South side of the chancel nearest to the altar captures the moment when Joseph and Mary find Jesus in the temple. They are depicted in the left-hand panel peering into the room where we see the young Jesus discussing scripture. The chief priests and teachers are clearly listening intently to the young Jesus and what He has to say and are “amazed at his understanding and his answers”. They are clearly referring to the Scriptures; a scroll lies open at the feet of Jesus and many of the teachers are holding books which they are studying intently.

Medieval and Renaissance artists almost exclusively set their depictions of Biblical scenes in the clothing, buildings and culture of their own period. This tradition was maintained into more modern times and Victorian stained glass continues in this style, and so it is with this depiction of large ornately bound books.

Writings in the codex form, i.e. books as we know them, only appeared in the first century AD as multiple sheets simply sewn together and did not replace scrolls in general usage as bound volumes until around the fourth to sixth century AD, so they would, in fact, in Jesus' times all have been using scrolls.

Adrian Beckingsale



Notes of meeting of Dedham Parish Council held on Monday 3rd June 2024

General Powers of Competence

To note that Dedham Parish Council meets the required eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence.

Election of Councillors for sub-committees

Finance, Standards and Procedures

Paul Harrison (Chair) , Steve Mole, Gill Neville, Charlotte Sneddon

Community Environment

Steve Mole (Chair), Chris Martlew, Charlotte Sneddon

Planning

Douglas Bourn (Co-Chair) Charlotte Sneddon (Co-Chair), Gill Neville ,Steve Mole, Lucy Goodall, Chris Martlew

Traffic/Parking

Gill Neville (Chair), Steve Mole, Lucy Goodhall, Douglas Bourn, Paul Harrison

NEPP Sub Group

Steve Mole, Gill Neville, Paul Harrison

River Management

Lucy Goodall (Chair), Steve Mole, Gill Neville, Douglas Bourn, Andrew McLaughlin

Personnel Committee

Paul Harrison (Chair), Steve Mole, Gill Neville

Colchester City Councillor Cllr Thomas Rowe informed the meeting that he now has some locality budget money available for spending on any projects around Dedham.

Footpath Cutting

Following request from resident, Council agreed to review frequency and quality of cutting of footpaths.

Traffic & Parking (NEPP Sub Group)

Cllr Steve Mole read an email from NEPP in which it was made clear that no further action would be taken on parking charges for Dedham High Street for the time being.

River Management and Anti Social Behaviour

A meeting was held on 31st May of key organisations and individuals involved with monitoring issues concerning management of the river and addressing anti social behaviour.

Issues were raised concerning pollution of the river, litter problems and behaviour of some visitors to the village.

Representatives from Babergh and Colchester councils agreed to meet and liaise on parking issues. It was noted that the Babergh representative wanted to extend the number of days for the car park on the field by the river. The Parish Council representatives has reiterated its opposition to this.

The meeting had also suggested the introduction of Public Space Orders by the river. Colchester Councillor Rowe agreed to look into this.

It was also noted that recent legislation that changed status of AONBs to National Parks could have implications for usage of the meadows for parking.

In light of excessive drinking by under age young people recently it was noted that any reports of such behaviour

should be reported directly to the police by calling 999.

Environment and Sustainability - strategy for the river and meadows.

The Council agreed to the funding for the environment management survey of the whole area surrounding the river by Suffolk Wildlife Trust to find out what impact tourism is having and what would be the best way forward. The survey would be conducted in the next few weeks.

Dedham Therapy Farm

The Council agreed in principle to give funding to the Therapy Farm but await further financial information before deciding on final amount.

Dedham Cricket Club

The council agreed to provide funding towards equipment & shirts for the Dedham Cricket Club.

Black Cactus Choir - BBQ

It was agreed that the Black Cactus Choir could have permission to hold a BBQ/get together on Sunday 11th August 2024 on the playing fields.

Colchester City Council Local Plan Meeting

It was agreed to meet with Colchester City Council on 26th June 2024 at 2.00 p.m. in the Duchy Barn.

Notes provided by Councillor Douglas Bourn

*Councillor Douglas Bourn
on behalf of the Parish Council.*

The next meeting of Dedham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 1st July in the Duchy Barn.

The Agenda for the Parish Council meeting always includes an open session - Have Your Say and visitors reports (CCC and County Councillors).

The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting can be viewed on the homepage of the Parish Council website or by scanning the QR Code below.



TOWARDS A GREENER DEDHAM ENERGY

The energy we use, and how it is produced, can greatly impact our local environment and the area around us. Here at Greener Dedham, a group of local residents keen to share ways for us all to become more mindful of our energy consumption, we have developed a few helpful tips to help you reduce carbon emissions (and costs, too!):

1. Set your room thermostat at 20°C or less – if you are able to, setting your thermostat at a slightly lower temperature can be a fantastic cost-saver and reduces carbon emissions, too. If you're feeling chilly, reaching for a warm knit (lots of wonderful, great value-for-money items can be found in the

Dedham St Helena Hospice shop) can be a great first step before reaching to turn up the thermostat.

2. Draught-proof windows and doors to help your home become more energy-efficient. There are lots of great ways that you can get creative with this – such as making your own draught-excluders or using thermal curtains and blinds.

3. Consider ways that you can reduce light pollution, such as setting timers on lights or ensuring that outside lights only light specific areas, reducing light 'spillage' beyond the intended location. Not only does this save energy and money, it helps to prevent damaging impacts of light pollution on wildlife and helps us to work towards the Dark Skies campaign as a community.

Greener Dedham

www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk/sustainablededham/



More information about Dark Skies can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NQSKIS4BKDg0ye17JMwp2_mg4fPQzL-L/view



LITTER PICKING.

This article is written to say a huge thank you on our behalf, to a number of people in Dedham who give of their time voluntarily to clear up after others! Mick and Marilyn are two such people who spend a lot of their weeks walking around the roads and countryside in Dedham.

They pick up litter thrown from car windows, or dropped by people walking or cycling in the area, as well as visitors who decide to use our beautiful riverside banks for refreshments and then leave the remains for others to find. This of course includes the cattle who graze in the pastures and who could be at serious risk.

Both Mick and Marilyn say they deplore the thoughtlessness and uncaring attitudes that some people who pass through our areas exhibit.

When asked why they do litter picking, Marilyn told me that apart from enjoying the physical exercise and fresh air, she feels a sense of achievement helping to restore the countryside to its natural beauty for all to be able to enjoy.

She also said the worst part of clearing up after others involved picking up the bags of dog poo left on pathways, or hooking them down from trees or bushes where they had been thrown, and she felt that the lack of responsibility from some dog owners spoilt walks across the fields for local and visiting walkers.

Knowing that Steve Mole our new Chairman of the Parish Council was a voluntary litter picker, I consequently approached him with a number of questions, to which he kindly provided some answers.



Seen on a beach in Ireland

Initially he said that he recycled more bags of litter picked up around the village than he did his own domestic rubbish! He deplored the number of cans, energy drinks, and particularly the take away food purchases from well know franchises that he found in the ditches by village roads, or beside the on slip roads by the A12.

He told me that he would like these take away food franchises to show the car number plate details on the bags so when found these people could be identified.

A great idea but would the franchises be interested enough to co-operate ? With regard to dog litter he pointed out that yes there are still separate dog toilet bins in some areas, but all poo bags could be put into the general bins now provided around the village for rubbish.

Marilyn told me about her grand - children who had been provided with mini litter picking packs containing everything required for safety, as well as use, by their local council. She felt that this encouraged children to be more responsible in their own actions and also educated them about environmental awareness.

Steve said that he very much hoped that this might be something he could follow up with families in Dedham in the near future.

When we discussed the state of our river bank areas last summer after visitors descended on this area , he said that things should be different this year as we had wardens patrolling the areas and responding to complaints. He felt great concern about the lack of respect by some visiting people and their inability to use provided litter bins, or to simply feel they could not take their litter home with them in a responsible manner!

Finally he mentioned that he would like to have regular meet ups with groups of people willing to clear litter on a regular basis, and to turn these activities into a social gathering with provided teas and coffees, for all those kindly offering their services.

Recently we stayed in a cottage where when we unlocked the door we were confronted with a large card which said -

You are very welcome to stay with us , but would you please leave everything in the state in which you would like to find it.

This is something that surely is so relevant in our countryside wherever we find ourselves.

Thank you to Mick, Marilyn and Steve for their contributions to this article which are greatly appreciated.

Liz Reed



Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

Your local life-saving charity

Did you know that your local air ambulance service is a charity, relying on residents' donations?

You might think that the helicopters of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) often seen flying overhead, are part of the NHS. But this free life-saving service provided 24/7 by helicopters and rapid response vehicles (RRVs) receives limited government funding and no National Lottery grants.

It is thanks to local people and businesses across Essex and Hertfordshire raising funds for EHAAT that the charity can provide its vital



medical emergency service.

Last year, their critical care team treated just over 1,900 patients, operating from two airbases in Earls Colne and North Weald.

Each critical care team consists of a pre-hospital care doctor, a critical care paramedic plus a pilot and co-pilot who rush their clinical colleagues to the scene of medical emergencies within minutes, carrying life-saving equipment to deliver advanced clinical care. Usually, this equipment is only available in the hospital emergency department.

Many volunteers lend a helping hand to support the charity, all playing an important part. Jane Morton, EHAAT Volunteer Manager says their time is hugely valued by the charity. She explains: "The core of our operations extends beyond our fleet of helicopters and advanced medical interventions, it's the spirit of our supporters and volunteers that drive us forward.

"From helping in our charity shops to sorting treasures in our warehouses, picking up collection tins, giving engaging visitor centre tours and supporting events, every hour of volunteering makes a meaningful difference.

Yet, it's more than the tasks at hand – it's about making connections and lasting friendships. Whether it's sharing experiences, learning new skills, or stepping in to support community events, our volunteers not only impact our operations as a charity but inspire others and create positive change across our local communities."

To be a part of something amazing visit ehaat.org/volunteer

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SCAN ME



DEDHAM ART SOCIETY SUMMER EXHIBITION

It was wonderful for the Dedham Art Society to be able to return to St Mary's Church last month with their first post-Covid art exhibition and sale. On behalf of our members we would like to thank all who visited our summer exhibition, voted for their favourite painting and supported us to make it such a successful event.

We are very pleased to report that combined with art sales and public donations we raised £534.66 for the East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

The DAS trophy which goes to the most popular painting was:

Southwold by Lorraine George.

Here is the link for more detail about Lorraine's painting and past winners of our coveted Dedham Art Society trophy

<https://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk/dastrophy-past-winners>



Southwold by Lorraine George

We would like to extend a 'thank you' to all who helped organise and promote the exhibition:

Firstly to the children of The Dedham Church of England Primary School for their participation. Their art display inspired by famous artists received many favourable comments and indeed visitors were impressed by the art curriculum taught and that at such a young age they were being introduced to artists like Kandinsky etc;

To the church office, wardens and caretakers for their support in organising and running the exhibition;

To The Marlborough Pub for sponsoring the wine at our opening reception;

To Kingsleigh Residential for sponsoring promotional boards in the village and finally to The Munnings Museum and The Norfolk and Norwich Art Circle, Milsoms, The Essex Rose Tea Rooms, Hall Farm, The Boatyard Eatery, Old Bakery Cafe and the other local business and residents who provided help in some way.

SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

The height of summer in my garden sees the last of the daylilies going over



Day lilies

beside the house, while the scent of giant Oriental hybrids on a warm day pulls me deeper into the garden. The borders are flooded with the colour of dahlias that will reach shoulder height by August, contrasting and blending with the second flush of roses, agapanthus, phlox and crocosmia.

On the plot, I'm harvesting raspberries, blackberries and blackcurrants, as well as a glut of tomatoes before the blight can get them. I start off outdoor cucumbers in a window ledge propagator, but they went outside in June and are pretty well established by now. They are trained up cane wigwams and I'll keep cutting off the sideshoots to two leaves after a flower or fruit. Just like tomatoes, these hungry plants will appreciate a high-potash fertiliser as the fruits form.

Although there's a feast for the eyes and belly, so much of July and August is also about keeping on top of everything I threw into the borders in spring thinking I didn't have enough stuff. (Mental memo: must learn restraint.)

It's time for the summer prune of my wisteria plants now – they're well established and I'm training one of them over an arch. I'll keep the whippy tendrils I need to tie in to create the new structure, but the rest of the plant needs attention before the end of July. Just find and cut back any unwanted tendrils to about 15cm (or five leaves) from their base.



Oriental hybrid lilies

A lot of pruning is also taking place in the mini-orchard now as it's time to give my apple stepovers their summer prune (you can treat apples and pears trained as cordons, espaliers or fans just the same). This will ensure as much sun as possible reaches the fruit to help it ripen, but also maximises next year's crop as you encourage fruiting spurs. Look for new shoots that are stiff and woody along their bottom third – they should have a cluster of leaves at the base. Those that are more than 20cm long should be cut back to three leaves above this basal cluster – be careful not to prune shorter shoots as these often have fruit buds. If there are any shoots growing from the sections that remain, I'll



RHS Wisley

A summer border

cut these back to just one leaf, while vigorous upright growth will be removed completely (these are stepovers after all).

As I'm going round with my scateurs, I'm also looking for candidates that will make good cuttings. These will bulk up my beds and borders for free or wind up in the Society's plant sales.

I've a lovely tender fuchsia in a pot that I've somehow managed to bring through winter, but I'll take some cuttings now as a precaution. Look for new growth that will root more easily and cut sections about 7cm long from the mother plant. Ideally, they won't have flowers but if there are small buds, just pinch them off so all the energy goes into producing new roots. Cut neatly below a leaf joint, then remove those lowest leaves and any sideshoots so the cutting has at most two pairs of leaves – you can also pinch out the tip (it's probably already wilting by now anyway). You can dip the tip in hormone rooting powder but it's not always necessary before inserting each cutting around the edge of a pot of well-draining compost. Water well and put the cuttings in a propagator

or plastic bag to keep the humidity high, then stand in a warm, light place but out of direct sunlight. Pot on after a couple of weeks at signs of new growth.

With all this care and attention, your gardens and plots will be looking fantastic, so (warning: unsubtle plug ahead) why not think about showing what you've grown in our annual Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September. The schedule will be out soon on our website, www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com, and it's fun – just find your best ten raspberries or blackberries, a vase of annual flowers or some stunning dahlias. Who knows how well you'll do!

Have a great summer in the garden everyone.

Elliott Frisby

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July 2024

The summer term brings with it longer, warmer – and hopefully drier – days, and it's the time of the year when classes seize opportunities to learn outdoors and go on school trips.



Chelmsford Cathedral

The trips planned, support children's learning in National Curriculum subjects but importantly they also help to add depth and breadth to our curriculum for personal development which we are immensely proud of.



Boxford fruit farm in Ardleigh



On board the sailing ship Pioneer

Visits during this summer term have included both local experiences and those further away; a leavers' service at Chelmsford Cathedral with self-reflection activities; learning about fruit production and farming at Boxford Fruit Farm in Ardleigh; a day at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford learning about the Battle of Britain; a day learning about fossils and finding shark teeth in Walton-on-the-Naze; a day investigating Anglo-Saxon life at West Stow.



Catching fish



Sharks teeth at Walton-on-the-Naze

A day in Brightlingsea onboard the sailing ship Pioneer and catching fish; weekly Forest School sessions for three classes; football, netball and cricket tournaments; and a sailing lesson for all children in Class 6.

We are incredibly fortunate and proud to be part of such a wonderful community. It really does take a village to raise a child so thank you to everyone who has been a part of our school year: local businesses who have sponsored events or donated items to school; local people who have organised and supported vital fundraising events; and volunteers who have led collective worship, supported in school or run clubs.

In 2025 we will be celebrating 200 years of Dedham Church of England Primary School. We very much look forward to sharing our celebrations with you and we also look forward to continuing to work with and for the people of Dedham.



Forest School sessions

If you would like to know more about the school, please do visit our school website or follow us on X (formerly Twitter) via @PrimaryDedham to see what we've been up to recently.

*Miss Laura Valentine
Deputy Headteacher*

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SCAN ME

A NEW PUBLIC USE DEFIBRILLATOR FOR DEDHAM

We are delighted to announce there is a new defibrillator available for public use 24/7. The defibrillator is in a locked cupboard situated at the front of the Assembly Rooms High Street, CO7 6HJ. It is positioned beside the notice board adjacent to the road.

The Defibrillator has very generously been provided by the Dedham Visitors' Guide. The Deed of the Dedham Visitors' Guide states that the funds raised by the sale of the little booklet should be used to supply things that the village needs but for which no other body is responsible.

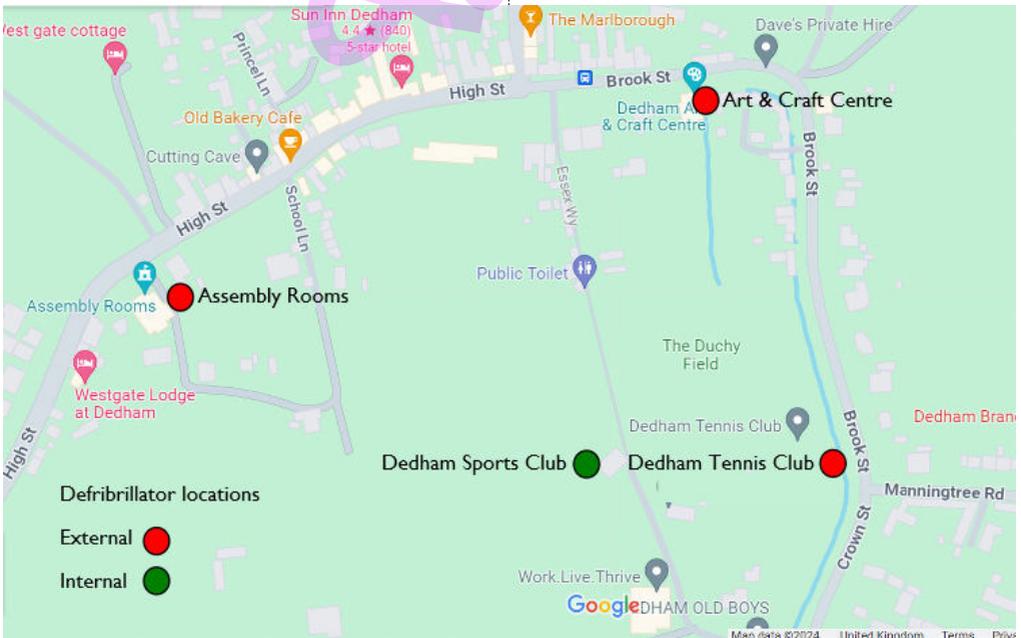
The defibrillator is a semi automatic device suitable for use on both adults and children. It is registered on 'the Circuit' the national database for public use defibrillators.

If you should need to use it please call the Ambulance Service on 999. The call handler will give you the code to gain access to the locked cabinet. The device is straight forward to use and the Ambulance Service will stay on the line giving you any instructions needed.

Richard Clarke, a village resident, who is an experienced defibrillator trainer has offered to hold some training sessions for anyone who would like to learn how to use the defibrillator.

During the hour long sessions you will be able to practise using a special training device. If you would like to attend a training session please email dedhamassemblyrooms@gmail.com or telephone 01206 323921

*Tracy Woods
For the Assembly Rooms Trust Dedham*



Defibrillator locations in Dedham.

DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

Come and join our friendly art group. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend our sessions in the Assembly Rooms. Your first 'taster' visit is free where indicated. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We are an amateur group who enjoy painting regularly.

Occasionally we have guest tutors, the rest of the time we help each other, beginners welcome. If you require any information about our activities or joining the Dedham Art Society please contact us by email at dedhamartsociety@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk>

Thursday 11th July 2024
Painting together session
Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm
This week's optional theme is dry media. This will include: pastels, graphite, pencils, charcoal and crayons.

Thursday 25th July 2024
Painting outside, 10am - Shotley, Suffolk
This week we will spend the day exploring the Shotley Peninsula. A great opportunity for plein air painting with scenic views and landscapes between the Orwell and Stour rivers.

Thursday 8th August 2024
Painting outside, 10am - The Munnings Museum, Dedham.
This week we will spend the day plein air painting in the grounds of the Munnings Museum together with the Norwich and Norfolk Art Circle.
Members only event.

Thursday 22nd August 2024
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For an application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation, Mrs. Claire Arculus, at dedhamefclerk@gmail.com or 07752201441.

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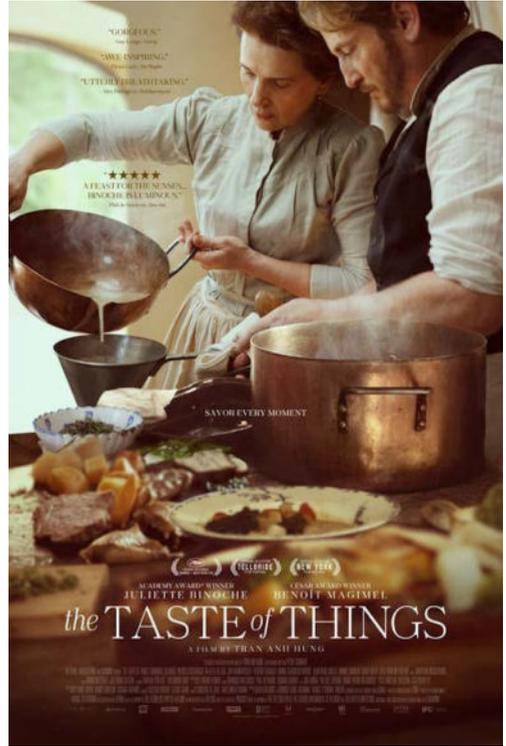
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2023

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WICKED LITTLE LETTERS directed by Thea Sharrock (15) 2024

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024

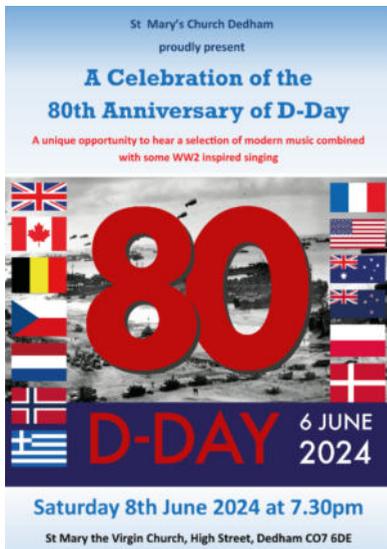
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When people in Littlehampton--including conservative local Edith--begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.

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180 people attended the Concert in our Church on June 8th.

We were entertained by Wattisham Military Wives Choir and Essex Police Community Choir with a guest appearance by Doreen Potter relating some amusing anecdotes. We were fortunate in having the presence of Miss Lyn Barton, Deputy Mayoress of Colchester and her sister.

Songs old and new were performed along with a moving tribute to D-Day and Colonel Tim Brent gave a vote of thanks and also told us about his past week accompanying the Veterans to the French beaches.

We raised over £2500 for Dedham Parish Church and our thanks go to all the people who attended and all the helpers and our sponsors.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

- Meet up Mondays - The Sun Inn, 11am to 12pm.
- Social Table Tennis - Dedham Sports Club, 10:30am to 12:30pm.
- Watercolour Painting Group, Duchy Barn, 10am to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 13:30 to 15:30.

Tuesday

- Coffee morning - The Duchy Barn, 10:30 to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 09:00 to 11:00.
- Dedham Carpet Bowls Club - Dedham Sports Club, 7pm to 9pm.

Wednesday

- Bridge in Dedham - Assembly Rooms, 1.30-5.00pm.

Thursday

- Coffee morning - The Duchy Barn, 10:30 to 12pm.

The British
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DEDHAM IN 1944

Chelmsford Chronicle - Friday 09 June 1944

The King's Birthday Honours, published yesterday, include the following award of special interest to Essex:

THE BARONET

Sir A. J. Munnings has a residence at Dedham, which neighbourhood and the Stour Valley have provided him with settings for some of his most famous paintings.

Chelmsford Chronicle - Friday 04 August 1944

BUS DRIVER FAINTED IN MIDDLE OF HILL. Soldier who jumped to brakes praised by Coroner.

When an Eastern Counties 'bus was half-way up Blackbrook Hill, Dedham, the driver prepared to change down from top gear. Suddenly he went into complete black-out and remembered nothing more, he said at a Colchester inquest on Monday on Miss Marjorie Kathleen Garling, 42, secretary of the Ipswich Nurses' Home, who was fatally injured when she attempted to leave the moving 'bus. The Coroner, Mr. O. Thompson Smith, highly praised a soldier, Corporal Reuben W. Willis, for applying the brakes at once.

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JULY 2024

- Monday 1st at 12:30pm - Monday Lunch Club in the Essex Rose.
- Monday 1st - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn.
- Sunday 9th at 11:00am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Thursday 11th - 2pm - 4.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, Dedham Art Society, Painting together session.
- Sunday 14th at 11.00am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **THE TASTE OF THINGS** directed by Alexander Payne (15) 2023.
- Sunday 21st at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Matins.
- Sunday 21st at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - ReVive@5.
- Thursday 25th Dedham Art Society, painting outside - Shotley, Suffolk.
- Saturday 27th - Mission Bake Sale at Dedham Church, 10am to 12noon.
- Sunday 28th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

AUGUST 2024

- Sunday 4th - 9:30am, Dedham Church Rise n' Shine service.
- Sunday 4th - 5:00pm, Dedham Church Evensong.
- Monday 5th at 12:30pm - Monday Lunch Club in the Essex Rose.
- Thursday 8th - 10am , Painting Outside at the Munnings Museum.
- Sunday 11th at 11:00am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Sunday 18th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Matins.
- Sunday 18th at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - ReVive@5.
- Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **WICKED LITTLE LETTERS** directed by Alexander Payne (15) 2023.
- Sunday 25th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

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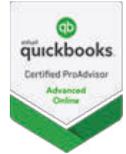
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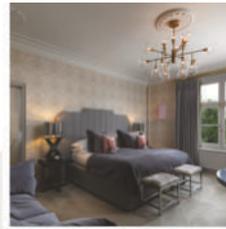
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