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## Can we help?

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

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

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

## Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP) Ardleigh  
 9.30am Cafe Church Ardleigh  
 9.30am Rise N Shine Dedham\*  
 5.00pm Evensong Dedham\*

## Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

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

## Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

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

## Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

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

## Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am 9 Together Praise in the Garden  
 Little Bentley

\* = Services are possibly live streamed.

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

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

**Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month:** Meeting at **Ardleigh Church** from 10am to 12 noon. Please contact Ardleigh Churchwarden if you are interested in joining the group.

**Little Steps Pre-School Group: every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month:** 9.30am- 11.30am in **Ardleigh Church.**

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.** Phone 322192 to reserve a place.

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9am** - Bible, Bacon Butties, tea/coffee and chat.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 10am or 11am, Dedham Arts and Craft Centre.** 10am for a walk, or at 11am for just a chat.

## FROM THE REGISTERS.

### WEDDINGS:

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Jasmine Lake and Daniel Bailey

### FUNERALS:

**19<sup>th</sup> April** - Interment of Ashes for Ian Holtzer

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Interment of Ashes for Margaret Norrington

*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.*



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Dear Friends

We have had a generally warm, dry spring and as you read this, the summer days are nearing their maximum length at the summer solstice – June 21<sup>st</sup>.

I rejoice in these long warm days especially, as my birthday is very close to this date. My daughter was born very near to the winter solstice, with the coldest and darkest days, and this is often a topic of conversation that comes up in our birthday celebrations, whether a summer BBQ or a celebratory tea huddled around a cosy fire indoors.

It is mistaken to think the solstice is a whole day. According to the Royal Museums Greenwich website, where the Royal Observatory is (rmg.co.uk) the solstice is an actual moment in time.

They say the Summer Solstice is 'in reality an exact moment in time that falls upon that day. This moment comes when whichever hemisphere you're in is most tilted towards the Sun.' In 2025 the summer solstice will occur on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 03.42 BST (02.42 GMT).

Pentecost, or 'Whitsun' as it used to be known, falls this year on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. It is always 50 days after Easter Sunday and is recognised by many to be the birthday of the church. But just like the Solstice the birth of the church was not a day but a moment.

In Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament, the first day of Pentecost is described with the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. It was the moment that the fearful and somewhat confused followers of Jesus became emboldened and empowered in living life in a new way.

Despite the threats and dangers of persecution, these first followers of Christ – who were soon to be called Christians – changed their outlook and values to live in the light of God's radical love for every person.

In Acts, 2 verse 42, it says they lived '*devoted to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*' The church has been seeking to do this in the best way they can for some 2000 years now. It has not always succeeded. But then the church is made up from people who recognise they are sinners and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3 verse 23).

At Pentecost this year, in church we will celebrate again the gift of the Holy Spirit as God's presence with us. The Spirit who convicts us where we fall short; brings forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection; and empowers us to live better and more faithful lives.

You are warmly welcome to join us in church for Pentecost. Come and learn with us about the amazing grace of God and his Spirit. Details of our services can be found as usual elsewhere in the magazine.

*Best wishes, Revd John Saxon*

## IN YOUR MAGAZINE

Once again, we have used The British Newspaper Archive, this time to look at the Dedham of 200 years ago, to coincide with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dedham Primary School.

The inaugural Organ concert took place on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and proved to be an amazing concert. For more details read Antony Watsons' piece on Page 8.

You can watch a YouTube video produced by the Scott brothers, called, A NEW PIPE ORGAN IN CONSTABLE COUNTRY, by following this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpm5bIV-HIA>



*John Goldsbrough*

## BOOK REVIEW

### Be Still - Brian Heasley

What a great title for a book about Prayer! I've been looking for a book to encourage me into daily good practice for a time and this relatively easy book to read has given me the necessary "tools" to enable me to develop a better daily prayer practice.

Brian Heasley uses both every day situations as well as biblical illustrations to relate how in our very busy lives, it is possible to find times to "be with God."

He encourages the reader to find a quiet space to develop a relationship with God. It could be in a special space where we live; a chair in a room in which we can find a regular time to sit and be still with God, or it could be whilst taking a daily walk that we find the right space to let go of our busy lives and to turn to God for daily renewal in him.

Brian talks about his own problems and how he found God after very difficult early life experiences, which are threaded into the book, helping the reader to feel God is very approachable; not a being who is unaware of the problems we all encounter, but someone who in Jesus has experienced life's joys and difficulties. Jesus, we read in the Bible, prayed daily for guidance from God in living his life and Brian has created within this book a very real, personal God who is there for us all, and is waiting for us to meet up with him and develop our own relationship with him.

"Be Still" has helped me to realise the importance of finding time for a daily interaction with a living Lord, and encouraged me to be aware that I can find time and space within my daily life to develop a relationship with a God who cares about me.

Brian in his book "Be Still" has encouraged me to feel that God is accessible and given me ways to develop a daily interaction with Him in a narrative that is both practical and supportive.

I would recommend reading this book as it has helped me to approach prayer in a positive down to earth manner, making me realise that a daily time (no matter how short) with our Lord is of importance to Him and to me too.

*Liz Reed*

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Many of the church's windows are deteriorating and require extensive and costly restoration, estimated to exceed £160,000. While the chancel windows have been recently restored, the remaining work still demands significant funding.

The Parochial Church Council is actively fundraising, with support from the Friends of Dedham Church and potential grants, but additional donations from parishioners and visitors are urgently needed. We hope that you will wish to donate.

Please make donations to:

**A/c Name:** Dedham Parochial Church Council  
**S/code:** 20 22 67  
**A/c no.** 00297870  
**Reference:** Windows



## LIVING FOR THE MOMENT....

As I write this, I have just returned from an Open the Book assembly where myself and two volunteers led the story of 'Double your Money' (otherwise known as the Parable of the Talents Matthew 25).

Such a wonderful performance by Dedham Primary School's year 3 volunteers who read so clearly and enthusiastically expressed their roles and speaking parts so well.

For those who don't know what it is, Open the Book is a wonderful ministry whereby church volunteers go into a primary schools to act out bible stories with pupil volunteers from different year groups to the whole school.

We are always in need of volunteers, so if you are interested in joining the teams, do get in touch with myself or the parish office.

The Children and Young People's ministry in Dedham has had a very busy few weeks with a fantastic, albeit a little cold, DJB youth group trip to Frinton during Easter week. We still enjoyed cricket, games and fish and chips!

We have lots planned over the summer weeks with our usual get togethers on the third Sunday of the month 6.15-7.30pm in the Duchy Barn following the Six Beats One Story series.

On top of this, we also have plans for a trip to the Therapy Farm in Dedham, an outdoor swimming social and litter picks. Do contact me if your child (aged 11 (year 6) or above is interested in joining).

Our junior church sessions continue each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month (when we have Rise and Shine altogether service), meeting in the Duchy Barn during Sunday morning services (ages 3-11).

We are currently following a great series called the Biggest Story - have a look here for an example of the teaching. [https://youtu.be/FAzQIA\\_rFls](https://youtu.be/FAzQIA_rFls)

Finally, it is with sadness that I announce this as my final article as Children and Young People's worker for the Dedham magazine. My last day in the post is 23<sup>rd</sup> June and I want to thank all the volunteers in the parish for everything you do for the Church and for children and young people's ministry.

My last 12 months have been such a joy and I can certainly say I have lived for the moment - lots to remember, coordinate and juggle but the accomplishments and achievements far outweigh the challenge of any drawbacks.

The role is now being advertised, take a look here - and if you feel this could be something you'd like to explore further get in touch!

*Claire Arculus*

*Children & Young People Worker*

## MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the 2025 Mission Stall are as follows:

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** 10-12 noon.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July** 10-12 noon

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August** 10-4pm, bank holiday.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** 10-12 noon.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October** 10-12 noon.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area



## June 2025

June 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at  
**St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS**

At the I am Communion service, the choir will sing 'The call of wisdom' by Will Todd. Will Todd (b1970) is an English musician and composer.

He is a Pianist who performs regularly with others in his own works. Todd was born in County Durham, attended Durham School and joined the choir of St Oswald's Church, Durham under its choirmaster David Higgins.

He went on to study music at the University of Bristol. He is a pianist and regularly performs with his trio, and this played a large role in one of his best-known works, his Mass in Blue.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at  
**St Edmund Church Tendring, CO16 0BN**

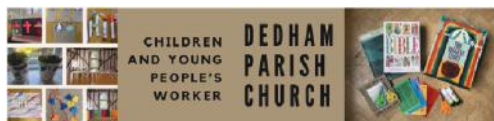
At the 6.30pm Choral Evensong Service, the organist will be Peter Clayton. He has composed a new Preces & Responses setting especially for the Deanery Choir. They will also sing his anthem 'Walking in a Garden'.

Peter played the organ when he was a young chorister at Waltham Abbey, but it was only after his retirement from teaching that he switched his allegiance

from flute playing to playing the organ as his main musical focus.

He has been organist and choirmaster at St Mary Magdalene church in Thorrington for 16 years. Peter also plays as a freelance organist in many churches in N.E. Essex and Suffolk and frequently supports the Deanery Choir at church services. He also plays harpsichord in the Wollaston Consort.

*Graham Bell, Deanery Choir*



Do you have a heart for young people and children and a desire to see them follow Jesus and grow in faith?

We are seeking a servant-hearted individual to grow our ministry with children and young people and their families in Dedham. Main responsibilities are the discipleship of children and young people in the church, support of their families, outreach to young families in the community and leading a growing team of volunteers.

16 hours/week at £13/hour (1-year contract, with a view to permanent)  
Closing date: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June  
(Interviews July)

For an informal conversation contact  
Rev'd. Phillip Young on  
HarwichRMPhillip@GMail.com

Scan the QR code for a job description and application form.

An Occupational Requirement exists for the post-holder to be a practising Christian. The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS check



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May saw the Service of Dedication of the new organ, and the much anticipated recital by Jonathan Scott.

The Dedication of the organ was the culmination of many years of hard work, and to set it apart for the worship of God was indeed a very emotional moment for those involved in the project.

It was wonderful to have Bishop Roger to lead the service, and the augmented choir sang beautifully, accompanied in the anthem by Andrew Caskie, (who brought some of the Nicholson team with him).

Jonathan Scott gave a most uplifting evening with a recital which showcased the organ spectacularly well. Music by Mozart, J.S. Bach, Widor, Saint-Saens etc, with a nod to the VE Day celebrations, music by Holst and Elgar was included in the programme.

Jonathan introduced each piece in a wonderfully engaging way, his stunning performance was projected onto a big screen so that the audience could watch the mastery of his hands and feet, which was the source of much amazement to many.

Thanks to the team from Eye Parish Church (with whom the organ group have worked closely throughout the project) for the loan of the screen and projector.

All in all, it was a dazzling evening, Jonathan was clearly very impressed with the organ, saying that it was hard to believe that such a relatively small organ with just 27 stops could produce such a wealth of sounds. Testament indeed to the fine work of Mr J J Binns in 1902 in making the pipes, and to Nicholson & Co for their fine new organ.

It was indeed an evening that will live long in the memory of those lucky enough to be present.

We look forward to welcoming Jonathan back in the near future.

Thanks to the generosity of the anonymous sponsors of the evening, making this was a free event to say a huge thank you to those who have made this project happen.

*Antony Watson*



## Open Gardens this summer

AT THE VICARAGE (DEDHAM, CO7 6DE)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 2-4 O'CLOCK





JUNE  
SUNDAY 29 AT 11 AM  
2025

With an address from Bishop Roger Morris, Area Bishop of Colchester, music by Colchester Salvation Army Band, a barbecue lunch and thanks to Christopher and Virginia Palmer-Tomkinson for graciously hosting



**RSVP: Nigel Dyson**  
with numbers for  
barbecue and dietary  
requirements  
[nigel@garden-shows.com](mailto:nigel@garden-shows.com)  
07802 282193

**Little Bentley Hall**  
Church Road, CO7 8SD

### In the Presence of Exile ... When God Becomes the Homeland

When a person is caught between truth and emotion, questions swirl within - questions too heavy to speak aloud, yet impossible to ignore: "Why me? Why is all this happening to me? Why did I lose my freedom? And what is freedom really?"

In those moments, the mind becomes a shattered mirror, reflecting fragments of a reality too painful to bear. One tries to escape... to forget. Some turn to substances - drugs, alcohol, pills - seeking relief, but finding only more emptiness.

And when all paths seem closed, one road remains forever open: the one that leads to God. A person begins to speak to their Lord - as a friend, a father, a brother - searching for answers in silence, in prayer, in the stillness of the soul.

Outwardly, nothing may seem to have changed, but in truth, God is there, He has never left. He teaches, guides, sends signs - messages that only a heart willing to see can recognise.

I longed for my homeland, for Africa - for the scent of its soil, the warmth of its sun. I asked God, "Will I ever see it again?"

Instead of a direct answer, I met a stranger - someone who felt oddly familiar. For the first time, I wasn't shy. We spoke, and he invited me to a church.

I entered the church as an outsider... and walked out reborn. I prayed, I danced, I sang. There, I found the answers I had been searching for: peace, connection, a sense of belonging. I met a

who prayed for me and welcomed me as if I were her own son.

And every time I visit a church, no matter where it is or how different, I find the same peace. It's as if its walls radiate divine energy - a quiet whisper from God reminding me that everything will be alright. These spaces become sacred vessels of reassurance, charging the soul with faith and calm.

Each visit becomes a journey back into myself. Though I remain a journalist by nature, always inquisitive and asking more, I now know one truth for certain: God has always been with me. He is my homeland.

A word of wisdom:

Every path that leads through faith ends in peace. And no door opened to God ever fails to let in the light - even when the heart is lost in the darkness of exile.

Hamidou Boubekeur



## ARDLEIGH SURGERY NEWS

### Staff Updates

In April, we were pleased to welcome two new GP Partners: Dr Kelechi Anumnu and Dr Michelle O'Carroll. Historically, Ardleigh and Dedham have operated successfully as a three-partner practice. However, due to the significant increase in demand for GP services, we have expanded to a four-partner model to improve resilience and service delivery.

March also marked the retirement of Dr Lisa Gladwin and Sister Zoe Lacey. Both have made outstanding contributions to the practice and will be greatly missed by patients and staff alike. Sister Harrison will be on maternity leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2025. We wish her all the best during this special time.

### Blood Tests

At present, we are unable to offer blood test appointments at the surgery due to our phlebotomist being on long-term sick leave. A temporary replacement had been arranged, but they have since decided to retire from the NHS. In the meantime, patients requiring blood tests are being directed to the phlebotomy clinic at the local walk-in centre. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

### Anima Online Triage

We would like to thank all our patients for embracing our new online triage system, Anima, which launched in late January. So far, 4,800 patients out of our 7,500 registered population have signed up, and many are actively using the system.

While Anima has helped streamline appointment triaging, demand remains extremely high. On Mondays, we regularly receive over 120 requests in the first four hours of opening.

### Zero Tolerance Policy

We regret to report a recent increase in unacceptable behaviour towards our staff, including shouting, swearing, and even physical aggression.

Our reception team plays a vital role under very challenging circumstances, and such conduct will not be tolerated. We kindly ask all patients to treat our staff with the respect they deserve.

### Medication Requests

We regularly receive multiple requests for various medications. Please be aware that your GP is not authorised or qualified to prescribe all medications available.

Two of the most common requests are for weight loss medications and ADHD medications.

- **Weight Loss Injections:** These are currently not available for general prescription through the GP, unless they are specifically indicated for the management of uncontrolled diabetes.

- **ADHD Medications:** We are no longer continuing prescriptions for ADHD medications. This is because adult ADHD prescribing has now been transferred to the Suffolk GP Federation, and care for children has been transferred to GPPC (GP Primary Choice).

Patients currently receiving ADHD medication through the surgery will be gradually transferred to these dedicated services. We understand this may be frustrating, but these changes are necessary to ensure patients receive the most appropriate specialist care.

QR Code for website

<https://ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk/>





## **Dedham Parish Council: Annual Residents Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

Councillor Bourn, Chair of the Parish Council, presented the annual report outlining the Council's activities over the past year. A financial report was also delivered by Councillor Harrison. Both reports are available on the Parish Council website.

Following the reports, an open forum was held, allowing residents to raise any issues of concern.

Topics raised by residents included: The proposed dog park at the Munnings Museum, the condition of kerbsides on Crown Street, Outdoor tables and chairs used by businesses that obstruct access for wheelchair users and those with guide dogs and Parking issues on the High Street and Mill Lane beyond the bridge.

There was also concern regarding the Conservative Party newsletter *Dedham Matters*, particularly about conflicting information related to parking proposals. The Council's information from NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership) appears to contradict statements made in the newsletter. Councillor Bourn will write to the relevant councillors regarding this issue and their absence from recent meetings.

Councillors assured residents that all points raised will be investigated, and updates will be provided at the June Council meeting.

*Cllr Douglas Bourn, Chairman*

## **Dedham Parish Council- Report of Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Douglas Bourn was re-elected as chair and Charlotte Sneddon was re-elected as vice chair

Election of Councillors for sub-committees

### **Finance, Standards and Procedures**

Cllr Bourn, Cllr Sneddon, Cllr Harrison (Chair) Cllr Main

### **Planning**

Cllr Bourn (Chair) Cllr Martlew, Cllr McLaughlin, Cllr Beeton

### **Infrastructure / Community**

Cllr Beeton (Chair), Cllr Andrews, Cllr Halsall, Cllr Main

### **Communications**

Cllr Sneddon – website, Cllr Main  
Dedham Notes

### **Parish Plan Development**

Cllr McLaughlin with support and involvement of rest of the Council.

### **Personnel**

A personnel group will be formed with its status and remit to be decided.

Concern was expressed that for the third successive Council meeting there was no report from represented councillors for Dedham on Colchester City Council (CCC) and Essex County Council (ECC)

### **Parish Plan discussion.**

The Council agreed to the proposal to deliver a Parish Plan and that initially the Parish Council would act as the steering group for the plan.

It was hoped that the development of the plan would take no more than 6 months.



## Finance.

All proposed financial transactions approved and Council agreed to sign the Annual Governance forms which review the effectiveness of the system of internal control for the Internal Auditor.

## Planning Report.

From June a new Planning Group will be in operation to which members of the public are welcome and the first such meeting will be held at 6pm on on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in the Duchy Barn

## Planning Applications.

The Council noted that one application included a comment from a neighbour. In its response, the Council will simply acknowledge this comment.

No other planning applications received comments from the Council.

A late application concerning a proposed retail development on Birchwood Road, adjacent to the hotel, was received. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting, subject to time availability.

## Litter Pick.

The Council welcomed the proposal from the church youth group to institute a regular litter pick in the village.

## Parking.

Report was given on a recent meeting with North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) and was noted that there was no evidence to substantiate the comments made in the Dedham Conservative newsletter regarding possible changes to parking in the High Street and Crown Street.

## Infrastructure.

It is planned to tidy up the main car park. The Council are concerned that at present NEPP does not appear to have the budget to undertake the necessary repainting of the yellow lines in the village.

Council agreed to tree work on the playing fields and also work on the exterior of the Sports Pavilion with a view that part of the cost for this is covered by community funds from Colchester City Council.

## Communications.

Report was given on progress of planned new website.

Date of the next meeting, Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6.30pm at Duchy Barn.

*Clr Douglas Bourn, Chairman*

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## DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

[www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Scan for DPC Annual Reports page.



### MIDSUMMER'S HERE

June is the month of roses, and my garden is filled with a huge range from clusters of small white double flowers to obelisks clothed in single pink climbers. There are roses on the front of the house and over an arch as you walk to the front door. Every border and bed has at least one rose, ranging from white to pink to red, from cream to yellow. With so many, I will be busy deadheading them throughout the summer to keep them blooming.



The roses are complemented by early large-flowered clematis in pink and deep purple, as well as alliums, foxgloves, delphiniums and the white forms of valerian and rosebay willowherb.

My bees are going mad on the pyracantha hedge that floats above one of my fences. As we approach the longest day of the year, there's plenty to do and

even time to relax and enjoy the fruits of our labours.

The best way to deadhead your roses is to use your secateurs and cut right back down the stem to the next leaf or bud. This will prompt a side shoot to grow and eventually another flower. You can deadhead other plants of course, both annuals and perennials. The production of flowers is part of how flowers reproduce. When the flowers die, they leave behind seeds (essentially the plant's eggs) from which more flowers are born.

Once seeds are produced, the plant thinks its job is done and has no further need to produce flowers. Deadheading therefore keeps the plant in a state of perpetually giving birth (flowering). I think I might be a bit mad about that if I were a plant and is probably why I come in from the garden covered in thorn scratches.



Magnificent Wisteria

Although some plants will only ever flower once, deadheading will also work on asters, campanulas, delphiniums, daylilies and scabious. It is especially important for sweet peas, which is why you should pick as many as you can whenever you can so that seed pods aren't produced.

I love aubrieta for its vibrant purple flowers, which look great against late flowering daffodils. It offers early nectar



*Pyracantha*

and pollen for my bees, but by now it can be looking a bit tatty so needs cutting back. Lightly trim your aubrieta if it still forms a quite neat mound, but if it's straggly with an almost bald centre then it needs to be cut back harder to within a couple of inches of the base of the plant. Make sure to keep it well watered after cutting back and it will put on fresh foliage within a few weeks.

Cut back perennial Oriental poppies too after flowering, taking them back to ground level. Water – you can feed them with poultry pellets or tomato food if you like – and you'll get new foliage and perhaps even some new blooms. Hardy geraniums (not the tender pelargoniums) can also be chopped back now too.

My wisteria plants have been magnificent this year, and their powerful scent seems to reach all round the garden. Once they've finished showing off though, it's time for their first prune of the year this month. Wisteria produces its beautiful racemes of purple, white or pink flowers on new growth, so to encourage lots of flowers next year, I'll need to cut back the whippy new shoots that have grown this season. Prune back to the sixth bud from the base of the shoot. If you're not sure, cut lightly as you'll do a second prune in winter when it's easier to see what you're doing.

I put some garden pinks (*Dianthus*) around the beds last year and they are

beginning to bulk up so I can take some softwood cuttings. Just pull a non-flowering shoot with four pairs of leaves off the plant using your thumb and forefinger. Use a sharp knife to cut below the lowest pair of leaves to make a cutting 5-10cm long. Remove the lower leaves and dip the base of the cutting in hormone rooting powder or gel. Make a hole in a pot of compost, insert the cutting so the lowest pair of leaves is just above the top of the soil, then water. Pop



it in a propagator or under a plastic bag and place somewhere warm, and it should root within 2-4 weeks.

Although it can be a busy time in the garden right now, don't forget to take time to soak up the summer sun this month.

*Elliott Frisby*

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## DEDHAM 1825

As this year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedham Primary School, we have looked at what was happening in Dedham 200 years ago in 1825. This is just a selection of items from the British Newspaper Archive using the search term 'Dedham'. The text was extracted from the images using AI.

### **Suffolk Chronicle - Saturday 01 January 1825**

**Marriage** - On Christmas-day, Mr. Edward Hoy, of Dedham, Essex, to Miss Bird, of the same place.

### **Bury and Norwich Post - Wednesday 26 January 1825**

DEDHAM ASSEMBLY. THE THIRD ASSEMBLY will be on FRIDAY, February 4, 1825. Any Person wishing to become a Subscriber, must send his or her Name previously to the Stewards. H. N. JARRETT, Esq. The Rev. M. VERNON.

Tickets will be delivered and Subscriptions received at the Sun Inn during the week, or at the Room on the Morning of the Assembly.

### **Essex & Herts Mercury - Tuesday 01 February 1825**

During the night of yesterday week the hen-house of Mr. John Eagle, of Little Bromley, was robbed of twelve fowls. The same night Mr. Bloomfield, of Dedham, had a quantity of barley stolen from out of his granary. Four men, named William Winney, Thomas Winney, James, Josselyn, and James Stuart, have since been apprehended, and committed for both robberies.

### **Ipswich Journal - Saturday 05 February 1825**

Commitments to Chelmsford Gaol, by Thomas Nunn and Thomas Nunn, jun. Esqrs. On the 26th ult. David Steward and James Josselyn, both of Lawford, labourers, on suspicion of stealing 14 chickens and 3 hens, the property of Mr. Jas. Eagle, of Little Bromley. D. Steward also charged with stealing a copper boiler, and 2 copper boiler lids from Mr. Gledhill, innkeeper, of Dedham. Abraham Hicks, Daniel Hicks and James Garrad, by the same Magistrates, on suspicion of stealing 8 pigs from Mr. Carrington, of Little Bromley, and Henry Holmes in conjunction with Abraham Hicks and James Garrad, on suspicion of stealing 5 pigs from Mr. James Girling, of Little Bentley. Hicks and Garrad were also charged with stealing 4 pigs from Mr. Girling, and Holmes for stealing a pig from Mr. Hicks, Layham. Wm. Winney, the elder was committed on suspicion of stealing a pig from Mr. Sizer, of Great Oakley; and also a coomb of barley from Mr. Blomfield, of Dedham.



### **Suffolk Chronicle - Saturday 05 March 1825**

#### **A BUTLER AND VALET**

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### **Ipswich Journal - Saturday 26 March 1825**

Saturday last died at Dedham, Essex, much respected in her 73rd year, Grace, widow of the late John Marratt, Esq. of the Grove.

### **Suffolk Chronicle - Saturday 09 April 1825**

**Death** - On Saturday last, Mr. John Hitchcock, of Dedham, Essex, aged 77.

### **Suffolk Chronicle - Saturday 27 August 1825**

**CRICKET.**—Last week a match of Cricket was played at Dedham between eleven of the Dedham Club (three only of whom are under the age of 21) and the youths at Dedham School, which was won by the latter with eleven wickets to go down. So confident were the Dedham Club of victory, that they entered the field with ribbons in their hats. This was not merely an ostentatious, but, as it happened, a premature display.—After this game, another was played (a single innings) and the School boys beat them again, with one wicket to go down. The

following is the score of the first game:—

Dedham 1<sup>st</sup> Innings - 30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings - 37  
Total - 67.

Dedham School - 1<sup>st</sup> Innings - 27, 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings - 11 Total - 68.

### **Oxford University and City Herald - Saturday 30 July 1825**

#### **20 GUINEAS REWARD**

WHEREAS JOHN SNELL, HORSEDEALER, a native of Dedham, in Essex, stands charged with having **STOLEN** a HORSE, from Waltham Cross, in Hertfordshire, on the 2nd of June last; whoever will apprehend and secure him in any of his Majesty's Gaols, shall immediately receive the above Reward, by applying to Mr. James Lamborn, Horsedealer, at Summer Town, near Oxford.

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### **Ipswich Journal - Saturday 22 October 1825**

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Over the past few weeks, we have begun developing a sensory room in school. This space will provide a safe environment for our children who have sensory processing differences or other special educational needs. Spending time in the room will help children to regulate their emotions, enable different sensory experiences and can be used for relaxation and de-stressing. Thank you to Councillor Lewis Barber for securing the funding for this project.



2025 marks the school's 200th birthday and we have planned a number of events and activities to mark this. Our school pond has now been created (photos to follow next month), plans for an art trail are underway and communication with Dedham in Massachusetts has begun.

Children have been excited to receive letters from the other side of the Atlantic and they have been busy sharing information about their own lives and our school.

Although organising a school trip is unfortunately impractical, the wonder of technology is bringing America into the classroom and despite the time difference, we're hoping to fit in an online assembly or two with our pen-pals before the end of the term!

*Laura Valentine*





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## ARDLEIGH CHURCH BELLS.

The installation is now complete and we have had one very successful practice on the ten bells. On VE day we rang the bells for half an hour just prior to the lighting of the village beacon as part of the village celebrations. Bell ringing is a fascinating hobby, a service to the church and a gentle work out for both mind and body. We have ringers from around nine or ten years old up to ringers in their nineties. If any one is interested in learning to ring bells then please contact me on 07817 094426.

*David Culham*



This year, the Royal British Legion organised a 350km charity cycle to commemorate both Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of the Netherlands. The event honoured the official Liberation Day and raised essential funds to support the Armed Forces community, ensuring they receive the lifelong assistance and services they rightly deserve

## **Day 1 Nijmegen – Nijmegen (approx. 118km, 545m)**

Starting from Nijmegen, the cycle followed the path of the Rhineland Offensive, the pivotal final battle for Liberation of the Netherlands via Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery before heading south to Ysselsteyn German war cemetery with a highlight stop at the Overloon Museum.

## **Day 2 Nijmegen – Arnhem (approx. 73.8km, 438m)**

This day followed the key landing sites of the Airborne divisions that were pivotal in securing freedom, as well as a visit to the inspirational Freedom Museum.

## **Day 3 Arnhem – Wageningen (approx. 72.3km, 404m)**

The final day followed the path of British Airborne Troops to Wageningen (known as Liberation town). The tour culminated with the Liberation Day Festival, a Dutch annual fete,



*Sunset March - Nijmegen (performed every night across Nijmegen Bridge)*



*Battle of Ginkelse Heide*



*Arnhem road bridge - Parachute Regt objective during Op Market Garden*

*Photographs - Malcolm Norman*





On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, Arin Andrews organised a stall on the Royal Square, manned by the regular Poppy Appeal volunteers to raise funds for the British Legion.

VE metal pins were available along with stickers for the children and tasty cupcakes, all for a small donation. It was a very successful event which raised £780 for the RBL.



Avril Biggins on behalf of the Duchy Barn management committee handing over £25 to Arin Andrews for the British Legion, which was from money raised at the Duchy Barn VE Day coffee morning singalong on the 8th May. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

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### **PICNICS AND SPARKLING OPERA RETURN TO ESSEX'S COUNTRY HOUSES THIS SUMMER.**

Wild Arts, our very own Essex-based opera company, will return to Layer Marney Tower and Kelvedon Hall this summer with not one but two fantastic fully-staged opera productions.

Conducted by Wild Arts Artistic director Orlando Jopling and performed by a cast of top professional singers with an orchestra drawn from the UK's finest chamber musicians, these performances will be the perfect summer treat.

Brand new for this year, and receiving its premiere performance at The Essex Summer Opera Festival at Layer Marney Tower, is a production of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin, directed by Dominic Dromgoole, who was formerly Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe. A stunning exploration of life, death, love, and pride in pre-revolutionary Russia, the opera will be performed in period costume with a dazzling new English translation.



On the bill alongside this is a revival of Wild Arts' hit 2023 production of Donizetti's The Elixir of Love. With all the zip and joie de vivre of the original, director Guido Martin-Brandis has

relocated this riotous tale of lovers and luck-chasing liars to a 1950's seaside, with a mischievous English translation.



And as has become tradition at Wild Arts performances, alongside the music you can enjoy picnics on the lawns of these beautiful country-house venues.

#### **Tchaikovsky, Eugene Onegin**

17, 19, 21 June | The Essex Summer Opera Festival at Layer Marney Tower  
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#### **Donizetti, The Elixir of Love**

20, 22 June | The Essex Summer Opera Festival at Layer Marney Tower  
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### DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

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Here are the sessions for this month, if you are interested in attending please call 07872334729.

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Painting outside 10am (full day) - Woodbridge

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Brightlingsea (Saturday morning plein air group)

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Members' painting together session  
– working with a limited palette

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Full day workshop. Assembly Rooms, 10am – 4pm. Visiting Professional Artist – Janie Pirie. MEMBERS ONLY



Thirty two years ago Dedham Carpet Bowls Club was formed, however due to the dwindling number of members, the club has now had to close. Over

the years the club took part in various competitions and won many cups. For a number of years, the club held a charity competition with 20 local teams taking part. Some players also played Carpet Bowls for the Essex County side.

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Monthly coffee mornings are held on the first Friday of the month 10am – 12pm at the Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt. Come along, meet some members, hear more about us and decide whether you'd like to join.

Monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6TP. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4.

Our speaker on 11<sup>th</sup> June is Andy Moore from Colchester Zoological Society who will tell us how they care for their animals and on 9<sup>th</sup> July we have Eleanor Jenkins giving a talk on "The Life of a Tudor Housekeeper".

There is no talk in August as we have a Summer lunch instead.

Please take a look at our website for more information and contact details.

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## JUNE 2025

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Rise N Shine
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - 5.00pm, Dedham Church - Evensong
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12.30pm, Monday Lunch Club, Essex Rose Tea Room.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - 11am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - 7pm, The Assembly Rooms, CRUK, "When the dogs don't bark!"
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Matins
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - 5.00pm, Dedham Church - Revive@5
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, MR BURTON.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - The Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm. Dedham Art Society.

## 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)

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

- Dedham Youth Club - The Duchy Barn, 7.30pm to 9.15pm.



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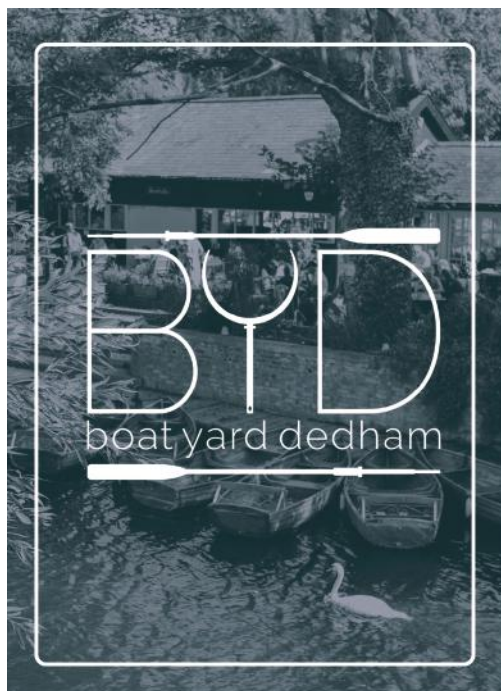
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



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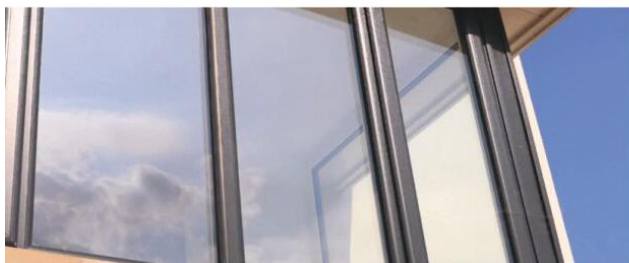
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