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Cover Photo - At the premises of Nicholsons & Co, the Organ builders, Antony Watson, Margaret Kitson and Andrew Caskie. Photo - Gabby Watson.

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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Sunday, 1st September

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

Sunday, 8th September

9.30am Morning Prayer Ardleigh
 11.00am Holy Communion Dedham*

Sunday, 15th September

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh
 9.30am Matins Dedham*

Sunday, 22nd September

9.30am Morning Prayer Ardleigh
 9.30am Holy Communion Dedham*

Sunday, 29th September

9.30am Benefice Service Ardleigh

* = Services which are live streamed.

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

 **YouTube**

**Our services are on YouTube.
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 Parishes.**

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 search - Dedham and
 Ardleigh Parishes.**

**Dedham and Ardleigh
 parishes website -
 QR code**




**Ardleigh Friendship Group: every 2nd
 and 4th Tuesday of the month:** 10am
 to 12 noon - Ardleigh Church.

**Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1st and 3rd
 Tuesday of the month:** Meeting at
 Ardleigh Church from 1.30 to 3.00pm.

**Little Steps Pre-School Group: every
 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month:**
 1.00-3.00pm in Ardleigh Church.

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 2nd
 September 12.30pm,** Essex Tea Rooms.
 Phone 322192 to reserve a place
 indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

**Men’s Breakfast - Saturday 7th
 September 9am** - venue tba. For bacon
 butties, tea, coffee and chat.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 12th
 September** - 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 28th
 September 10am-12pm,** Dedham
 Church.

FROM THE REGISTERS.

Baptisms:
July 14th - Janet Titterton (adult baptism)
August 4th - Elliot Pitcher.

Funerals:
July 16th - Peggy Clements, Interment of
 Ashes,
July 24th - Jean Flewin, Thanksgiving
 Service,

*Opinions expressed in contributed articles
 are those of the contributor and do not
 necessarily represent the position or opinions
 of the PCC or the Editorial team.*

Dear friends,

As we begin a new month and our children head back to school, memories of our summer holidays are slowly pushed out of our minds by the constant demands of daily life. And as we turn on the telly, read the paper or listen to the news we are reminded of nations at war, hostage situations and assassinations in the Middle East, an attempted assassination in the US and stabbings and riots in our own country. Amidst all this, it's worth considering the question: How do we deal with the reality of life in all its busyness, in all its brokenness?

Christians have traditionally brought these things to God in prayer. The Apostle Paul wrote to one of his protégés, Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Paul knew that being able to "live peaceful and quiet lives" was no automatic right or certainty in his day – that we would need to pray for all those in authority, for those whose actions can, at one level, start or stop the conflicts that mar life in this fallen world.

But prayer is not just "for kings and all those in authority", because Paul elsewhere addresses the internal strife, stress and strains that can, at times, overcome each of us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in His promised King Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7) – that is, the path to inner peace was a prayer-filled one.

So how do we deal with the reality of life in all its busyness, in all its brokenness? Maybe today you say a prayer (which is just talking to God – it doesn't need to be anything fancy) amidst the busyness of your own life or in light of the brokenness that you see around you. God is in control – He can do something about it – and He made you, so He loves to hear from you.

May you know His peace at this time.

*Prayerfully yours,
Phillip*

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 tool for checking the cutting dates for Dedham's Public Rights of Way network.

Check out the update on the organ project for details of Church closures in September and October.

There are some new adverts this month so don't forget the advertising section in the second half of the magazine.

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





BIBLE VERSE COMMENTARY

Romans 6, Verse 23

“For the wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”

In July 1958, at my Confirmation Service in Watford, the Bishop of Bedford laid his hands on my head, and uttered these words, “the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord”

This passage from Paul’s epistle to the Romans has indelibly stayed with me since that day.

Through good times and challenging times, it has helped me to take comfort, and bring some understanding to the mystery of earthly life becoming eternal life.

Life beyond the grave mystifies us all, but Christians recognise that their faith is meaningless without having belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the life everlasting.

Throughout Chapter 6, Paul links wickedness and sin to our earthly behaviour, and is why the act of penitence is such an essential part of our faith, enabling us to receive God’s all-embracing gift.

John Reed

MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the Mission Stall are as follows:

28th September 10am to 12noon

26th October 10am to 12 noon

GLASSES FOR SIERRA LEONE



This large box of glasses went out to Sierra Leone in July. A Big Thank You to all those who have donated their old spectacles and sunglasses. They will be very much appreciated by those receiving them.

Ruth Higginson

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER

I'm now into my third month as Children and Young People's (CYP) worker and it has been such a blessing to meet some of you in church, at the primary school or around Dedham.

For those who don't know me, I actually live in Langham with my husband Tom and three children Annabel, Molly and Thomas and our labrador Bessie.

Dedham has for many years been a very special place for me. Starting as family picnics by the river and driving up the A12 from South Essex as a child to becoming the Church Parish Administrator in 2014 where I remained for seven years, before I followed my calling into Children and families ministry with a different Colchester parish. What a blessing to now be back in Dedham again.

It's been a busy start: so far my main purpose has been to meet children and families, introduce myself to Dedham Primary School, build relationships and introduce the CofE 30k JOIN Resources programme. My new role here in Dedham cannot grow CYP ministry on its own; I need volunteers to be part of this journey with the wider Dedham Ministry team and our existing fabulous volunteers.

This is where JOIN 30k Project helps. A Church of England initiative looking to recruit 30,000 new children and young people workers across the UK by 2030. I'm really excited by this initiative as it encourages and motivates ministry leaders across the nation to come alongside parishioners and support their calling into CYP; offering the worthy recognition of how important our volunteers are, how inspiring it can be to work with CYP and also providing parishes with the resources to support volunteers.

Take a look here for more information.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/JOIN>

If you would like to have a chat and have an interest in joining our children and young people's team - please get in contact. We have junior church on Sunday mornings (3 or 4 Sunday mornings per month needing once per month volunteers), DJB youth Group (currently meeting once per month), support from the church in the local primary school and wider joint church and community events .

Here to support children and families in the best way I can, I would also like to share details on the charity Care for the Family. <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

This amazing charity offers support for couples, parents and also bereavement support. Events and talks take place across the country, and on 2nd October in Colchester at 7:30pm there is a talk on big parenting questions 'navigating the leap from children to adolescence.' Early bird tickets are £6 and the venue is Kingsland Church, Stanway, Colchester. If you would like to book please see the link below or Scan the QR Code.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/big-parenting-questions/>



I leave you with this short quote from Ephesians 4:1-2 :-

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Claire Arculus
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Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

SEPTEMBER

Sept 10th

The Deanery choir will be singing at St. Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 10.30am communion service.

The anthem that they will be performing is, 'Almighty and everlasting God' by Orlando Gibbons. (1583-1625) Gibbons was an English composer and keyboard player who was one of the last masters of the English Virginalist School and English Madrigal School.

The best known member of a musical family dynasty, by the 1610s he was the leading composer and organist in England, with a career cut short by his sudden death in 1625. As a result, Gibbons's oeuvre was not as large as that of his contemporaries, like the elder William Byrd, but he made considerable contributions to many genres of his time. He is often seen as a transitional figure from the Renaissance to the Baroque periods. Gibbons was born into a musical family where his father was a wait, his brothers - Edward, Ellis and Ferdinand were musicians and Orlando was expected to follow the tradition.

It is not known under whom he studied, although it may have been with Edward or Byrd, but he almost certainly studied the keyboard in his youth. Irrespective of his education, he was musically proficient enough to be appointed an unsalaried member of the Chapel Royal in May 1603 and a full-fledged gentleman of the Chapel Royal as junior organist by 1605.



By 1606 he had graduated from King's College, Cambridge with a Bachelor of Music degree.

Sept 24th

The Deanery choir will be singing at All Saints Church, Walton-on-Naze CO14 8BU at the 4.00pm Choral Evensong service. The anthem that they will be performing is, 'View me Lord' by Richard H Lloyd. (1933-2021) After National Service he was organist and choirmaster at SHAPE near Paris. From 1957 to 1966 he was assistant organist of Salisbury Cathedral under Christopher Dearnley.

In the year 1966 he was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers of Hereford Cathedral. He was chief conductor at the Hereford Three Choirs Festival in 1967, 1970 and 1973. In 1974 he moved to Durham on his appointment as Organist and Master of the Choristers of Durham Cathedral. In 1985 he became deputy headmaster of Salisbury Cathedral School. Ill health forced his early retirement in 1988.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir Organiser



A Poem about Stillness and Silence
By Anne Le Claire

Every soul innately yearns
for stillness.
For a space, a garden
where we can till, sow,
reap and rest,
and by doing so
come to a deeper sense of
our self and our place in the universe.
Silence is not an absence
but a presence, not an emptiness,
not a repletion, but a filling up.

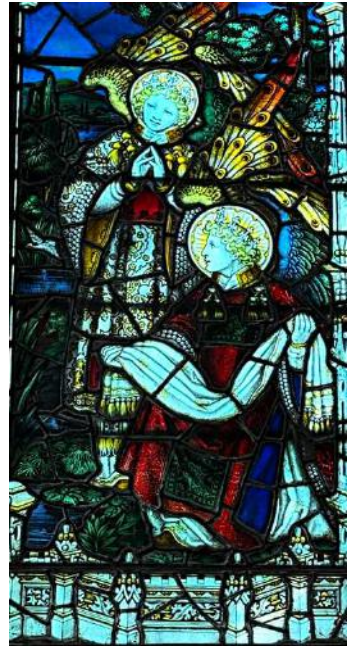




First window, North side of the chancel, left panel



First window, North side of the chancel, centre panel



First window, North side of the chancel, right panel

Last month we left Jesus in the Temple discussing scripture with the Chief priests and Teachers at about the age of 12. After this we know little more of His life until He meets with His relative John the Baptist to be baptised. This event is depicted in the three panels of the first window on the North side of the chancel in St Mary's Church, in Dedham. This provides an important message to those who view the window, reminding them of the importance and significance of Baptism within the Christian Faith.

John baptises Jesus in the River Jordan. Whether Baptism at that time was by immersion or the pouring or sprinkling of water over the one being baptised is much debated. In this window it appears as if the interpretation is a combination of the two. In the central panel Jesus is shown standing in the water, his feet still submerged and it looks as if he is emerging from the river and is wrapped in a cloak or towel but otherwise naked. In the left hand panel John the Baptist holds a container, perhaps a shell, for pouring water over Jesus as well.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus emerges from the River Jordan after his baptism, the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends onto Him in the form of a Dove and a voice from heaven is heard saying "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased". (Matthew 3: 16 – 17). We see all this depicted in the central panel: The dove with wings outstretched, with a halo is emerging in front of the sun and surrounded by its rays, and above Jesus' head we see a speech ribbon in Latin "-Hic est filius meus dilectus-" ('This is my beloved Son').

Jesus' baptism

In the right hand panel two beautifully portrayed Angels, their finely embroidered and opulent garments fringed with pearls, look on and one of the Angels holds Jesus' neatly folded robe. As always in stained glass panels of the late Victorian period the Angels are depicted with wonderfully elaborate wings. In this case, the wings are partly made up of peacock feathers, a feature typical of Angel "portraits" from the Studio of Charles Kempe.



Makers mark for Walter Ernest Tower

Often there is no indication of the origin or maker of the Stained Glass Windows but in this window and indeed in the other three narrative windows of the chancel which we have looked at (The road to Emmaus, Jesus presented at the Temple, and, Jesus discovered in the Temple) we have a Maker's Mark.

Charles Eamer Kempe was a celebrated and prolific maker of Stained glass windows in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. His mark was a golden "garb", the heraldic term for a wheatsheaf, which was part of his coat of arms. On Kempe's death, his studio was taken on by a distant cousin Walter Ernest Tower and after this the mark was a black tower superimposed on the wheatsheaf. The best example of this mark can be seen in the bottom left hand corner of the left hand panel of this Baptism window.



The Holy Spirit Descending as a Dove (Detail)

Adrian Beckingsale

Organ Replacement Project



With all the necessary approvals in place, detailed planning of the installation phase of the project has been taking place and October and November will be very busy months as Nicholson & Co will be delivering and then installing the new organ.

During the week commencing 30th September the scaffolding necessary to get all the new pipes etc into the organ loft will be erected and the Church will be closed for the two days that this is expected to take, for health and safety reasons.

On Monday 7th October Nicholson & Co will be delivering the new organ in an extremely large removal van, it will take up the 4 parking bays nearest to the Church, and once again the Church will be closed this day for H & S reasons.

The whole of the South Aisle of the Church will be set aside as a storage compound for all the new pipes etc before they are gradually moved up into the Organ loft and installed and the pews will be moved to create sufficient space for this.

Barriers will be in place to direct visitors to the Church to use the north aisle and part of the central aisle whilst the installation is taking place, but as many as possible will be removed for Sunday services so that they can take place as near to normal as can be. The hospitality area will however be closed for the duration of the time that the scaffolding is erected.

The mechanical installation period is expected to take about 5 weeks and then a further 2 – 3 weeks will be spent “toning or voicing” the new organ.

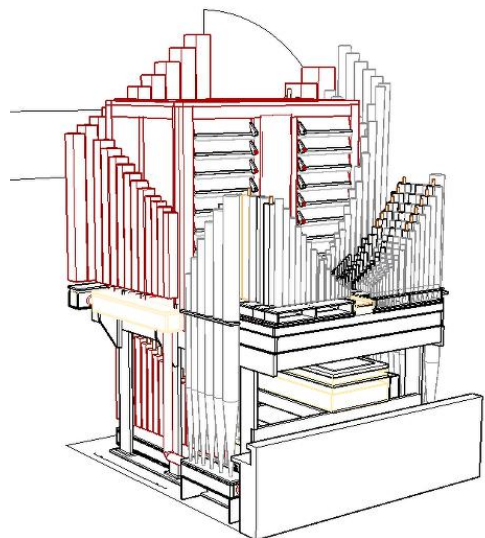
Assuming this all goes smoothly then the handover of the organ is expected to be no later than the 22nd November, with the scaffolding dismantled during the week commencing the 25th November.

In addition, the current façade pipes are going to be removed and taken back to the Nicholson & Co workshops in Malvern to be repainted, and when completed and reinstalled these will provide a marvellous finishing touch to the whole installation of the new organ.

Finally, it is planned to hold a special Organ recital and a Dedication Service for the new organ in 2025 and details of both these events will be published in a future edition of the Parish Magazine.

Whilst it is appreciated that there will be considerable disruption to the normal life of the Church during the installation phase, it will all be well worth it to have a new organ that will fill the Church with wonderful sound for generations to come.

*David Druitt
On behalf of the Organ Replacement Project
Committee.*



CAD drawing of the new organ by Dan Davies - Nicholson's' designer.

JEAN FLEWIN



Jean was born in May 1933 in London, the youngest of four siblings. She grew up in the second World War and was twice evacuated, first to Devon and then to Yorkshire.

She experienced the blitz and air raids too; she would tell stories about the doodle-bugs and V2 rockets, telling her family how the doodle-bug would glide for several miles before exploding but the V2's were terrifying because they were silent until impact and gave no warning. Her family were bombed out twice and spent nights in the garden bomb shelter, and the London Underground. She witnessed first hand the bombing of Catford School in 1943 in which many pupils and teachers were killed.

After her school years at Sydenham High School she started secretarial training working for Unilever.

She met Roy when she was just 14 years old and he 17 years of age at the

local church youth club, and after Roy had finished his National Service postings in Cyprus and Egypt, the couple were married in 1953.

Roy trained as a Silversmith and made many beautiful items, some of which can be found in our Dedham Church.

Debra and Claire, Jean's daughters were born in Chislehurst, but after a move to Bromley they eventually settled in Dedham in 1973 and Jean soon enjoyed being an active member of the village community.

She became the office Manager at Dedham C of E Primary school and showed an ever-present interest in the well-being of children.

David Druitt says of her; "Jean had an obvious love of wanting to ensure that children were given the very best start in life, as evidenced by her role at Dedham Primary School for many years, and in addition to this she was Clerk to the Dedham Educational Foundation, a local charity awarding grants to University, College and Secondary School students for 14 years, from 2006 to 2020"

One of the teachers who knew Jean as a colleague and friend is Margaret Francis who has written about her life at the school:

Jean was the ideal person to meet and greet new visitors to the school. Her office was next to the front entrance where she could see children, visitors, delivery personnel and services arriving.

Her ready smile and charming personality quickly put strangers at their ease. Her job was multi - tasking; as well as secretarial work she dealt with lunch money, was first aider, in charge of the stores and rescuer of children who had forgotten something essential for the school day!

Jean was always firm, but calm and considerate, ready to give up her own time to help with a project, school outing or function.

She was there for all of us willing to turn her hand to anything involving school life, under the direction of the then head, Mike Atkins.

She was a good friend too; six of us – three school members and other halves, would meet up regularly after school, and meetings were known as “Coven meetings” (three witches and their familiars,) sharing some fun times together!

Carolyn a former head said of Jean, “She was incredibly kind to all of the children, especially if they had hurt themselves or were feeling unwell. She had a great sense of humour and was warm and friendly, but woe betide if someone over stepped the mark, as she could be strict too.

Jean together with Roy were both active members of Dedham church



joining the choir where Roy was the choir master for a time.

Antony Watson the current Director of Music says of her:

When I took over the post of Organist 25 years ago, Jean’s husband Roy had been caretaker choir master for a few years. As the “new kid on the block” Jean welcomed me with warmth and enthusiasm, and whilst full of admiration for her dear Roy’s work with the choir, she very much supported me when Roy handed over the reins of the choir leadership role a few months later.

I have long held the view that choir practices should be fun as well as getting the job done, and Jean was very appreciative of my sense of humour; the jokes and quips! I can still hear her laughing, along with the cries of “ Don’t encourage him” and “ Oh you are awful, but I like you !” (the late Dick Emery)

Jean always told me that she didn’t read music, something I find hard to believe, given her stalwart and reliable leadership of the alto section of the choir.

When Gabbie, I and the girls came to live five doors down from Jean, it was great to have such a dear neighbour, and Jean would often dog-sit our two terriers if we were called away. I am full of admiration for her ability to cope with her house and extensive garden for so long, and it was good to be able to help her with the odd plumbing emergency or mishap over the years. I will cherish the memory of sitting in the garden with her, Roy and other choir members and friends over the years.

Jean, you will be much missed, but I for one will be ever grateful for your encouragement and support (or tolerance as she would probably interject) during our long friendship. Crown Street isn’t the same without you Jean!

Flower Arranging was another area in which Jean excelled and as Helen says: “Jean played a leading part in the Flower Team at the church for 20 years. She loved taking part in the Harvest Festivals which involved assembling hay bales, sacks of fruit and vegetables, agricultural implements and flowers. She was also part of the team who arranged the Nativity display at Christmas. This involved bringing all the figures carefully down from the tower via the narrow spiral staircase, assembling the crib on staging and then taking the all the figures back again after Christmas.

At intervals throughout the year, she also provided lovely displays of flowers to enhance worship and to welcome the many visitors to the church. Jean was a loved member of the team and was always ready to help out with a smile.”

Part of the Pastoral Team in the church for many years and a very willing member of the Open the Book Team with others from the church, Jean enjoyed going into school, dressing the children in their outfits, acting alongside them, as well as helping out keeping the costumes in a good state of repair and order.

Jean worked for many years as “ Clerk to the Parish Council “ and her services were greatly valued by those who served with her. The village thank you to Jean took place on Friday 30th November 2012 in the Dedham CE Primary School hall and the Parish Council meeting of December 2012 recognised her 25 years of service.

An old friend of Jean’s, Lou Scolding, would like to add:

“Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend my friend Jean’s Thanksgiving Service by streaming it online.

She and I were good friends for many years; we had outings together and we laughed together! One of my greatest pleasures was doing the Mother’s Day posies with her here in my conservatory. So many happy memories.

God Bless and sweet dreams Jean. Merv & Sue Mckinney have written that:

Jean was friendly and outgoing, with a great sense of humour and her faith shone through her life.

She was a good friend to many and will be sadly missed by her daughters Debra and Claire and her grandchildren.

Those of us who knew and remember her, do so with great affection, saying “what a lovely lady.”

Lastly to say-

Thank you Jean from all of us for simply being you. With love from all your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues- we feel the richer for having known you.

Liz Reed

MOBILE FONT



This modern mobile font was made in 1998 by master craftsman and silversmith Roy Flewin who was a member of the congregation and choir.

Roy, together with Martin Hugget also made the paschal and votive candle stands.

The long running campaign to implement a holistic traffic plan for Dedham-Boxted-Langham continues. You may recall that before Christmas I held a meeting with the Parish Council and the councillor in charge of highways to progress this matter.

This followed on from receipt of a report which was of unsatisfactory quality. We have now received an update to hopefully progress with a revised plan, subject to securing of funding. I will share details as I receive them.

The latest update received from North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) is that the proposed Dedham High Street parking charges are no longer proceeding. NEPP has indicated it may liaise with stakeholders later this year on any other proposals, but I will update if that occurs.

Applications for my locality budget are now open. I have £5,000 in my budget this year. The closing date is 28th February 2025 with claims needing to be made by 31st March 2025. This can be used to fund small projects across the areas I represent.

I then have my County Local Community Fund, which has a closing date of 10th January 2025. This is done by borough council area. This year, the fund available for each district will be £5,200 multiplied by the number of county councillors for that district. The aim is for unanimity between county councillors per district, or, in the absence of objections, the cabinet member will decide on the application's merits.

The fund must be spent on one of three areas:

- Levelling up
- Tackling climate change
- Youth services

Please contact me if you are interested in these funds.

Finally, I am delighted that Essex County Council has announced a further £25 million for highway repairs this year. This is in addition to the extra £12 million for highways for which we already voted earlier this year.

We know highways maintenance is a priority. So our prudent financial management has allowed this extra investment to take place. These investments are on top of the £39 million has already been set aside for this year's small-scale annual resurfacing programme.

This additional £25 million will be focused on larger road resurfacing programmes, along with drain cleaning, white line repainting, vegetation cutting back and sign repairs.

*Cllr Lewis Barber
Member for Constable Division*



SEPTEMBER

Step outside this Season of Creation (1st September - 4th October). Connect with nature and dedicate this time to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life.

Choose an idea or two from our resource and encourage your church family to take part too!

Free to download at arocha.org.uk/step-outside-this-season-of-creation-resource/





Dedham Parish Council July 2024
Meeting Notes

Campaign Against The Pylons

The Council is planning to submit its objection to the National Grid proposals with the aim of them following closely observations from Colchester City Council.

Footpaths

There were further comments about the need for more attention to be given to making some of the local footpaths more accessible. The Council now has an online tracking mechanism for this on the Parish Council website.

Go to: <https://dedhampc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=06bc730ace4b4248994d635186cb44c6>

or use the Dedham Footpaths Cutting Schedule - Interactive Map link on the Home Page of the Dedham Parish Council website.



Dedham Primary School 200th Anniversary

2025 will be the schools two hundredth anniversary. The Christmas Market will be the start of the celebrations with a Dickensian theme. The celebrations will include the planting of 200 trees around Dedham and twinning with Dedham in Massachusetts, USA. Dedham 200 is a plan for memories from the last 200 years to be uploaded onto a website.

Essex County Council Councillor Report

It was noted that the first round of priority repairs is the footpath on Grove Hill/Shoebridge Hill – Dedham
It was also noted that the walk to Flatford is closed near Flatford.

Community Environment

It was agreed to progress repairs to the village playground and war memorial site.

Traffic & Parking

It was reported that the 30 mph stickers had been distributed around the village.

River Management

Concern was expressed about the permanent use of the cones on the meadows.

It was reported that Suffolk Wildlife Trust had begun work on a survey and that they had been talking with stake holders in the village.

The Manningtree PACE group had tested the water quality on 30th June 2024 and it was at a better level than the previous month.

Dedham Therapy Farm

It was agreed to make a £10,000 donation to the Dedham Therapy Farm.

*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 2nd September at 6.30pm 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 Parish Council website.

CUTTING DATES FOR DEDHAM'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) NETWORK.

Following resident concerns that they were unaware of the cutting schedules of Dedham's footpaths. DPC have introduced a new online interactive map so residents can find out exactly what is happening when and where.

Essex Highways delegate maintenance of footpaths in the parish to Dedham Parish Council (DPC), under this service level agreement we receive £1,700 towards the cost of path maintenance.

In total there are just over 16 miles (26km) of PROWs in Dedham and so the remainder of maintenance costs come from DPC reserves.

Scan the QR code for the map, zoom in and click on the path to view associated cutting schedule, here you can report issues via an online form.

Dark red highlights paths included in maintenance schedule. Light red highlights paths not included in schedule. Please note this is for PROWs only, not roadside verges.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE END OF ANALOGUE LANDLINES?



Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in Dedham aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines. By 2027, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service.

This means that calls will be made over a broadband line. For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider. Visit us at an event near you! Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Spring and Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines.

This is subject to change so please see the full list of events at www.superfastessex.org/digital-landline-switch-events. If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website: www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch

Dedham Horticultural Society

OPEN SHOW

All welcome to exhibit - no charge

Saturday 7 September
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COMING THIS SEASON WITH DEDHAM'S HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I'm writing this freshly back from special visit to a local garden with some of our members and their guests. Following a fantastic talk in June by Ed Fairey about the National Garden Scheme (<https://ngs.org.uk/>) with photos from his own garden, we were inspired to visit him at Mayfield Farm in Ardleigh for a tour followed by tea and cake.



Mayfield Farm

There was a fairly even division between those who went for a nose about the garden and those who went for the tea and cake, but all agreed it was a wonderful afternoon and great way to round off our events for the year.

Our 2024/25 programme kicks off on Saturday 7 September with our annual Autumn Show and the schedule to enter is available now to download from our website. Classes are free to enter and there's usually a one or more that works for everyone.

Then in October, our programme of monthly speaker evenings starts again offering insight into a wide range of topics. We're very excited about our first from Mark Richardson, who will take us 'behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show. Based in Fordham, Mark has worked with several designers to build

Chelsea Gardens including the Gold-medal winning St James's Piccadilly: Imagine the World to be Different with designer Robert Myles and the Bridgerton Garden with Holly Johnston and Netflix. With landscaping being as important as plants in our gardens, he'll give us a fascinating insight into the challenge of building some of the structures while also being conscious of planting going around him. We hope to be joined by one of his local design partners too, so this is one not to be missed.



Chelsea Flower show garden

One of our regular Show judges, Brenda Eyers, will give us a demonstration of flower arranging in November and we'll raffle off her creations at the end of the evening. These will make wonderful centrepieces or talking points for any Christmas entertaining you're planning.

Then in December, we host our third Christmas curry and quiz. Spaces go fast for this one (and I get an early opportunity to go all out with the festive sparkle). Members and their guests get first dibs on tickets, so worth joining the Society if you don't want to miss out. In February, we host a virtual talk to save us venturing out until springtime returns and Ben Pope will take us 'treading gently through the borders' before it's my turn to give a loosely garden-related talk on my beekeeping year. I've been keeping bees for several years now – not always successfully – and as the bees start



Elliotts Bees

waking up, will share some of the joys and utter failures of the hobby.

We'll hear about the Eden Project and Lost Gardens of Heligan, get an introduction to Bonsai from the chairman of the Ipswich Bonsai Society and finish the programme in June with Roy and James from local Shadows Pit Nursery, who will bring along some plants and demonstrate how to propagate them. There will be an opportunity to have a go ourselves too, so if you want to learn how to make more of your plants for free, put 4th June in your diary now.

Speaker evenings take place at the Assembly Rooms, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, but do check our website for dates. Guests are always welcome – you don't need to be a member, though there is a small charge if you're not – so we hope to see you there. As well as these events, our annual programme includes the spring show, a

busy plant sale in front of Dedham's church, coffee morning for members and our annual outing to a well-known garden attraction (we're still finalising the details for 2025, so stay tuned to the website). It's quite a job to make all this work well and the committee is still looking for a couple of people who might have some time to help out. We're a friendly bunch and regardless of how much time you think you can contribute – all help is welcomed.



DHS Autumn Show

Our Shows and Speaker Programme benefit from the generosity of two local sponsors, Horizon Landscapes and Bland Landscapes. Their sponsorship lets us offset some of the costs of these events, keeping them free for members and only £2 entry for other guests. So, as I sign off for another month and get back to planning the programme with my fellow committee members, I'd like to thank Marc Everett, Joe Bland and their respective teams, as well as all our members and casual visitors for their support.

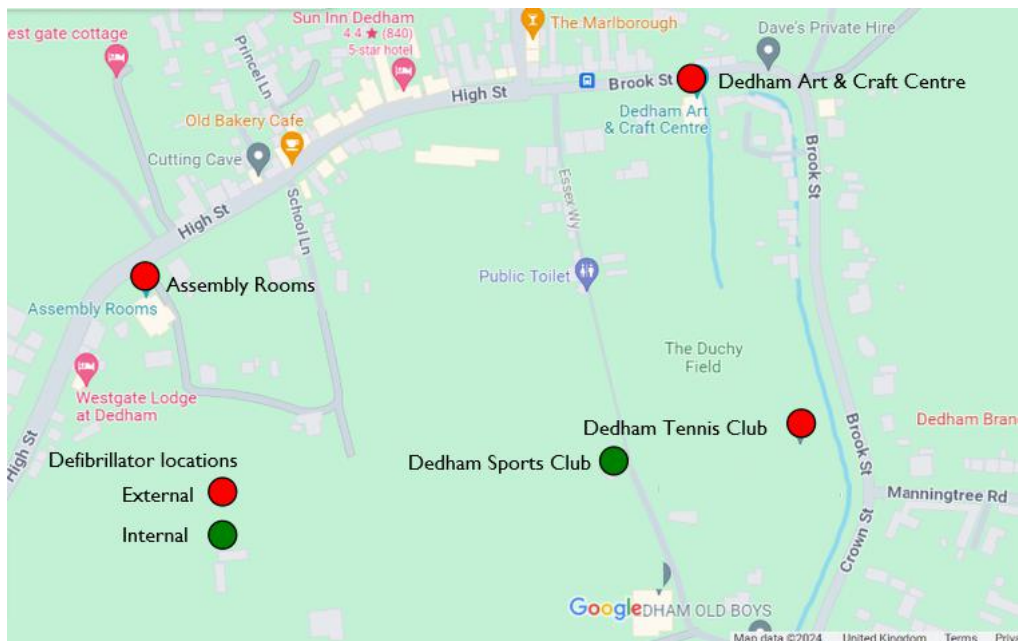
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DEFIBILLATOR LOCATIONS

Correction to July/August map of defibrillator locations. The Dedham Art & Craft Centre defibrillator is actually located on the side of the building closest to the brook, near the end door.



Defibrillator locations in Dedham.



THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Saturday 16th November, 8.30 - 11.30am.

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SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 4pm, Stratford St Mary Church – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 4pm at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

Martin Roscoe Piano: Beethoven - Schubert - Szymanowski - Wagner - Liszt

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 4pm at the Constable Hall, East Bergholt

Illustrated Talk by Paul Campion: Kathleen Ferrier – her Life and Legacy

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 4pm at the Constable Hall, East Bergholt

Young Musicians Concert and afternoon tea

SUNDAY 9th MARCH at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

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SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 4pm at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

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More information online: www.svam.org
Brochures at Grier and Partners Estate Agent from 1 August. For season tickets contact Doreen Weatherall: 01206 298426 or svamtickets@btinternet.com

GUIDE DOGS

Do you remember Kenny? the labradoodle trainee guide dog pup who grew and grew.



He left us to go to Guide dog 'school' in London. As he comes to the end of his training we went to London to see him work with his trainer. What a wonderful day we had. At first we watched him work with his trainer keeping a distance behind him so he didn't see or smell us.

Afterwards we met Kenny face to face and what a greeting he gave us. Recognising us immediately he bounced over to us so excited (one could say 'over the top'). Lots of licks and cuddles followed. The feelings of joy from both of us is indescribable.

We now have trainee guide dog pup Serge a labrador/retriever cross born May 19th. He's making good progress but at time of writing it's very early days.

On Sunday October 6th at 3pm we are having a special service to celebrate the work of Guide dogs at St. Mary the Virgin church Ardleigh. More details next month. Book the date to join us and meet our life changing dogs.

Marjorie Culham BEM

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 12th September 2024 **Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm**

Painting together session

This week's optional theme is 'hero's and leaders'.

Thursday 26th September 2024

Painting with natural earth watercolours

- Visiting Professional Artist, Richard Taylor. Fully booked. Members only waitlist.

Thursday 10th October 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional theme is to produce an ink drawing for Inktober.

Thursday 24th October 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional theme is to hand paint Christmas cards.

First session free to non members.

Phone 07872 334729 to book

"COAST AND COUNTRY" ART EXHIBITION by Frances Scott

"Coast and Country" Art exhibition
by Frances Scott

The exhibition featuring Seascapes and Landscapes of the East Coast and the area around Dedham, will be held in the Dutchy Barn beside the cricket ground in Dedham on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September from 10am to 6pm each day.

Vibrant collage, art prints, gift cards and Gilded Glassware, all for sale. Free entry.



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Closing date for applications:- **31st October 2024.**

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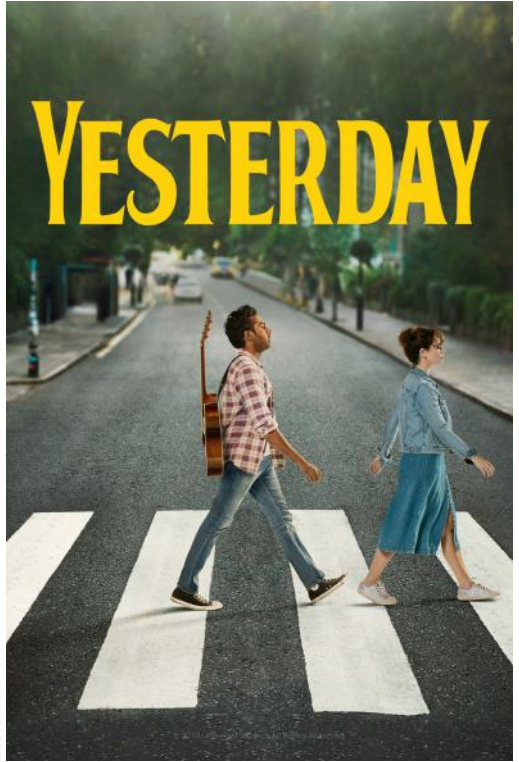
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- Sunday 1st at 9.30 pm - Dedham Church - Rise and Shine.
- Monday 2nd - 12.30pm, Monday Lunch Club, Essex Rose Tea Room.
- Monday 2nd - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn.
- Saturday 7th - Dedham Horticultural Society Autumn Show, The Assembly Rooms, 2pm to 4pm.
- Sunday 8th at 11:00am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Thursday 12th - 2pm - 4.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, Dedham Art Society, Painting together session.
- Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th - 10am to 6pm "Coast and Country" Art exhibition by Frances Scott in the Duchy Barn.
- Sunday 15th at 9.30am, Dedham Church - Matins.
- Sunday 15th - Dedham Run.
- Wednesday 18th at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **YESTERDAY** directed by Danny Boyle (13) 2019.
- Sunday 22nd at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion (Harvest Festival)
- Sunday 22nd at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - ReVive@5.
- Saturday 28th - Mission Bake Sale at Dedham Church, 10am to 12noon.

- Sunday 29th at 9:30am, Ardleigh Church, Benefice Service.
- Monday 30th - Dedham Church closed for erection of scaffolding.

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 Baby and Toddler Group Dedham Sports Club, 10am to 12pm (Term time only)
- 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.

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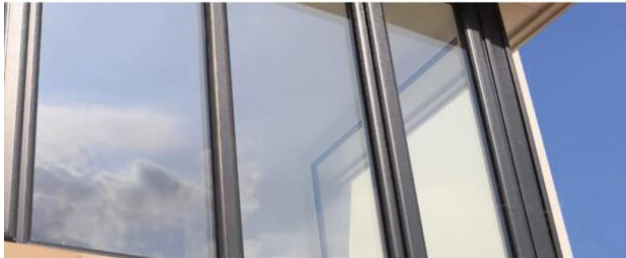
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