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## DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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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.**

**If you would like a lift to church contact Sharon Sarson Tel: 07876114418**

If you have been bereaved or know of anyone who has, please contact Vee Druitt **Tel: 322 000** or Ruth Higginson **Tel: 322 598**

**If you need any further support, please contact the Parishes Office Tel: 322 136 and your call will be returned.**

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am Ascension Day Service Ardleigh

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Morning Prayer Ardleigh  
 11.00am Holy Communion Dedham\*

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh  
 9.30am Matins Dedham\*  
 5.00pm ReVive@5 Dedham\*

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Morning Prayer Ardleigh  
 9.30am Holy Communion Dedham\*

\* = Services which are live streamed.

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

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

**Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month:** Meeting at Susan's until the weather is warmer. Ring her on 0793 201 4735 if you would like to come.

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

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9am** - venue tbc. For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12pm, Dedham Church**

**Monday Lunch Club - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.** Phone 322192 to reserve a place indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

**Dedham Arts Society Exhibition - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May through to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Dedham Church.** Open to the public 10am-5pm each day, except for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May when it will be open from 12pm - 4pm.

**FROM THE REGISTERS.**

**Funeral Services.**

**19<sup>th</sup> March** - Anne Rogerson.

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - James Brown.

**25<sup>th</sup> March** - Peter Davis.

Dear friends,

Sunshine and daylight savings, blossom and birdsong – springtime is well and truly upon us and I hope you are finding ways to enjoy the regeneration and new opportunities it brings!



The revitalisation of our floral life and the return of sunlight to many of our days, mirror in part the change in seasons in the Church year as we move from the more introspective season of Lent to a more obviously light-filled season, punctuated by the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, His ascension to heaven and the coming of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Each of these events is significant in and of itself.

First, in Jesus' physical resurrection from the dead we are shown that death is not the end of our lives: that life after death is possible.

Secondly, in Jesus' ascension we see more clearly Jesus' divine origins as He returns to His Father in dramatic fashion in full view of His first followers.

Thirdly, in the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost we see God promising to dwell with His people in a powerful, personal and lasting way.

Each of these events is significant in and of itself, but together they paint a portrait of a God who is powerful (even stronger than death), a God who intervened in human history (in the person of His Son) and a God who remains present with His people (by His Spirit). These are just some of the reasons the Christian Church rejoices greatly at this time and in this season. If you'd like to experience some of this joy for yourself, please come and visit one of our services near you – you'd be very welcome!

*Best wishes, Phillip*

## FROM THE EDITOR

Please contact the editor if you have an event that you would like to appear in the calendar page. We now have a regular monthly Parish Council update from one of the Parish Councillors.

We have started a new series of articles based around Stained Glass windows by Adrian Beckingsale.

This month there is an update on the National Grid Norwich - Tilbury project.

Remember the cut-off date for submitting articles for publication is normally the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the month of publication, we would love to hear from you via

[dedhameditor@gmail.com](mailto:dedhameditor@gmail.com)





**MAY**

Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.

Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at [caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

## MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the Mission Stall are as follows:

**11<sup>th</sup> May - 10am to 12noon**  
(shared with Dedham Horticultural Society)

29<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 12noon

27<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 12noon

26<sup>th</sup> August Bank Holiday Monday  
10am to 4pm

28<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 12noon

26<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 12 noon

## BIBLE VERSE COMMENTARY



John ch 13 v 33-35

*My children I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going you cannot come. A new command I give you.*

*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

Jesus said these words at the Last Supper. He told the disciples that he would not be with them much longer. The disciples did not know this. He knew what was going to happen to him - that he would be crucified.

Not everyone is easy to love, but if we knew what went on in other peoples' lives, we should perhaps better understand their behaviour and pray for them. It is not for us to judge others.

"Dear Lord help us to be active in our love for each other" Amen

*Ann Shaw*

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

# DEDHAM CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Duchy Barn, Dedham CO7 6AH  
6.15-7.30pm after Revive@5  
(Third Sunday of the month)  
Senior school age

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT CLAIRE ARCULUS 07752201441

FOR FOOD, GAMES AND CHAT ABOUT FAITH



## FOODBANK

Serving those in the community who are  
in need of emergency food packages



As many will remember, junior church is not a new thing in Dedham, known as Sunday School, this was running every Sunday during the Sunday morning services for many many years.

However, after a few years of not having junior church due to the decline in attendance, Junior Church is back!

Rev Phillip's wife, Louise, set the new group up shortly after they moved to Dedham and it has been growing ever since, which has been such a joy to see.

As a volunteer leader at junior church, I have met many children and families and our volunteer leader/helper team has also grown.

So what do we do during junior church? Shortly after the Sunday service starts, all young people at pre-school/primary school age, walk over to the Duchy Barn and everybody is welcomed including any new faces.

Play a game, have snacks and refreshments, learn about the topic theme for the week and create some very beautiful craft creations. We only have around 45 minutes or so but manage to fit in so much and also learn so much.

We have looked at the Faith in Kids Easter series, The Christmas Promise, The Biggest Story and the Mustard Seeds. Covering everything from Creation to Advent to Jesus on the Cross.

This is such a wonderful group to be part of and if you haven't tried it yet, do come to church and let your young ones try it. Whilst parents sit in the service, our experienced and safeguard trained leaders and helpers will run the sessions.

If you feel your child would need you with them initially that's absolutely fine.

Do look at the service times on our website and notices section

[www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/sunday\\_services/new\\_to\\_church](http://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/sunday_services/new_to_church),

as some of our services are at 9.30am and some are 11am.

If you need any further information don't hesitate to contact the parishes office (email address below). We'd love to know if you try it what your young ones think, so do email us on [stmaryda@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryda@gmail.com).

*Claire Arculus*



## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER (DEDHAM)

Dedham Parish Church is currently looking for someone to help grow its work with children and young people and their families in the village and beyond. 16 hours/week at £13/hour.

Contact Revd. Phillip Young for any questions on -

[harwichrmpPhillip@gmail.com](mailto:harwichrmpPhillip@gmail.com).



**THE  
DEANERY  
CHOIR**



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

**MAY 2024**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Deanery choir will be supporting the Deanery service at St Mary's Church, Great Bentley CO7 8QG at 7.00pm. This has been at the request of Laurie Bond and will bring together all the churches in the diocese.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 11.00am communion service. The choir will sing 'Give almes of thy goods by Christopher Tye'. Christopher Tye is believed to have been born in Cambridge, England.

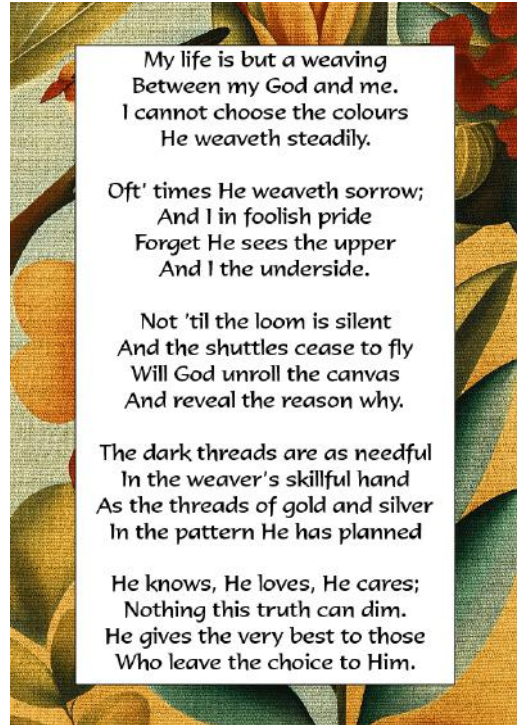
The first references to Christopher Tye are when he attended and received his Bachelor of Music degree in Cambridge in the year 1536. The next year, in 1537, he took up a position as a lay clerk at King's College. Based on recorded financial records we know that by 1543 he took up a more prestigious position as the Magister Choristarum at Ely Cathedral with an annual salary of ten English pounds. Shortly thereafter, in 1545 the University of Cambridge saw fit to bestow upon Tye the degree of Doctor of Music.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Deanery choir will be supporting the Frinton church choir at the Frinton Festival Choral Evensong; 6.00pm at St Mary's Church, Frinton. CO13 9BX. The choir will sing the anthem Beati Quorum Via and the Te Deum by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford.

*Graham Bell  
Deanery Choir Organiser*

## THE WEAVER



My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me.  
I cannot choose the colours  
He weaveth steadily.

Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Will God unroll the canvas  
And reveal the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful  
In the weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned

He knows, He loves, He cares;  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice to Him.

Poem submitted by Liz Reed.

This poem has been published with various titles, including "The Tapestry Poem" and "Life is but a Weaving".

However the original title of the poem is "The Weaver" and it was penned by Grant Colfax Tullar (1869–1950) who was an American minister, composer, and hymn writer.

This poignant piece reflects on life and God, and it remains a testament to Tullar's poetic talent and spiritual insight.



***Come and Join our***  
**Annual Bluebell Service**  
**in Little Bentley Woods**  
**Sunday 5th May at 3pm**



**Meet at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Little Bentley CO7 8SE  
at 2.30pm for a short walk to the wood.**

Ponies and dogs etc are all welcome.

This wonderful gathering is a short open air informal service for all denominations in the middle of a private 100 acre bluebell wood.

Afterwards you are all welcome to walk around the bluebell wood, and then come to the Church Hall for tea and cream scones.

**We look forward to welcoming you all.**

Following on from last month's article on Passiontide and the Road to Calvary we are going to move on to look at depictions of Jesus' Crucifixion, in our local churches. Although crosses in Churches are universal, depictions of the Crucifixion itself are much less frequently seen in Anglican Churches.



Detail from the Faith, Hope and Charity window in Dedham Church

In St. Mary's Church Dedham, the only one to be found, is in a window at the west end of the south aisle, which shows, "Caritas" (Charity), "Fides" (Faith) and "Spes" (Hope). The central figure 'Faith' is holding a small Crucifix. To find larger and more detailed depictions of the Crucifixion, we have to leave Dedham Church.

The charming little Churches of St Mary in Wix and St. Leonard and St. Mary in Beaumont cum Moze, two of our nine associated churches, both have stained-glass windows showing the Crucifixion.

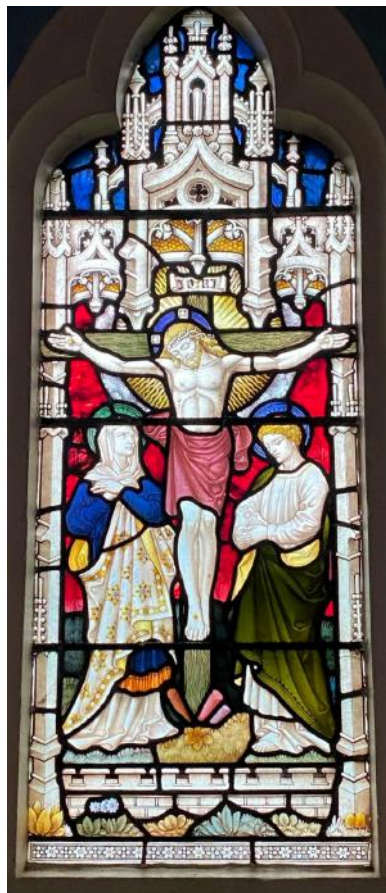
In Wix there are only three panels of stained glass which are situated behind the altar. Seven had been intended but insufficient funds were raised when a major restoration was undertaken in the late 19th century. In the central panel, Christ

hangs on the cross and standing at either side are Mary, his mother, and St. John.

Likewise, behind the altar in Beaumont cum Moze, another window shows the Crucifixion in the central panel. In this a soldier in armour kneels before Jesus possibly representing the moment when the Roman centurion, experiencing the darkness and the earthquake which accompanied Jesus' Crucifixion and death, looks up in awe and realises "Surely He was the Son of God" (Matthew 27: 54).

We are also fortunate to have nearby, the lovely sister church of St. Mary's Ardleigh, which has not a stained-glass window but a mural, depicting the Crucifixion. Here his mother, Mary, and Mary Magdalene, beautifully robed, stand on either side. This striking mural looks down, from above the arched entrance to the nave.

These representations show above Jesus' head the letters INRI, in Latin 'Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum', meaning "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews," which Pontius Pilate had deliberately placed there. (John 19: 19 – 22)



Wix Crucifixion window



Beaumont cum Moze window behind the Altar

Perhaps an acknowledgement that he realised that Jesus really was the new King of the Jews, though failing to realise that Jesus would, through His death and resurrection, become King of all Peoples.

It is very hard to comprehend, let alone convey, in stained glass or paint the suffering of someone undergoing the dreadful death by Crucifixion.

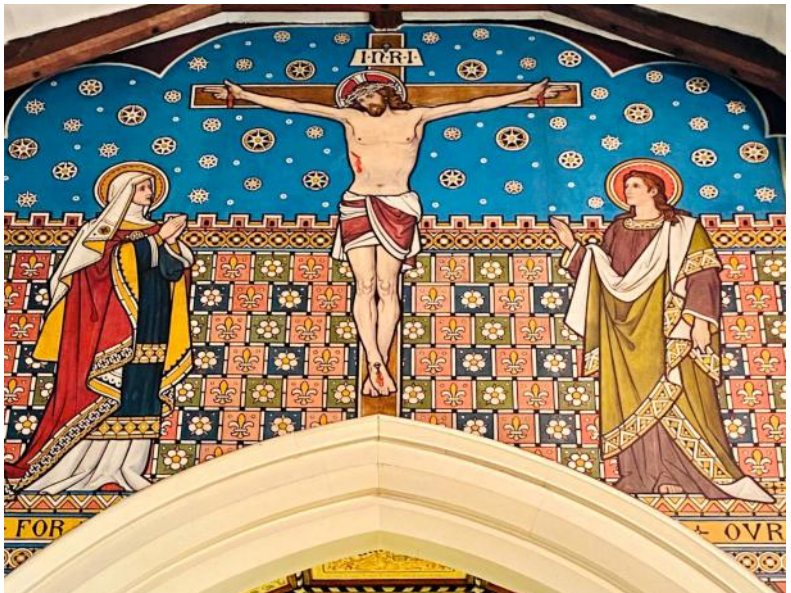
Church depictions often offer a rather sanitised version with beautifully dressed Saints standing on either side of a very “clean” looking Jesus, as exemplified in the Ardleigh mural.

We hear in St. John’s gospel (19:28-30) that Jesus’ lips were moistened with “wine vinegar” because He was thirsty, which might seem like further torture, but was in fact a small act of kindness amidst the cruelty. “ Sour wine” (rather than what we think of today as vinegar) was in biblical times taken as a refreshing drink.

In his agony Jesus called out to his Father, “ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ? “ ( Matthew 27:46) but did not spare himself this cruel death. The Bible tells us that it was for us he hung and suffered there.

Next month we shall return to Dedham Church for the depiction of the joyous realisation of Jesus’ triumphant resurrection.

*Adrian Beckingsale*



St. Mary’s Ardleigh Crucifixion mural

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*Sara Marshall*



As Jesus approached Jerusalem  
and saw the city, he wept over it.  
Luke 19:41

*Submitted by David Jewel*

- Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but a 'steering wheel' that directs the path throughout.
- Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says 'Relax, it's just a bend not the end'.
- When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

**St Mary's Church Dedham**

**proudly present**

# **A Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day**

**A unique opportunity to hear a selection of modern music combined  
with some WW2 inspired singing**



**Essex Police  
Community Choir**



**Wattisham Military  
Wives' Choir**

## **Saturday 8th June 2024 at 7.30pm**

**St Mary the Virgin Church, High Street, Dedham CO7 6DE**

**Tickets £15 each**

Available online via TicketSource - please scan the QR code or  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/dedhamd-dayconcert](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dedhamd-dayconcert), or from:-

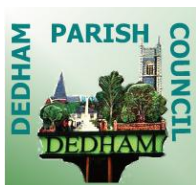
Kingsleigh Property Consultants, High Street, Dedham (cash or  
cheque only please) or

[tickets@essexpolicechoir.co.uk](mailto:tickets@essexpolicechoir.co.uk)

*Refreshments will be available in the interval  
for a donation*

*Proceeds in aid of Dedham Parish Church*





## **DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE MEETING ON 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

The meeting recorded its thanks to Cllr Sandra Williams & Cllr Jonathan Smith for their work on behalf of Dedham Parish Council as both councillors would be stepping down at the next election.

### **Parish Council Elections**

It was noted that there were 11 candidates standing for 9 places for the Parish Council with the election taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **National Grid and Pylons**

It was noted that the latest consultation on the National Grid pylons plan will be shortly published and it was agreed the Council will need to submit a response in dialogue with the local campaigning group.

### **Business Breakfast**

This was noted to have been a valuable event and it was noted there were some new businesses in attendance.

### **Planning**

The Parish Council welcomed the local authority decisions regarding Petalo Lodge. A number of other planning applications were discussed, and comments made on the proposals. The Council noted that in its present form it could not support the proposed development plans for Trinity House on Long Road East. The Council also

noted that it continued to oppose the change of usage of Shakespeare House in the High Street from retail to residential. The Council had no objections to other proposals submitted.

### **Highways**

It was noted that Essex Police want to use Dedham in a pilot scheme looking at traffic problems. It was also noted that there continued to be problems with speeding through the village and to help address this 30mph stickers have been ordered that people could put outside their properties. It was also noted that the 30 mph sign in Brook Street had been knocked down and it was agreed to recommend to Essex Highways to address this.

### **Dedham Fun Run**

It was noted that this will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and Council agreed that the Playing Fields could be made use of for the conclusion of the run.

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

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### **The next meeting of Dedham Parish Council**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.30 p.m.  
(Annual Parish Meeting)  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 p.m.  
(Parish Council Meeting)

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.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

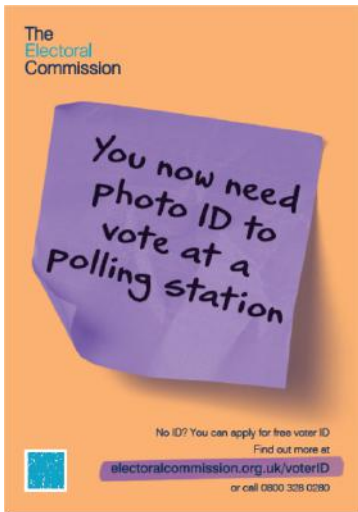
On Thursday 2nd May 2024 a combination of local elections will take place in Colchester. There will be elections for:

Colchester City Council, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex and some Parishes also have elections, that may be contested.

There is one Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the whole of Essex.

Across all 17 city wards in Colchester, one of the three ward councillor seats will be up for election in May 2024 as the city elects by thirds.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election ballot paper will be lilac. The city election ballot paper will be white.



**Polling Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Assembly Rooms**

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## TOWARDS A GREENER DEDHAM

How we travel can have a big impact on our own experiences of the journey and the environment around us. Here at Greener Dedham, a group of local residents keen to share ways for us all to become more mindful of our consumption through travel, we have developed a few helpful tips to help you reduce carbon emissions (and costs, too!):

1. Choosing to walk and cycle more – here in Dedham, we are incredibly fortunate to have such a rich array of footpaths and cycle paths that link to the local areas around us (such as Manningtree and Flatford). Travelling by foot or bicycle can really help to save on fuel and cut down on emissions at the same time.

2. Switch to LED light bulbs – LED lights use a lot less electricity, so are a fantastic investment for the purse-strings. They help the environment by requiring less carbon emissions to be produced to run them, too.

3. Reduce your air travel – consider alternatives to travelling, such as by train or by boat. These alternatives also often offer opportunities to take in beautiful scenery along the way, and the ability to stop at multiple destinations along the way, too.

*Greener Dedham*

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## FERNERY FINERY

May is a great time to enjoy the sight of fresh green fronds unfurling as ferns put on their new growth. If you have a shadier corner and you're not sure what to do with it, why not give them a go instead of shrubs or flowering perennials?

You can always add a pop of colour at this time of year by planting alliums among them. A fine-looking, but low-maintenance option, they need little more than a quick tidy up to remove dead and dying fronds in spring to clear the way for fresh new growth.



Fernery

Your fernery doesn't need to be perpetually damp (though a wider range of ferns enjoy this kind of ground) and there are several ferns that will suit drier shade close to a hedge or trees: (Dryopteris – there's even a clue in the name). The small, delicate maidenhair, *Adiantum venustum*, likes a sheltered spot, while the shuttlecock or ostrich fern *Matteuccia struthiopteris* reaches 1.5 metres when given its preferred moist conditions.

Ferns come in varying shades of green of course, but your fernery could also include the silver-and-burgundy-flushed *Athyrium niponicum* or the 'autumn fern', *Dryopteris erythrosora*, which has red new growth

that gradually turns bronze.

Now, while all this looks lovely in a certain garden I know, unfortunately very little of my garden is given over to ferns and there's plenty to be getting on with if I'm going to stay on top of it all.



Clematis

The borders are getting into their stride now with peonies surrounded by froths of sky-blue forget-me-nots. The early bulbs are mostly over now (feed them as they die back for a better show next season), but the violet globes of *Allium hollandicum* 'Purple Sensation' are taking over, reaching up to meet amethyst racemes of *Wisteria sinensis*.

Delphiniums are giving the deepest blue, purple and ultramarine spires, but will need careful staking if their heavy heads aren't to snap straight off.

I put my tomato plants out towards the end of May as the danger of frost passes. I plant them deeply so some of the stem is also buried. New roots will



grow from this, resulting in a stronger plant that will stand up better to the weight of the fruit. Tomatoes are great fresh off the vine, but also make a fantastic 'red and green' chutney – look out for it entered in our September show (or have a go yourself!).



I've a couple of hostas filling their pots and as the leaves start to put their pointed tips above soil-level, it's a good time to divide them. Just tip them out and saw through the tightly packed root system, – a bit harsh but they'll thank you for it later. Similarly rootbound agapanthus enjoy being be tightly packed, but it's worth moving them into a pot one size bigger every three years or so. I'll also go round the garden splitting larger clumps of *Primula vulgaris* and replanting them to fill gaps in other beds and borders.

If you've gaps to fill in your garden too, then pop along to the front of Dedham Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May for our annual plant sale from 9-11.30am.



### Peonies

You can pick up some bargains and we'd love to take off your hands anything from the garden that you no longer need. But if plants aren't your thing, Mission Bake might be able to tempt you along with their homemade cakes.

Our final speaker evening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June will welcome local gardener Ed Fairey who will talk to us about the History of the National Garden Scheme with a particular focus on Essex gardens. Entry is just £2 for non-members and it's a great way to get to know more about us.

*Elliott Frisby*

[www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com) - QR code

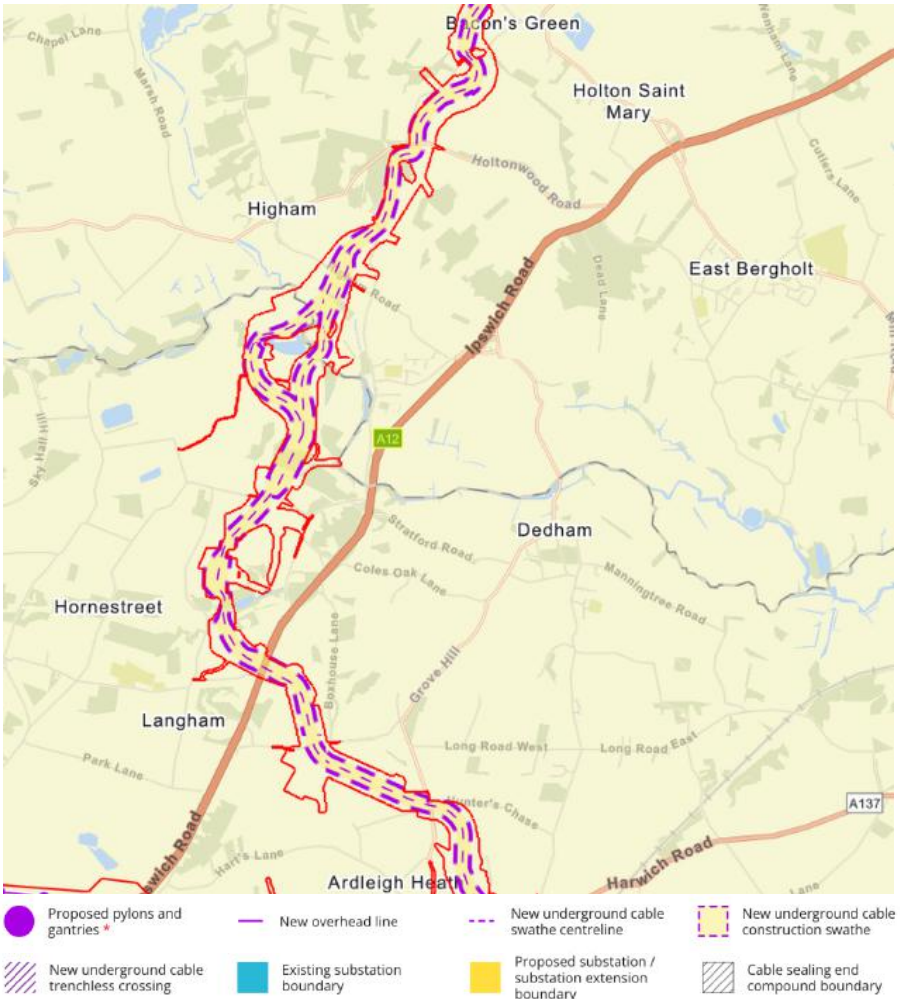


## National Grid Norwich to Tilbury – Statutory consultation 10th April to 18th June 2024.

The statutory consultation for the Norwich to Tilbury pylons and undergrounding project commenced on 10th April (2024) with a deadline for responses of 18th June 2024.

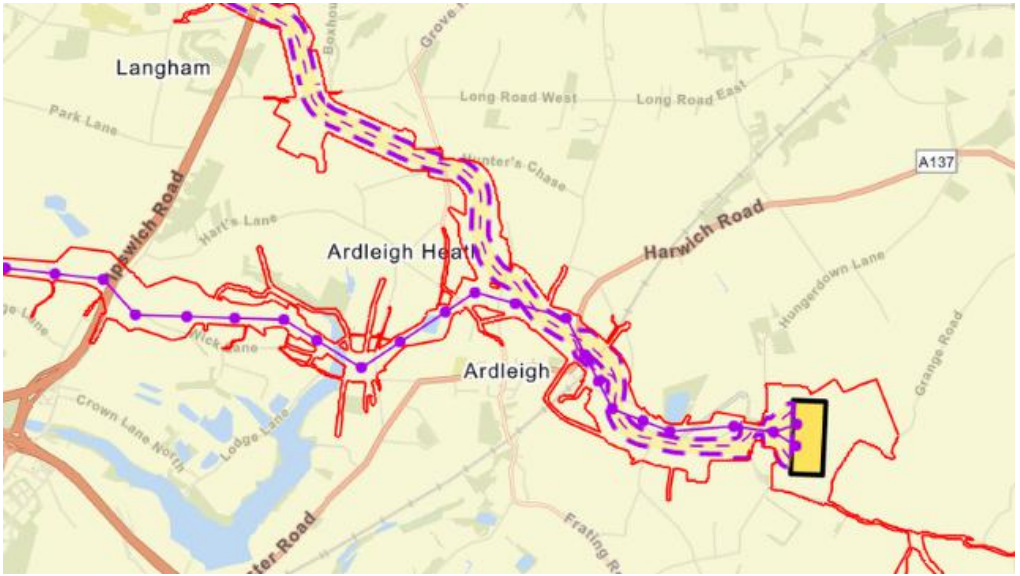
The plans are, as expected, a lot more damaging to the local area than the original high level swathe maps depicted with; access roads through small villages, acres of construction compounds, cable pull areas sprawling out and country roads being widened to accommodate massive transport / construction machinery.

This is what is planned across the Dedham Vale National Landscape (Formally AONB)



# Norwich to Tilbury

For an idea of size see the extent of the works that are planned around Ardieigh. NOTE: Only one substation is shown, upto three more planned!



The details of the proposals can be found on national grids website which can be found by searching 'National Grid Norwich to Tilbury'. The full web address is: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury>

Responses can be submitted on-line by clicking the rather hidden link bottom right of the grey box titled 'Our Public Consultation', however this will give you leading questions.

Responses can also be sent via e-mail direct to [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com) or via post to 'FREE POST N TO T'

Suggestions on how to respond will be provided by the 'Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons group' which you can find on Facebook and sign-up for updates, but a more local angle will be provided by 'Dedham Vale AONB – Pylons and Undergrounding' which can also be found on Facebook. You can sign-up for e-mail updates using the QR code.



*Luke Marshall*

## Local Public information events

Throughout the consultation NG are holding a series of face-to-face events. Information about the proposals will be on display, including the interactive map, as well as copies of maps and technical documents.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 11am-4pm - Lawford Venture Centre 2000,**  
Bromley Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2JE

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 2-7pm - Langham Community Centre,** School  
Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5PA

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 1-6pm - Great Bromley Village Hall,** Parsons Hill,  
Great Bromley, Colchester, CO7 7JA

If you couldn't get along to the Dedham Horticultural Society's Spring Show on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, you missed another wonderful display of daffodils, spring flowers and plants, alongside Chelsea buns, plaited loaves and more! Congratulations to everyone who won a class or took home trophies.

Luckily, there is still plenty of events to come. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, it's our Annual General Meeting from 7.15pm followed by our speaker, Sharon Madden, who will talk about container gardening. Like other speaker evenings, it's just £2 entry for non-members.



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, we'll be in front of Dedham's church on the High Street from 9am to about 11.30am for our annual plant sale. We're joined by Mission Bake, so it's a great chance to pick up some home-made cakes as well as bargain plants. Plant donations are always welcome, and all funds raised support the work of the Society and the events we put on.

Ed Fairey, who opens his own garden in Ardleigh every year, gives our final talk on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June to tell us about the history of the National Garden Scheme in Essex. If you want to get some local inspiration, this is the one for you as Ed takes us from the start of the charity in 1927 to the present day, illustrated with gardens from around the UK with a special emphasis on our county.

We take a bit of a break over the summer and kick off a new programme of talks in October, but before that we

host our Autumn Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If Spring was all about the daffs, then Autumn is for dahlias – plant them now and you'll have plenty of blooms in time.



If you've never exhibited before, try class 4: get two vases, find the best six dahlia flowers you can and plonk three in each vase. They can all be different, all the same or symmetrical across the vases - it's up to you! Search dahlia on our website for an explanation of the dahlia types as well as blogs about growing and exhibiting them.

At the end of the day, whether you are a member of the Society or not, our shows are very much community affairs. It's free to exhibit in any class and as many classes as you like, and we'd love to see more people have a go or come along to look at the displays and catch up with friends and neighbours.

Please think about coming to one of our events to see what we're all about and perhaps we can inspire you to become a member for just £10 a year, which includes free entry or subsidised pricing for our events and activities. A horticultural society may seem a bit grand, but at heart we're just a great bunch of people who like learning about gardening and gardens of all kinds.

Find out more – including details to get in touch – on our website [www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dedhamartsociety@gmail.com)

or visit our website at

<http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk>

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Painting together session  
Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm  
This week's optional theme is to paint in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dedham Art Society Annual Exhibition - St Mary Church, Dedham.  
An exhibition and sale of members' art, prints and cards. Including a display of art from The Dedham Church of England Primary School.

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Painting outside, 10am - Dedham village  
In conjunction with our annual exhibition taking place in St Mary's Church Dedham, we will spend the day plein air painting in Dedham.  
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE POST OFFICE**

The opening times at the Dedham Mobile Service (Royal Square) have changed, as from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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## MAY 2024

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> DHS Annual General Meeting from 7.15pm followed by Sharon Madden talking about container gardening.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Local elections including the Parish Council Election, voting takes place in the Assembly Rooms.
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am - 4pm Preloved and Vintage Clothes Sale, Dedham Sports Pavilion. CRUK & RDA
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am, Dedham Church Rise n' Shine service.
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm, Dedham Church Evensong.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Dedham Art Society Painting together session, Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm.
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Mission Bake Sale, 10am - 12pm Dedham Church.
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Dedham Horticultural Society annual plant sale, 9am to about 11.30am Dedham church.
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, Dedham Church - Communion.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm - Monday Lunch Club in the Essex Rose.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm Dedham Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, Duchy Barn.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn.

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **OPENHEIMER** directed by Christopher Nolan (12) 2023.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Matins
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - ReVive@5.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> , Dedham Art Society Exhibition, Dedham Church, 10am - 5pm, except Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> , 12 - 4pm.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> , Dedham Art Society Painting outside, 10am - Dedham village
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

## 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

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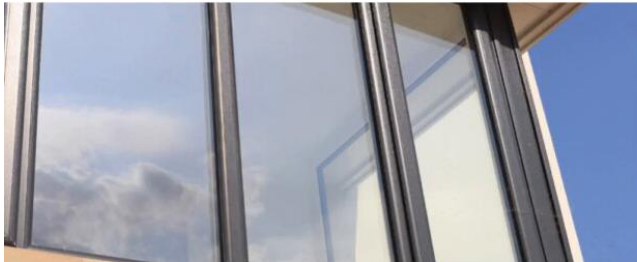
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