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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: Ann Shaw **Tel: 322 192.**

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

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*Throughout the magazine local telephone numbers omit the 01206 area code unless otherwise stated.*

# Services and Events - June 2023

## Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Ardleigh  
Dedham\*  
Ardleigh  
Dedham\***

## Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June

8.00am All Together  
11.00am Holy Communion

**Ardleigh  
Dedham\***

## Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Morning Praise  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Dedham\*  
Ardleigh**

## Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Holy Communion  
9.30am All Together  
5.00pm ReVive@5

**Dedham\*  
Ardleigh  
Dedham\***

\* = Services which are live streamed.

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

**Online Prayer - Monday Morning  
at 7am and Friday Evening at 6pm**

**Benefice prayer meeting on Zoom  
each Monday at 5pm. Please  
contact the Parish Office for  
further information.**

 **YouTube** Our services are on  
YouTube - search Dedham and Ardleigh  
Parishes.

 *Follow us on Facebook, search -  
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Scan this QR code to access  
the Dedham and Ardleigh  
parishes website



**Ardleigh Friendship Group – every  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month:**  
10am to 12 noon in Ardleigh Church -  
outside when weather allows.

**ACTS Living Stones Prayer Group –  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the  
month, 6.25pm at Ardleigh Church.**

**Ardleigh Craft Group – every 1<sup>st</sup>  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month: 1.30-  
3.00pm Ardleigh Church – in the  
Heritage Cafe.**

**Little Steps Pre-School Group –  
every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of  
the month: 1.30pm - 3.00pm in  
Ardleigh Church.**

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June, 9am- venue tbc.**

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
June, 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.**  
Phone 322192 to reserve a place  
indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June,  
10am - Meet at Dedham Arts Centre at  
10am for a walk or 11am for a chat.**

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## FROM THE REGISTERS.

Wedding.  
29<sup>th</sup> April - Charlotte Harris and Oliver  
Svenson

Funerals.  
6<sup>th</sup> April - Michael Guernari  
22<sup>nd</sup> April Sue Tucker - Interment of  
ashes.

Dear friends,

Cucumber sandwiches, coronation chicken, union flags and even a dash of Pimms – the perfect recipe for a nation-wide bash, as we celebrated amongst family, friends and neighbours the coronation of King Charles III.

I don't know if you're anything like me and you keep slipping back to a 'God save the Queen' when the national anthem comes on (even more awkward when leading prayers in church!), but these things do happen when one era concludes and a new one begins.

I hope that, however you were able to celebrate it, you did so safely and happily. Times of transition are marked by a certain nostalgia for the past and what has come to an end, joy at the prospect of something new and hopefulness for what lies ahead. This can all be hard to maintain with the backdrop of increasing hostilities between nations, pressing problems on our shores and significant uncertainty about the future economically, politically and even spiritually.

It is at such times that I find great comfort from this short verse from the New Testament: "King Jesus is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). It is a reminder that, even though monarchs, like the seasons, come and go, there is something that remains fixed, firm and reliable amidst it all: a King whose way is love, who is full of both grace and truth. Elsewhere He is described as the "King of Kings" (Revelation 17:10), another reminder that all political rulers are, ultimately, accountable to Him – which can be a wonderful relief in uncertain times, in times of transition.

May you know something of the security that comes from His rule and reign at this time.

*Best Wishes, Phillip*

One of the responsibilities of the Parish Church Council (PCC) is to ensure that the services provided each Sunday are of a format that meets the needs of the church congregation and wider community, and faithfully proclaims the gospel message.

Earlier this year the PCC discussed the present format and felt that the service of Matins was not easily understood by many people today, particularly the many visitors throughout the year and those who come to prepare for their marriage in the church: it was also felt that Communion is so significant an act in our faith that it should be celebrated more often.

Our initial thought was to replace the Matins service with a communion service, but after consultation with some members of the congregation it became clear that there were many who felt Matins was a very important form of worship and one which they wished to see continue at St Mary's.

The PCC therefore decided that for a trial period we would on the third Sunday of each month alternate Matins with Morning Praise and have a second communion service on the fourth Sunday of each month. We hope that this service pattern will meet the needs of all worshippers and we will listen to feed back over the coming weeks and months.

*Peter Wilson  
Parochial Church Council*

## Church Services

In the next two parish magazines (June and July/August), we have articles about some of our church services in Dedham. Over the course of each month we have both traditional and contemporary services and details of these can be found at the front of the magazines or on our website.

Running alongside the services is Junior Church for children aged between 3 and 10 years of age. We would be delighted to welcome you to any of these services so do feel you can come along and join us!

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### Rise 'n Shine service



*hymns-songs-bible stories-refreshments*  
*Dedham-and-Ardleigh-parishes.org.uk*

I wanted to take a moment to share a bit about our monthly all-age service of worship which we call Rise 'n Shine. It's at 9.30 on the first Sunday morning of each month and the idea is that it is the one time in the month where we can come with our families (both younger and older generations) and not be split up during our time of worship.

No two months are the same as we sing a mix of contemporary songs and traditional hymns, often engage in an activity together, interact in a 'lively' way, pray together and hear a message from the Bible to strengthen our faith in God.

The idea is that some who might find our more traditional services awkward for whatever reason (because of unexpected interruptions from other family members, for example!) can be completely at ease amidst the shorter, more 'dynamic' service format.

Those enquiring about baptism in the church can come and get a taste for something that engages young and old alike. We are always open to new ideas, new people getting involved and helpful resources that will have a great impact, so if you would like to share something then please do get in touch with me or someone you else see up at the front during those services.

And finally, if you've never been because you're nervous about such services, please do come and 'try it out' one Sunday – it would be a joy to have you with us!

*Best wishes,*  
*Phillip*

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### ReVive@5

In the midst of chaos as always in my house, I realised the time was already 4.15pm on Sunday and it was time to leave for ReVive@5, (One of Dedham's contemporary services held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month).

My eldest 16 year old daughter Annabel always comes with me which I love! The ReVive@5 in April was another example of rejoicing and enjoying the fellowship of the church congregation. Refreshments can be enjoyed from 4.30pm whilst meeting new people arriving for the first time and receiving the word through worship, prayer, teaching and prayer ministry.

Over the past few months we have followed a series of preaching on different characters from the Bible: from David the Shepherd before he became King and John the Baptist, as well as Andrew and Thomas, Josiah and Jacob.. We are lead each time by different preachers and guest speakers, including Rev Phillip. Excitingly we have Tim Abbott, 24/7 Prayer Lead for prayer spaces in Schools, and Mark Wood from

The Korban Project, visiting over the next few months.

After the service for the past few years, I have lead with other leaders, a 'post revive' youth group for Secondary School aged young people. We have a number of activities and games, together with sharing food, whilst we chat about an array of topics including faith, the environment and exams. We currently have between three and six young people join us each month, and I think the favourite activity so far has been the fire pit and toasting of marshmallows - a central feature when we had our youth combined parish camp out in August last year in the Vicarage garden. Any secondary school aged young people would be very welcome to join us.

ReVive@5 is inclusive of any and all ages. When I asked Annabel what three words describe ReVive@5 and the group after the service, she replied "fun, informative and interesting." If you haven't already, give it a try – you will receive a very warm welcome.


Volunteer helpers are also required to assist with the youth group after the service. If you are interested in being part of this, do let Rev Phillip or the Parishes Office know.

*Claire Arculus*

### **BOOK SWAP.**

Do you have a recently read book with a Christian message that you would like to share with fellow church members? If yes, would you be willing to donate it to the Book Swap and in return pick up one from our collection that you would like to read?

Hoping this will be an enjoyable shared experience for us all, so do come and look and maybe instigate a book swap too! Books can be found in the Resources area at the back of the church.



**Junior Church**  
Bible, games and fun!

We are excited to be starting a children's group for 3-10 year olds during the usual Sunday service in Dedham, beginning in

With games, crafts, Bible stories and snacks, we hope to have lots of fun!

Please contact Louise Young  
youngle@cantab.net for further details.

At Junior Church this term we have been working our way through the story of Abraham, learning about the huge promises that God made to Abraham, and seeing how when God makes a promise, he always keeps it.

As well as looking at the Bible together, we have had a lot of fun getting to know each other, and now have a steady group of about 7/8 children. Junior Church runs for children aged 3-10 during the normal Sunday service at Dedham Church (details of which can be found on the Dedham and Ardeleigh parish website) except on the first Sunday of the month, which is our Rise 'n' Shine all age service.

Each week we play games, have a short time of age-appropriate teaching from the Bible, enjoy drinks and biscuits and make a craft to take home with us. Do join us! For further details contact youngle@cantab.net.

*Louise Young*

## Hope for the Education of Children in Sierra Leone.

I recently visited Sierra Leone and witnessed an amazing scheme which supports the secondary school education of children in that country. Intelligent, determined children from desperately poor backgrounds who would not go to secondary school without help. Most of the children will go on to have fulfilling careers or to start their own businesses.



Kroo Bay area Freetown from where many of the children are from.

The Government of Sierra Leone abolished secondary school fees in 2018 but poor families cannot afford the other costs of attending secondary school. The UK charity, SLEDT, arranges for uniforms, textbooks, exam fees and additional lessons.

Often the children receive a solar light, desk and chair for evening study and a mattress. SLEDT supports bright children with the potential to develop their lives. Qualifying children must achieve a score of over 280 in their final primary school exams which generally places them in the top four in their large class.

SLEDT liaises with head teachers and assesses family backgrounds before selecting children for the scheme. Can you imagine a bright, enthusiastic child denied education? This scheme helps a few. The track record of the scheme is eye catching. The first six children of the current scheme have reached the end of

their secondary education, four have continued to further education including university and the other two have secured good jobs. All the other forty two children in the programme are working hard and progressing well at their schools.

SLEDT stays in contact with all supported children. A small investment in the education of children who will go on to build professional careers or start businesses has a sustainable impact on the development of Sierra Leone. I met some of the children on the scheme in Freetown.



Student Foday in his wheelchair

Foday Conteh is a young man in a wheelchair with crippled legs. As a boy he could only get to school by crawling along filthy streets on his own and he

# Hope for the Education of Children in Sierra Leone.

was cruelly mocked on his short journey. Foday has just graduated from university. He is immensely determined but he would not have received his education without the help of SLEDT who have also provided a wheelchair.



Alfred and Alpha secondary school students

You cannot miss the potential of the children on a visit to Kroo Bay Primary School in the slums of Freetown. I will return to Sierra Leone to help with the development of the scheme and meet some children starting on the programme.

SLEDT stands for Sierra Leone Education and Development Trust. It is a very small UK charity run by Kevin Curley who is totally dedicated to helping the education of some children in Sierra Leone. SLEDT spends the absolute minimum on overheads. It employs no paid staff, has no office and owns no vehicles.

Almost every penny raised by SLEDT goes to pay directly for education or mobility assistance in Sierra Leone. The local team of eight in Sierra Leone are all unpaid volunteers headed by Cherner Barrie, a law student. Their commitment and enthusiasm are infectious.

If you want to know more or participate in helping the charity please contact me, [andyhigginson729@gmail.com](mailto:andyhigginson729@gmail.com) or 07984 349909. You may wish to provide financial help: a donation of £20 per month will fully fund the secondary education of one child.

SLEDT will ensure that your donation will be directly applied to the education of a child.

If you are interested please visit the website [sierraleoneaid.org.uk](http://sierraleoneaid.org.uk)

*Andy Higginson*

## MISSIONS BAKE SALES



2023 Dates.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. 10am to 12noon.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. 10am to 12noon.

Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August. 10am to 4pm.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. 10am to 12noon.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. 10am to 12noon.





**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - The Deanery Choir will be supporting the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church Lawford CO11 2JX at 11am. They will sing a number of anthems suitable for weddings which is the theme of the Festival. Composers, Walford-Davies, Bob Chilcott, Victor Young, Thomas Tallis and John Rutter will feature along with a few surprises. Peter Clayton will accompany them on the organ.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** - 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, 'Blessed are the pure in heart' by Henry Walford-Davies. This verse is generally believed to have been taken from Psalm 24: 3-5 either by Jesus or the author of Matthew who was adding this verse that is not found in Luke. A number of scholars have been certain that there were originally seven Beatitudes, as seven was a holy number. Since this verse is similar to the Psalm some believe it was the one incorrectly integrated into the Sermon on the Mount.

*Graham Bell*

## Concert in aid of the Organ Fund

Colchester Chamber Choir  
Director Roderick Earle  
**MUSIC DIVINE**  
Sunday 9 July 6pm  
St Mary's Church, Dedham  
in aid of organ fund  
tickets £15 from [www.colchesterchamberchoir.org](http://www.colchesterchamberchoir.org)

“Divine music for a summer evening drawn from the best of English composers including sacred works by Byrd and Tallis, madrigals penned by Wilbye, Tomkins and Pearsall and songs by Elgar, Parry and Finzi”

There is  
no new  
thing under the sun.

What has been will be  
and  
what has been done will be done.

Ecclesiastes 1:9



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Eleven months ago I welcomed Iryna Omelchenko a Ukrainian refugee into my home. She arrived with her whole life in her suitcase and spoke only six words of English. Her previous life in Ukraine had been full and productive; she had family living nearby, a job she loved, and hobbies and interests which kept her busy and fulfilled. She used to volunteer on a regular basis for a charity called Mom Plus Me who supported orphans, many of whom were disabled and women and children escaping domestic violence.

Fast forward to Christmas 2022. Ukrainians generally celebrate Christmas very differently to us in the UK – different date and different traditions. Whilst really enjoyable it was also really challenging as Iryna felt a long way from her home and her sisters. Late one evening in one of our many conversations just before bedtime, Iryna became quite distressed. She felt useless because she was unable to do anything to help the people left back home.

We had spoken several times about her charity work, so I suggested that we should do a fund raiser for Mom Plus Me

who were in great need of funding and practical resources, for an ever expanding group of people, who desperately needed help.

The charity event took place at Ardleigh Village Hall on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, which was very close to the first anniversary of the war. We spoke to the founder of the charity before the event to get an update on their current activities. We discovered this now also includes supporting families who have been bombed out and who have nowhere to go. I was particularly touched by one of their projects.



The bombing has destroyed much of the infra structure in the cities in Ukraine. No electricity means no lighting or heating and in high rise buildings no water or sanitation, as the pumps cannot work. A 100 place orphanage without any electricity was unable to provide the children, (many of them severely disabled and wheelchair bound) with any hot drinks or food. They had no means of heating the building in sub-zero temperatures with thick snow on the ground.

Mom Plus Me provided every child with thick, warm clothing and set up a wood fired field kitchen which ensured the children got at least one hot meal



and drink daily. We displayed pictures of the children being fed outside in the snow. This made us even more determined to raise as much money as possible!

The event was a huge success!! I was humbled at the generosity of local people particularly at a time when so many people are struggling financially. The tables in the hall were piled high with the most amazing home-made cakes, over 70 raffle prizes, new things, plants, tombola, bric-a-brac and so much more.



There were several things about the event which stood out for me, and there was such a lovely atmosphere at the event. The £2 entrance fee for adults included a voucher for a cuppa and a piece of cake. You could hear people meeting old friends for the first time in ages, many of them stayed for ages to chat, drink tea and eat cake. All of the helpers: friends and family, hosts from the local Ukrainian Support Group, representatives of both Dedham and Ardleigh Church, the Horticultural Society and the Great Bromley WI were absolutely fantastic.

Many people both helpers and visitors remarked on the friendly atmosphere of the event. The generosity



of those who donated homemade cakes, raffle prizes, plants and goods for us to sell was overwhelming. At the end of the event we still had a vast amount of stuff left but nothing was wasted. Everything left was passed on to other charities in the area, so nothing was wasted and the ripple of kindness was magnified.

In the weeks prior to the event I had two concurrent nightmares – not enough to sell and not enough people attending the event. The reality was very different. We raised £2260 on the day which was AMAZING! With other donations sent from people who were unable to attend and with further tickets sold for the last of the raffles drawn at the Wooden Fender on March 24th I was able to send £3450 to Mom Plus Me via PayPal at the end of March. Iryna and I and everyone at Mom Plus Me would like to say a monumental THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the event!

Your kindness is making a significant difference. We continue to run an on-line crowd funding campaign through Just Giving and have raised £2135 so far. Once the fees were deducted we were able to send £2076 last month. If you would like to contribute please go to: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/momplumse?utm\\_term=VD2kK39BK](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/momplumse?utm_term=VD2kK39BK)

*Gina Gardiner*



Dedham High Street in 1897. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebration was on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**The British  
NEWSPAPER  
Archive**

**The Evening Star,  
Ipswich, Friday  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 1897.**

#### THE SHOOTING AFFAIR AT DEDHAM.

At Essex Assizes on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Mathew, John Denny (on bail) was indicted for causing grievous bodily harm to Rachel Balls, with intent to murder her, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, at Dedham. A second count charged the prisoner with feloniously wounding the prosecutrix with intent to do her grievous bodily harm. Mr. C. E. Jones appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Muir for the defence. Mr. Jones said the prisoner was in the employment of Mr. Dunnett, of Dedham, and was a man of perfectly good character, and the prosecutrix was the wife of another

man in Mr. Dunnett's service, and also a man of exemplary character. Balls and the prisoner, so far as was known, were on good terms, though there was one little circumstance which had slightly ruffled the even tenor of their way. On Tuesday night, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Balls was in her kitchen alone, her husband, who was a shepherd, being away at some farm attending to his duties. She had a lighted lamp in her hand, and hearing some noises in the road, out of curiosity opened the lobby door, and was about to go into her bedroom. The light she was carrying would show that someone was moving about the house, and also, of course, would show the position of the person who held the lamp. At the moment she entered the lobby she was struck in the face and

elsewhere several times with some shot. She became insensible from fright and shock, and remembered no more until her husband found her in the lobby bleeding from wounds in the face. It was evident, Mr. Jones continued, that the prisoner had had some drink that night, and that he got the gun, a double-barrelled one, from one of his master's sheds. At about half-past eleven the same night, two or three minutes after the shots were fired, prisoner went to house of neighbour named Emeny, and when Alfred Emeny came out the prisoner said to him I have shot someone down at Balls' ; go and look what I have done."

MR. E. BEARD, land agent and surveyor, Colchester, produced a plan of Mr. Balls' house, while evidence bearing out the opening statement was given by the prosecutrix, Alfred Emeny, and Robert Emeny. In cross examination both of the last two witnesses said they had never seen the prisoner worse for drink, and they had always found him a peaceable and quiet man.

FREDK. W. BALLS, the husband of the prosecutrix, said that on the Saturday previous to February 16th, he met the prisoner. They exchanged "good nights," the prisoner, however, adding an offensive remark. Mr. Balls asked, "What's the matter " and prisoner replied, "You and your wife have been scandalizing me and my wife." Witness added that on the night of February 16<sup>th</sup> he found that six panes of one of the windows were broken by the firing.

DR. JAMESON deposed that he found the prosecutrix suffering from nervous shock, and from three or four pellet wounds in her face.

JOHN HUBBARD stated that he met the prisoner on the roadway, and the latter alleged that Mrs. Balls had been raising scandal about him.

MR. JONES: What did you say?

WITNESS: I said, "Never mind, John, what the women say." [Laughter.]

Evidence was also given by Mr Norman Dunnett and Police-sergeant Hatt, who stated that he found 80 shot marks on the frame the window in Mr. Balls' house. There were also numerous marks of pellets on the partition of the bedroom, while the curtains of window were also riddled. Witness produced the curtains, and a piece of the partition. Police-constable Ponder deposed to arresting the prisoner in a chaff-house on Thursday at Hill Farm, Dedham. Prisoner was in a very dark place, and covered over with two sacks, and in a very exhausted condition.

MR. MUIR, in addressing the jury, contended that no motive had been suggested for the prisoner to shoot with intent to murder anyone. If it had been the intention of the prisoner to murder anyone it was not likely he would have remained in the position he did when firing, but would have gone close up to the window, or at any rate fired as low as he could through the window, instead of high, for the pellet-marks were found the top of the partition and the window-frame, and some even on the ceiling. In fact, there was not the slightest intention on the part the prisoner to injure anyone but merely to alarm and scare, and possibly to do a little injury to the property. The Jury found the prisoner guilty only of unlawfully wounding the prosecutrix.

HIS LORDSHIP said the prisoner had given way to a malicious feeling and to drink, and it was very fortunate for him the injuries to the prosecutrix were not more serious. He (the Judge) should take into consideration the prisoner's excellent character, and should sentence him six months' hard labour.

Note: The trial took place just four days before the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Report on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Dedham.

**The British  
NEWSPAPER  
Archive**

**Essex Standard -  
Saturday 26 June  
1897.**

Loyal Dedham celebrated the Jubilee by a series of Dinners, Teas, and Sports and an elaborate display of decorations etc. The fine morning was ushered in by the bells chiming a peal, whilst the Union Jack floated from the old church tower. At 1pm Messrs Saunders and Sons entertained about 70 of their employees, tenants, and friends to a most excellent repast at the Marlborough Head Hotel, the chair being occupied by the head of the firm, Mr. NAT SAUNDERS.

At 2pm a procession of school children, headed by the Ipswich Town Band, paraded up the street, and afterwards filed up to the church, where a short service was conducted by the Rev H. BIDDELL (curate-in-charge in the regrettable absence of the VICAR). The band was accompanied by the organ during the service and at its conclusion played the National Anthem.

The company afterwards adjourned to the old Grammar School playground, kindly lent by Mrs Penrose where a lengthened programme of athletic sports was carried out by a committee of the following gentlemen: - Dr. C. E. D. Malle, Mr. C. D. Malle, Rev. H. Biddell, Messrs. H. Evans, Percy Clover, and Mr. J. E. Saunders, jun.

After an interval the children adjourned to the new Grammar Schoolroom, where they and persons of over 65 years of age to a meat tea provided by a committee consisting of Re. H. Biddell, C. Fairhead, A. Thurston, E. Clover, A. Dunnage and W. Griffiths sec. Tea being ended the company again adjourned to the playground, and at the

conclusion of the sports dancing was kept till 9pm.

Also, at 1pm, Mr. Cottee gave a substantial repast to his employees at the Stud Farm, Lamb Corner.

Perhaps the most enjoyable reunion of the whole parish took place at the Grove, Dedham, the residence of Mr. R. Hamilton Lang, who on that day, became on his retirement Sir Robert Hamilton Lang after many years' arduous service as the Commissioner at Cairo.

At 1pm, by special invitation, about 70 or 80 persons residing in Lady Lang's visiting district assembled to partake of a most substantial collation, served in a most beautiful Arabesque tent erected on the lawn. The chair was occupied by Sir HAMILTON LANG.

After dinner the company enjoyed themselves with dances, afterwards adjourning to the Park, where a course had been laid out for a good programme of races. At the conclusion of the sports, the company again adjourned to the lawn, and after partaking of tea and dancing to the enlivening strains of the string band. The prizes were distributed to the women by Lady Lang.

Mr. James Hatfield Beck, of the Hill House, kindly entertained his past and present tenants and their friends to a substantial meat tea in a tent erected in his grounds.

Dancing, songs, and general enjoyment continued to a late hour, and it is great matter of congratulations that although the public-houses were open until late, and free beer *ad lib.* distributed, not a single case of intoxication was witnessed or reported through the village.

DEDHAM SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP PRESENTS

# DEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3:30PM - 5:30PM**

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## Bustin' out all over

The longest day of the year is always a bittersweet point in my year, as although it means the height of summer is just around the corner, it also means the days are getting shorter again. But that's glass-half-empty thinking and there's too much going on to dwell on it.

The garden is already looking glorious with deep pink alstroemeria and shrubby *Salvia microphylla* 'Cerro Potosi' contrasting with deep blue, purple and ultramarine delphiniums towering to six feet.



Pink Tulips and *Camassia Leichtinii*



Pink Alstroemeria

Roses are peaking in every bed and border; there are spikes of richly coloured iris backed by the white racemes of wisteria, plus lilies and lupins, and alliums taking over from the last of the tulips. I've been exceptionally pleased with the display of tulips I planted late last autumn – delicate shades of pink, peach and apricot contrasted with the

blue *Camassia leichtlinii* and have been utterly glorious. But they're done now, and I've cut back the stems so the leaves blend better among the rest of the planting while they slowly die back. Once the foliage has yellowed, I can safely cut them back to ground level.

With so much abandon in the borders, plants can quickly collapse – as like as not the minute you turn your back on them – so make sure your stakes are in place. Tall plants like delphiniums, those with large flowers (poppies and peonies) and those with both (hello, dahlias) will almost always require additional support. If you haven't done this in April or May when everything is supposed to grow through tidily, it's time for some emergency staking. This can be more difficult as plants are bigger and taller, so inserting stakes and tying stems in can lead to damage, and the whole flipping thing snapping clean off. If it happens, just tidy it up with some sharp secateurs, pretend it didn't happen and move on. Match the strength of the stake or other support to the plant you want to restrain, but don't tie them in too firmly – let them move gently with the wind.

After months of planting and nurturing seeds in the greenhouse and the danger of frost well past, my less hardy plants – cucumbers, melons, tomatoes, zinnia and dahlia – can now be planted out. Of course, the particularly paranoid would never say never with the British weather, so keep some fleece handy in case temperatures drop in the early days of the month. If you have box hedging, now's a good time to trim it (sorry but if it needs a harder cut back, then you really should have done it last month). Prune when you're sure of a few dry days so the cut ends have chance to callus over and reduce the risk that box blight fungus, brought by wetter weather, will penetrate and damage your plants.

While I can whizz over the box with a hedge cutter or hand shears, it takes a more delicate touch on the chrysanthemums I'm trying to grow for the show. For exhibition flowers, I need one spectacular flower so will 'disbud' to

keep the main central flower bud, but remove all the side buds and shoots. In contrast, I want bushier plants with plenty of flowers in my borders, so will pinch out the leaders on these varieties to encourage more side shoots.

The 'June drop' reminds me to give some attention to fruit trees and bushes this month. The drop will take care of some fruit but for the healthiest fruit and better quality crop, it's worth thinning plums, pears and apples by hand. With fewer fruits, there's less demand on limited nutrients and everything should ripen well. You can find recommended spacing between fruit online: for instance, it's 10-15cm between pears and dessert apples.

I can also thin gooseberries while they're still unripe, removing every other fruit, so that what remains can swell to a good size, and sweeten in the sunshine, before harvesting them in July. With summer's arrival, I can also prune stone fruit – cherries, plums, greengages, peaches and nectarines – without the risk of silverleaf. As ever, there's plenty to do so bust out the tools (sorry) and get in the garden.

Tickets might still be available for our outing to the gardens of Great Comp on 11<sup>th</sup> July, with packed lunch and tour from the Head Gardener included in the price. You'll need to get yours by 27<sup>th</sup> June, but they do sell out fast so discover more on our website

*Elliott Frisby*

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Show Chrysanthemums

## Dedham Sports Club



The Dedham Sports Club Coronation Celebration event took place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at the sports pavilion. The weather was warm and sunny and many local people took the opportunity to join in throughout the day.

Entertainment was provided by local bands MG Duo and 33rpm who each played two sets and were very well received. The Sports Club bar was open throughout and Evans and Son butchers offered hot dogs, hamburgers and jerk chicken.

The football club made a goal available for youngsters to practice their shooting skills as well as a pool table in the pavilion.



The Sports Club would like to thank Dedham Parish Council, who provided funding, both bands, Evans and Son and all those who attended to make the event a success.

*Andy Bell*

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Our monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2pm in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4.

**14<sup>th</sup> June.** There will be a talk on the Commonwealth War Graves.

**12<sup>th</sup> July.** Tania Harrington will talk about "Selfie Power – a History of Miniature Portraits".

Please take a look at our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley) for more information and contact details.



The next meeting of Dedham Parish Council will take place on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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 (CBC and County Councillors).

Questions may not be answered at the meeting but may go on to the next agenda. A maximum of 3 minutes per person/group to make representations to the Parish Council, a total of 15 minutes. The agenda and other documents can be viewed on the homepage of the Parish Council website - ([www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk))



## COFFEE WITH COPS

PCSO Gary Woolford 42072690 is based in Colchester.

Every month Gary holds a one hour coffee with cops session by the Dedham War Memorial in Royal Square.

The future dates are:

Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00hrs.
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00am.



11th June 2023  
12 - 6pm  
Events Speakers Music  
Workshops Activities



The Food Bank in the porch of Dedham Church continues to be blessed with the generosity of donations and our Food Bank transport volunteers have recently taken a sizeable donation to the Colchester Food Bank, this after local people have had the opportunity to take items according to their needs. We are hugely grateful for the continued generosity of donors, and to encourage the newer ones among you, we should point out that all gifts should be non perishable and in moisture proof packaging. Our porch is open to the elements, as well as to creatures other than humans!

*Vee Druitt, Churchwarden*

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**Christian Blackshaw  
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8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

The Friends of Dedham Church have arranged a visit to Snape Maltings by luxury coach for a concert by internationally acclaimed English pianist Christian Blackshaw playing Mozart sonatas. The coach will leave Royal Square at 16.30, arriving for dinner (two courses, but drinks not included) in the River View Restaurant at the Maltings before the concert.

The ticket price includes your seat, return coach fare and restaurant dinner (menu to be circulated later).

The cost is £75 per person and if you would like to join us or for further information please contact Maria Johnston by email at [mariateresajohnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariateresajohnston@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone David Jewell on 01206 322851 before 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Music in the garden at Munnings.



Music at the  
Munnings  
House Museum  
Gardens  
this summer.

During July and August, there will be free, acoustic music sessions in the beautiful gardens of the Munnings House Museum in Dedham.

Local musicians will be playing a wide variety of acoustic music next to The Garden Cafe on Sunday afternoons between approximately Midday and 3:00pm.

The styles of singing and playing encompass Folk, Jazz, Bluegrass and Country and Western genres. Parking is free and so is the music, so do come along and support live music in Dedham!

Please put the following dates in your diary:

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - The Bricklayers Bluegrass Band,

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - English, Irish and Scottish music by Alan and Jeff.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July** - American harmony singing by Mike and Sandy Rodgers.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August** - The One Tree Hillbillies Band.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August** - The Bluegrass Connection Trio.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August** - A Little Further Back Trio (Jazz and Americana).

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## 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. 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 8<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am at the Munnings Art Museum, Garden Cafe.**

Members painting outside session. This week we will spend the morning & afternoon sketching & painting in the grounds of the Munnings Art Museum, accompanied by James Powers. Meeting in the Garden Cafe, please stay as long as you wish.

£3 members and non members.

Discounted tour of the Munnings Art Museum special exhibition for members only.

Phone 07872 334729 to book.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2pm - 4.30pm at the Assembly Rooms**

Members painting together session. This week's optional theme is based on a summer theme in your choice of medium.

Free to Members

\*Non - members £5.

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## Dedham Art Society Exhibition



Our current exhibition of a selection of members work can be seen at The Munnings Art Museum's Garden Cafe until the museum closes for the winter in October. The exhibition will refresh in June and August.

Do pop into the Garden Cafe for a coffee and take a look! Original art for every budget, all mediums represented; Oil, watercolour, acrylic, graphite pencil, monoprints.

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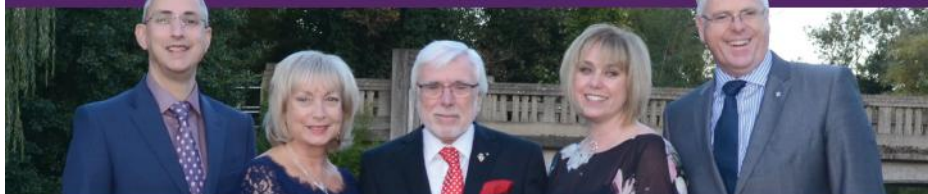
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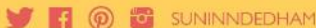


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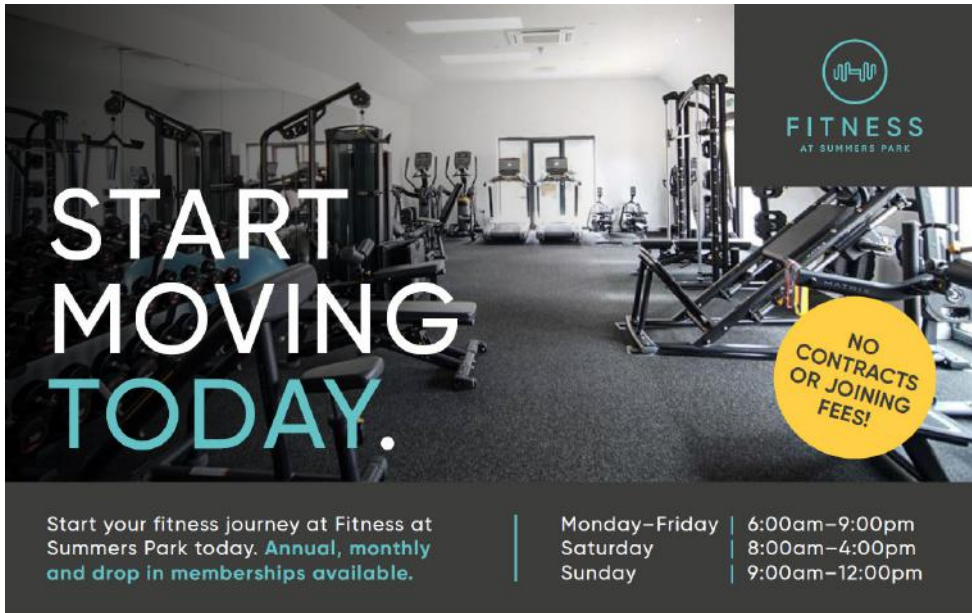
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