

An impressionist painting of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are yellow and orange fields, possibly harvested crops. In the middle ground, a large green tree stands to the right, and a red barn is visible to the left. In the background, a church with a tall, grey stone tower rises against a sky filled with soft, textured clouds in shades of blue, white, and yellow. The overall style is painterly and atmospheric.

DEDHAM

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Harvest Special

VIEWPOINT

Fruitfulness



Recently I visited my parents in Gloucestershire and spent a whole day picking apples for them from a tree that was so heavily laden that one of its boughs had broken. I can't recall it being so

fruitful in all the years since we moved there in 1982. Coming back home I discovered a pear tree that I hadn't even realised bore fruit because it was hanging so high up! All round there will be lots of crumbles to enjoy at the Vicarage this autumn!

Harvest time gives all of us the opportunity to give thanks for the food that we eat and for those who work hard in our parish to produce that food and maintain the beauty of our landscapes. Why not take the opportunity to pop by one of the local farms and thank them for all their hard work?

Many of us derive a huge amount of pleasure by growing some of our own food and the recent Village shows have demonstrated just how much care and attention is required to produce beautiful and tasty produce. That should give us pause for thought and gratefulness for the depth of care and attention that God puts into His world wide creation.

God's plan for humankind began in a Garden, a place for the first human beings, Adam and Eve. It will end in a garden

where in the book of Revelation we are told that a new heaven and a new earth will be created with at heart a river called the water of life, and a tree called the tree of life.

So, what place is there for fruitfulness in our lives in the here and now? Well, God's idea of fruitfulness is to live His way. St Paul asks: *But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.* (Galatians chapter 5 verse 22-23 The Message translation)

That to me looks very much like the kind of community that I hope we would all like to live in!

Our **Harvest Services** are at Ardleigh on **1 October** at 11am and at Dedham on **8 October** at 9.30 and 11am, do come and join us. We'll be collecting non-perishable food for Beacon House which works with the homeless in Colchester – there are boxes at the churches.

We are also having a **Harvest Curry Supper** on **14 October** (see page 7) – do get your tickets from the Parish Office ☎**322 136** as we expect them to sell out quickly!

Antony Wilson
Priest in Charge

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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Assembly Rooms	✉ stmaryda@gmail.com
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Can we help?

Sometimes things in life can just get too much to cope with on our 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 anyone who would, please contact Ann Shaw ☎ **322 192** or Christine Mingay ☎ **230 723**

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

If you have an urgent query please contact Rev Antony Wilson ☎ **323 919**

Please visit our updated website: www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Review of our change to the pattern of Sunday Services



The pattern of services in our parishes was changed in May to reflect the needs and resources in the new Benefice of Dedham and Ardleigh. The PCCs will be reviewing this change in November. If you have any comments that you would like to make please email me by **Sunday 5 November**, thank you.

✉ antonywilson39@gmail.com

Antony Wilson

* Throughout the magazine local telephone numbers omit ☎ **(01206)** area code, unless otherwise stated.

DEDHAM AND ARDLEIGH PARISHES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 1 October

8am	Holy Communion	BCP	Dedham
11am	<u>Harvest Service</u>		Ardleigh
5pm	Evensong	BCP	Dedham

Sunday 8 October

8am	Holy Communion	BCP	Ardleigh
9.30am	<u>Harvest Service</u>		Dedham
11am	<u>Harvest Service</u>		Dedham

Sunday 15 October

8am	Holy Communion	BCP	Dedham
11am	Parish Eucharist	CW	Ardleigh

Sunday 22 October

8am	Holy Communion	BCP	Ardleigh
11am	Matins	BCP	Dedham

Sunday 29 October

11am	Joint Service	BCP	Dedham
11am	Revive@5		Dedham

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays Morning Prayer
10.30am Dedham

Fourth Tuesday
10 - 12noon Friendship
Group Ardleigh

Thursdays Evening Prayer
5pm Ardleigh

Fridays Junior & Adult
(Term time) Choir Practice
6.30/7pm Dedham

Fridays Bible Study
(Term time) Littlebury House
9.15am CO7 6ES

If you would like a lift to church please contact
Ann Shaw ☎322 192 or
Ruth Higginson ☎322 598

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday 14 October

9am **Men's Breakfast** Vicarage
Open to all men. Antony Wilson writes: "We enjoy bacon butties and talk about life and faith and normally get our hands dirty together with some practical work around the church."

Saturday 14 October

7pm **Harvest Supper** Assembly Rooms
Details on page 7.

Sunday 5 November

5pm **Service of Thanksgiving**
*For those we have loved Dedham
and whose memories we cherish. Tea at 4.30pm.*

TOWER FLAG DAY



Harvest
Sunday 1 October



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

1 - 3 December

Entries deadline

Friday 24 November

Briony Lawton ☎321 224

✉stmaryda@gmail.com

*More details to follow
in the next magazine.*

UNWANTED TOOLS: CHARITY COLLECTION

Where your tools can create jobs

A collection of tools will be made in Dedham on **Saturday 4 November** so that they that can be sent to people who need them in Africa. The collection, organised by the charity, Tools With a Mission, will be made between 10am and noon in the Dedham School Car Park, Parson's Field, CO7 6BZ.



You may have seen an article in the July magazine about our visit to Zambia in May, when we visited recipients of tool kits (*find previous*

issues of this magazine online: www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk under Resources). If you have more tools to donate than you can fit into your car we can arrange to collect them: call **☎323 565**.

Merv and Sue McKinney

The charity assembles and sends out a range of tool kits for builders, carpentry, gardening, electricians, plumbers, mechanics and other trades. For information about what is needed go to **www.twam.uk** or see the leaflets in the church.

MISSION CAKE SALE

The next cake stall will be held in the porch of Dedham Parish Church on **Saturday 28 October** from 10am to noon.

We are always looking for volunteers to bake or to help on the stall. If you would like to help contact *Ruth Higginson* on **☎322 598**.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

6 August 2017 Oliver Alexander King & Charlotte Frances King

WEDDINGS

5 August 2017 Matthew FARRANT & Anneli STILLER
12 August 2017 Samuel McCARTHY & Rebecca ORWELL

FUNERAL

25 August 2017 Fay Lilian ATKINS (aged 83 years)



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

18 September 2017 Jill CANHAM (aged 74 years)

NEW IN DEDHAM CHURCH: RISE N' SHINE

Service with a smile

It isn't often that a vicar produces a beach ball during a Sunday service and throws it at the congregation. Nor might you expect him to break off after prayers to look at his smartphone.

These were just two of the innovations in Antony Wilson's second **Rise n' Shine** service in Dedham. The idea is to offer variety and surprise for children (some very young) as well as something for their families and older people. The beach ball was a symbol, with a world globe printed on it. Those who caught it called out the name of a country needing our thoughts and prayers, as they threw it on, all to Antony's rendition of He Holds the Whole World in His Hands. It drew people together with a bit of laughter as the ball flopped about, while prompting them to think of people in need.

And the smartphone? That was to draw attention to a free app called Alpha Bible, which offers Bible study on the move for the tech savvy. In the church, a large screen was used to display the words of the hymns, to show key words from Antony's short talk and for other information. And there is a roving mike for people in the congregation to make their contribution.



Antony Wilson at **Rise n' Shine** service

No two services are the same At the last Rise & Shine, everyone left their seats to join one of six groups at the edge of the church - to express themselves in their preferred ways. These ranged from busy drawing and activity groups for young children to listening, reading and chatting groups, mainly for the older people. There was also an option, taken by a few, to sit silently in the choir stalls.

This short service (9.30 to 10.15am) included some familiar hymns, a few prayers and a reading, but it ended as it began in a chatty way, with coffee served at the west end. Most of the 50 or more Rise n' Shiners stayed for refreshments. The new format offers a warm welcome with plenty of variety - to anyone who might be a bit "iffy" about the formality of church services.

The next **RISE N' SHINE** service on **Sunday 8 October** at 9.30am in Dedham

Susanne Woods

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Four centuries of tradition in education

The Dedham Educational Foundation celebrates its centenary this year, at least in its modern form. Although its governing Scheme dates from 1917, minutes still exist from as far back as 1599. The modern Scheme, states that it relates to “the Foundation known as the Royal Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth (I) with endowment for the benefit of the area consisting of the parishes of Dedham, Ardleigh, Great Bromley, Bradfield and Stratford St Mary.”

The Old Grammar School next to the Royal Square, had been rebuilt in 1732, was eventually closed and sold and the proceeds were invested. The Foundation now relies on the income from those investments and rent from land, to award grants to university, sixth form college or institute and secondary school children living in any of the five parishes mentioned above.

The land that it owns is the fields on the east and west of the road leading out of Dedham towards Stratford St. Mary, immediately adjacent to the river on the Suffolk side.

The Foundation currently has eight trustees including one nominated by Essex County Council and one by the Dedham Parish Council; each of the parishes is represented by one trustee as well. Following extensive advertising in the five parishes, students apply for grants in October each year and the amount paid depends on the number of applications received, but in the last few years the university grants have been £800 with a lower figure for college and secondary school students.

Many students write to the trustees after receiving grants. Here is a sample of comments received last year: “It really does make a difference and is much appreciated”, “we are very fortunate to have such a foundation in our locality”, “as a student at whatever level one is always short of money and this will really help”, “the money will help a lot, especially with the many reading books that need to be purchased” and “the grant given is very much appreciated and of enormous benefit”.

David Druitt, Chairman

During October residents of the parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St. Mary can apply for educational financial grants:

Secondary Schools, Six Form Colleges Applicants must be at least 12 years old on the 1 August 2017

Universities, Colleges of Further Education Applicants must have lived in one or more of the five parishes for at least two years.

For an application form contact the Clerk Jean Flewin ☎322 215, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, CO7 6AT.

Closing date for applications: **Tuesday 31 October 2017**

HARVEST SUPPER

A hot tip for harvest time

The celebration of harvest, with its abundant autumnal mellowness, does not instantly conjure up the idea of a good curry.

This may soon change, however, because the combined forces of the Dedham and Ardleigh church youth groups have decided that their Harvest Supper on **Saturday 14 October** in the Dedham Assembly Rooms is to be a Curry Night.

They plan to provide 10 circular tables which will each seat 10 people. In the centre of each will be a selection of curries with poppadums, rice and Naan bread. The curries will include chicken korma, a lamb dish and a vegetarian curry for diners to choose from and help themselves.

This will be an ambitious first-time enterprise, though four years ago the group did a take-away supper service – food all packed up and ready to take home - as a fund-raising event.

The teenage team, boys and girls, are sixth form students studying a range of subjects - which do not, however, include domestic science. They will be joined, on the waiting side by young people who attend the Revive@5 church services.

The supper team will be supervised by Sharon Sarson and Jo Hole from Dedham. Sharon says: “We’ll buy all the provisions but the youth team will



do the preparing and cooking, it’ll take them all day. They’ll follow recipes – we won’t let them stray too far.”

The real pleasure of the evening, says Sharon, is seeing the enjoyment the young people get from working as a team and the satisfaction of raising money for good causes. Dedham has chosen Mary’s Meals which provide one school meal a day for very poor children in Africa which keeps them in education as well as nourishment. The Ardleigh group want to support the Colchester Food Bank.

Their aim is to raise £1,000: “The vicar has printed 100 tickets,” says Sharon “and at £10 a head (bring your own drinks) it is FANTASTIC value.”

Anthea Hall

HARVEST CURRY SUPPER

Saturday 14 October

7pm, Assembly Rooms, Dedham

Tickets £10 per person

Bring your own drinks

Parish Office ☎322 136

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DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DEDHAM SPORTS CLUB

The Parish Council has now received planning permission for improvements to the sports club building on the Drift by the Duchy Fields. The council is working with the Sports and Football Clubs to improve facilities and access for the disabled. The next stage is to secure the remainder of the funding.

RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

Some problems that arose after Colchester Council's changes to waste and recycling collections in June appear to have been resolved. Anyone who still experience problems with collections should contact *Nigel Chapman*, the borough councillor for the Rural North ward on ☎**272 908** or email

✉ cllr.nigel.chapman@colchester.gov.uk

Missed collections can be reported online or by phone to Colchester Council.

CAR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council is aware of the frustrations resulting from insufficient parking in the village. The August Bank Holiday was particularly busy with many cars parked on the Suffolk side of the Mill Lane bridge. Unfortunately we have no influence over parking enforcement in this area. However, discussions continue with various agencies and individuals in an attempt to find additional car parking in the village.

DEDHAM LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Parish Council has completed a new 20 year lease with the Tennis Club which runs its club on land owned by the council.

OVERGROWN FOOTPATHS

The Council is aware of continuing concerns about the infrequent footpaths maintenance. We are continuing to talk to Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council to see if we can secure any improvements. A plan for volunteers to take over some of the maintenance has had to be abandoned because of difficulties in arranging the necessary training with Essex County Council.



Philippa Dow:
nettled by a Dedham footpath

NEW PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

We have agreed to proceed with establishing a parish office and tourist information point in the Art and Craft Centre. This will provide a focus for residents who would like to talk to a parish council representative and also somewhere for our many visitors to get information about the village and surrounding area.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 2 October, 7.30pm, the Duchy Barn.

Nicola Baker

www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

Dedham Parish Council Clerk ☎**01255 871483** ✉ clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

What the doctor will not tell you

Pete Keeble's article about patient confidentiality in the summer edition of this magazine raised important issues. NHS patients have an absolute right to confidentiality. A breach of this, accidental or deliberate, could have far reaching consequences for the patient, the practice and the employee, who would face disciplinary action.

This right gives patients confidence that the contents of their medical records will not be told to a neighbour or gossiped about in the local pub. However the flip side of this is that practices cannot share information with a partner, parent or child without permission. It may seem perfectly reasonable for a mum to ring up for her 20 year old daughter's blood results – particularly if she has been asked to do so – but the practice does not know that. I am aware that this can cause frustration and receptionists often face unpleasant criticism for 'being difficult'.

We encourage all patients to take responsibility for their own health from an early age. You would be amazed how many parents are still booking their children's appointments and ordering their medication into their 30s. However, if consent has been given in advance, we can speak to someone other than the patient. The practice can supply forms for granting consent.

Those with parental responsibilities can, however, talk to the practice on behalf of children under the age of about 14, unless the child has asked us not to reveal information. For patients who lack capacity to make informed choices, different rules apply. Legally, we are able to talk to people who have power of attorney, or where the patient has given permission for us to discuss their medical conditions before becoming incapacitated. In other situations Dr Bettle, our Caldicott Guardian (a role which oversees information governance), will determine whether information can be given to a third party'

Online access can also help. This service allows patients to book appointments, order prescriptions, send messages to the surgery and check medical records including test results and immunisations at any time.



Stephanie Durrant
Practice Manager
Ardleigh Surgery
The Colte Partnership

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

Ardleigh ☎ **230 224**

Dedham ☎ **322 290**

www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk

MEDICAL MATTERS

Constable Country Medical Practice

Dr Fayez Ayache, the practice's senior partner, is to retire after more than 30 years. Dr Ayache has earned the respect of not just patients and staff, but of health workers across Suffolk and further afield. As an ear nose and throat specialist GP he has worked at Hadleigh as well as at Ipswich Hospital. However, his biggest challenge has been supporting those in desperate need in his country of birth, Syria.

This year's Flu vaccine will protect against all four strains of influenza rather than three as last year. Clinics will be held at East Bergholt on **Thursday 26 October** 3pm to 6pm. Clinics at Capel St Mary will be on **Tuesday 5 October**, 2pm to 7pm and **Tuesday 31 October** 3pm to 6pm.

Pete Keeble, Practice Manager
[www.constablecountry
medicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk)

STOUR VALLEY GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Do not bark in church!

The annual service to celebrate the work of Stour Valley Guide Dogs for the Blind will be at St. Mary's Church East Bergholt on **15 October** at 3pm. The Rev Stephne van der Toorn (Rev. Steph) with her guide dog Coco will lead the service and will welcome "well behaved owners and their pet dogs" as well as pups in training, working guide dogs, retired guide dogs and guide dogs now career changed. The short service will be followed by refreshments and the chance to meet all members of the guide dog family.

Last year 29 dogs were in the congregation. Trainee guide dog Arthur will be at the service. To develop in his training Arthur attends St. Mary's Dedham and Ardleigh services. Despite his size he

is still a puppy, of 6 months old with lots to learn. Like all German shepherd dogs he likes to 'talk'. He is not encouraged to join in the service, but sometimes gives a big sigh or yawns. Arthur apologises for barking during Antony's sermon last month; with the church door open he heard horses outside and I'm sure could sense that one of them was very agitated.



Many thanks for the help and support given to us in church, which will prepare Arthur for his working life as a guide dog giving independence and love to a blind or visually impaired person.

Marjorie Culham

Calligraphy workshop in Dedham

Wednesday 18 October 9.30am to 2pm

Philippa Dow ☎ **322 800** ✉ philippa@philippadow.co.uk



GARDENING

The mixology of perfect compost

So here we are in autumn preparing for the *Great Garden Tidy Up*. Perennials are nearly over, shrubs and roses are due for attention, leaves are about to fall - a lot of stuff to get rid of. In case you don't know, Colchester Council has halved the number of garden waste sacks it will collect to only four. **Help!** There is an answer to this problem – composting. Most garden waste can easily be transformed into lovely **free** compost. Assuming you all *have* compost bins here are a few tips to help speed things up so that you end up with lovely brown stuff in six months or less. If you are really keen it helps to have a shredder and a leaf vac. We've had our shredder some 30 years. It's the best garden accessory we ever bought.

Now for the ingredients: first the green stuff. Grass cuttings (of course) and annual weeds (**not** the pernicious ones). Shred the herbaceous debris, bag up, sprinkle with water and close the top. No shredder? Fill a tub or big bucket with the leafy stuff and attack with shears; small amounts can go straight into the bin. Next the brown stuff - leaves. A leaf vac will reduce them by 50 per cent – then into a black bin bag, add a few holes, moisten, tie up and store. No leaf vac? For leaves on the lawn, raise mower blades to the highest setting; 'mowing' them up saves raking and halves the volume.

Thirdly, kitchen stuff: veg peelings, banana skins etc, but do chop up those thick stalks, and add to the compost bin straightaway. Excess grass cuttings or shreadings can always be used at the back of the border or under trees to suppress weeds and eventually improve the soil.

So the *modus operandi* is a combination



Elizabeth mixes it up

of green/brown/veg stuff and the **mix 'n chop** method (not too much of any one ingredient). Every addition needs a stir: trapping in air speeds things up. I keep a fork, a bag each of leaves and shreadings by the bin ready for mixing.

This should give you the best compost ever. We might even have a class in the next Dedham Horticultural Society show for the best compost. Now there's a thought!

Elizabeth Ellis

Upcoming Dedham Horticultural Society meetings details on page 17

DEDHAM MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 3 October



10.10am	The Royal Square
10.45am	Parson's Field
11.05am	Dedham Meade

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP

A golden show of Dedham art

Dedham Arts Group will celebrate its golden anniversary with an exhibition in Dedham Church from **24 to 28 October**. This event coincides with the golden colours of autumn also reflected in a floral display in the Church.

The exhibition will be in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices. It promises to be full of colour, vitality and originality, with a range of styles, subjects and media characteristic of the artwork produced by the Group's 30 plus members. Unframed paintings, sculptures and greetings cards will also



Gina Hams. *Ebony Horse*

be on display and will be for sale. In addition, a small number of professional artists who have helped the Group at studio sessions in recent years have agreed to contribute paintings.

The exhibition has generated a great deal of enthusiasm locally as a way to celebrate Dedham's artistic heritage. Members of the Church have been very helpful, and children from Dedham Primary School have been involved. Early in the year, they took part in an art competition, the winning

painting to be used for posters advertising the event (see *opposite page*). A display of their artwork will also be on view in the Church during the exhibition.



Jill Van Looy. *Alresford Creek (fragment)*

Raffle tickets will also be on sale to support the charity. Local businesses and organisations have generously offered raffle prizes and promotion.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm daily, with the official opening at noon on Tuesday 24 October. The Group's Chair, Angella Horner FRSA will formally open the exhibition.

Throughout, there will be a competition, with visitors selecting their favourite painting from the work exhibited by Dedham Arts Group members. A special guest will be coming to announce the winners of the Prize Draw and to present a Trophy to the artist whose painting wins the popular vote. This event will be at 3 pm on Saturday 28 October, Dedham Arts Group's first meeting having been precisely 50 years earlier to the minute.

Jill Wilson

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP



50th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

Dedham
Arts
Group



in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Dedham Parish Church

**Tuesday 24 to
Saturday 28 October**

Open 10am - 4 pm

Plus paintings by pupils of Dedham Primary School



DEDHAM PLAYERS

From easy laughs to thoughtful theatre

How many villages can offer up-to-date, controversial plays which have been West End and professional theatre successes, at such a high standard that the trek to London seems unnecessary?

That is what the Dedham Players, which started half a century ago as a Women's Institute drama group, have achieved, moving away from familiar

drawing room comedies and cosy who-dunnits to tackle theatrical challenges like *Breaking the Code*, or *Lend me a Tenor*, a demanding up-to-date musical comedy which was a Dedham sell-out.

Colin Biggins, who has been with the players since 1970, recalls that in the old days audiences came for a laugh or a good murder, but it was strictly no sex please, we're Dedham. Plays were often read through at a committee member's house, "But if the language was a little blue she would take up her knitting and sit silently with pursed lips."

Some of the plays then were so familiar that a group of Dedham ladies would conduct a running commentary from the front row. *Continued on page 14*



Ring Round the Moon, 1979

DEDHAM PLAYERS

Continued. Once, when Colin was playing the suave Danny Williams in *Night Must Fall* (1976) he heard one of them say: "He is going to kill Mrs Bramson in a minute." And he remembers the occasion when the handle came off a door and the cast was trapped on stage. "Things are better organised now."



The Recruiting Officer, 2014

Even in the early years, the players tackled a few dramas with an intellectual edge, by authors such as Bernard Shaw, and Ibsen, but the repertoire has moved much further towards "challenging" theatre. Rachel Culley, actress, Secretary, wardrobe mistress and much else besides, says it took 30 years to risk putting on a Harold Pinter play in Dedham. She fulfilled that ambition in 2011 when she played the landlady in *The Birthday Party*. Tickets sold reasonably well, though Rachel says: "Some people walked away saying they did not understand what was going on."

Since then they have won an award for *Breaking the Code*, (rather a risk, Rachel says because of its strong homosexual theme), Then Gary Huggins put on a superb operatic performance in *Lend Me a Tenor*. Most recently the players staged the highly sophisticated black comedy, *God of Carnage*. For their 90th production, in October, the players will be tackling *One Man two Guvnors*, the modern version of an 18th century Italian play (*Servant of Two Masters*) that they staged 15 years ago (*Details on page 15*).

In addition to their performances in the Dedham Assembly rooms the players tried a new venture in 1995 with an open air production in the grounds of Castle House (*pictured above*). "We were novices then," Rachel says, "We had to use the greenhouse as a dressing room." Still, after a successful *Tom Jones*, the open air productions have continued, playing to audiences of about 600. And so far rain hasn't stopped play.

A huge amount of work goes into each production. As well as learning their lines, actors must commit to two rehearsals a week for 8 to 10 weeks with a couple of Sundays. Costumes and props have to be collected from the store in Frating, or hired; scenery must be repainted then trundled into the village on a farmer's cart from a nearby barn. On the Saturday before the first performance (a Wednesday), it is all hands on set to build the stage, put up the lights, erect and perhaps finish painting the scenery. A team of about eight is needed out the group's 25 to 30 members. This job became

DEDHAM PLAYERS

more difficult after 1999 when the permanent stage and proscenium arch were removed during a refurbishment of the hall.

The players choose their productions from discussions between a director and the committee, which sets the priorities. “For the last one we wanted a small cast and no costumes,” Rachel says. That reduced the work for those running the show, but put more demands on the actors. At other times they have chosen a play with a large cast, to give chance to more people who would like to have a go. So it is partly a question of fitting the plays to the people available.

Since the players receive no grants, money is always tight. Rachel says: “The budget for each production is – spend as little as possible”. Rachel says they can break even when the hall (94 seats) is about two thirds full. Hire of

the hall is the biggest cost, but even paint is quite expensive.

The other perennial difficulty is finding suitable actors – especially younger women - who can spare enough time. The age average of Dedham residents has been increasing, and some good actresses such as Danielle Tile, a star performer in *God of Carnage*, move out of the area or find other commitments. Much depends on the directors. After a low period in the early 1990s when audiences fell away, Jenny Burke came in with wide contacts and a talent for directing plays that people wanted to act in – and to see. Since then a variety of directors has kept the momentum going. There is now a solid core of regulars who will turn out for the players, whatever they put on. As one lady told Rachel: “You do so much more interesting plays...”

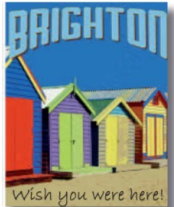
Max Wilkinson



Ian Amos directs a rehearsal for this month's production of *One Man, Two Guvnors*

THE DEDHAM PLAYERS

ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS



Wed 25th to Sat 28th October 2017

Tickets £8 online at www.dedhamplayers.org
or Shakespeare House Gallery, Dedham High St or 03336663366

A madcap comedy set in 1963 by Richard Bean based on the classic 'The Servant Of Two Masters' by Carlo Goldoni

WHAT TO DO IN DEDHAM

DUCHY BARN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Coffee Mornings

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Dedham Films

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Dedham Players Production

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DEDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On **Wednesday 4 October** Shirley Sampson (Flatford Wildlife Centre) will talk on *Gardening for Wildlife*.

On **Wednesday 1 November** the speaker Matthew Long (Riverside Bulbswhen) will talk about *Bulbs Galore for Spring Colour*.

Meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Assembly Rooms. There are refreshments, a raffle and a gardening magazine swap. Visitors are welcome. Membership £6 per annum which includes seven talks, an outing, a coffee morning, two shows and a huge plant sale at Dedham Church. Further details from *Colin Biggins* ☎**322 565**.

www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 1 October 10.30 am meet at 'The Case is Altered' Bentley for a 4-5 mile walk. Leader *Ian Chapman* ☎**07914 749 520**.

Sunday 5 November 10.30am meet at the Co-op Car park Manningtree for a two hour walk. Leader *Sue Everett* ☎**07712 240 449**.

Enquiries *Martin Broom* ☎**322 578**.

STOUR VALLEY U3A

On **Wednesday 11 October** Celia Stevens will describe her experience of *racing historic cars* three times at Le Mans Classic, once at Nuremburg and all over the UK. She is still racing.

On **Wednesday 8 November** event organiser Eve Regelous, who worked closely with Harrods, will give a glimpse of *behind the scenes of day life* in this world famous company.

The *Christmas lunch* at the Constable Hall is on **Wednesday 6 December**. Early booking is advised.

Meetings at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2pm for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12. Contact *Graeme Forsyth* ☎**399 049**.

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

On **4 October** Andrew Morton will talk on the work undertaken by the *Colchester food bank*.

On **18 October** David Ablewhite returns to present “*The Royal Family*”.

On **1 November** Ted Wheatley will present “*Overland to India*”.

Meetings at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB. Contact *Dave Carman* ☎**01255 880 202**.

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WHAT'S ON: THEATRE, MUSIC

THEATRE

Thursday 21 Sept to 7 Oct

Everything Must Go at various locations in Ipswich, Brightlingsea, Southwold; Eastern Angles Theatre Company, 7.30pm.

Sunday 1 Oct

Stalin's Englishman: The lives of Guy Burgess with Andrew Lownie, New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich, 7pm.

Thursday 5 Oct

Shakespeare: Hamlet with **Benedict Cumberbatch**, National Theatre - LL, 5pm at Odeon . and at Lakeside Theatre, Colchester and at Firstsite on 8 Oct, 6.30pm.

Wednesday 11 Oct

Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde - adapted, Headgate Theatre Colchester, 7.30pm.



Shakespeare: Coriolanus, Royal Shakespeare Co - LL, 7pm at Lakeside. and Odeon, Colchester

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Monday 16 to 21 Oct

Far from the Madding Crowd - adaptation of Hardy's novel, 7.30pm, Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich.

Tuesday 17 to 21 Oct

Things I Know To Be True: State Theatre Co of South Australia,

Mercury Theatre, Colchester, 7.30pm.

The Wind In The Willows, adapted from Kenneth Graham's story: New Wolsey Youth Theatre, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 18 to 21 Oct

Grow Up Grandad by Gordon Steel, Headgate, 7.45pm.

Wednesday 25 to 28 October

One Man, Two Guvnors by **Richard Bean**, Dedham Players, 7.45pm at Assembly Rooms, Dedham
Read a special article on page 13.

Monday 30 Oct to 4 Nov

Deathtrap, Ira Levin's thriller, The Mercury, 7.30pm.

MUSIC

Sunday 1 Oct

Vocalise - Community Choir, Headgate, 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3 Oct

Daniel Gárdonyi organ recital, Kodály, Mendelssohn, Arvo Pärt; Friends of the Moot Hall Organ, 1pm at Moot Hall Colchester.

Saturday 7 Oct

Braintree Male Voice Choir, 7.30pm at St Botolph's, Colchester.

Sunday 8 Oct

Christine Whiffen, harpsichord,, 3pm at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, Ipswich.

WHAT'S ON: MUSIC, OPERA

Wednesday 11 Oct

Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra - Elgar: cello concerto, 7.30pm at Snape Maltings.

Saturday 14 Oct

Beethoven Concert, St Botolph's, Colchester, 7.30pm.

Mussorgsky, Dukas, Berlioz, Wolsey Orchestra, Ipswich Corn Exchange 7.30pm.

Saturday 21 Oct

Fauré: Requiem, Bury Bach Choir, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Bury.

Nash Ensemble, Ipswich Chamber Music, 7.30pm at Ipswich School.

Sunday 22 Oct

Gospel Singers Incognito, The Wolsey, 7pm.



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Castalian Quartet, Stour Valley Arts & Music, 4pm at East Bergholt Church.

Sunday 29 Oct

Strings & Piano, Kingfisher Sinfonietta, 2.45pm at Lion Walk Church, Colchester.

The Solem String Quartet Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, 4pm Wrabness Church.

Tuesday 31 Oct

Old Time Music Hall, Headgate, 7.45pm.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Russian music, 7.30pm at Regent, Ipswich

Saturday 4 Nov

Nordic Serenade, Colchester Symphony Orchestra Strings 7.30pm at St Botolph's, Colchester.

Sunday 1 Oct

Roman River Festival Finale: Handel: Zadok the Priest, Mozart: horn concerto, 7.30pm at Stoke by Nayland Church.

OPERA/MUSICAL

Monday 2 to 7 Oct

Grease on tour, Regent Theatre, Ipswich 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3 to 7 Oct

Reasons to be Cheerful, punk rock musical, The Wolsey.

Puccini: La Bohème, Royal Opera House- LL, 7.15pm, Odeon . and at Firstsite, Colchester

Wednesday 4 to 14 Oct

Little Shop of Horrors, Colchester Operatic Soc (CO2), 7.30pm at The Mercury.

WHAT'S ON: OPERA/MUSICALS, BALLET

Saturday 7 Oct

Bellini: Norma, The Metropolitan Opera, NY - LL, 7.30pm at Firstsite.

Sunday 8 Oct

Puccini: La Bohème, ROH - LL, 2pm at Firstsite, Colchester.

Wednesday 25 Oct

Mozart: The Magic Flute, a re-invention, OperaUpClose, 7.30pm at Mercury Theatre.

Saturday 28 Oct

Handel: Giulio Cesare English

Touring Opera, 4pm at Saffron Hall, Saffron Walden.

Friday 3 Nov

Rameau: Dardanus, English Touring Opera ETO, 7.30pm at Snape, Aldeburgh.

BALLET

Monday 23 Oct

Alice's Adventures In Wonderland, Royal Ballet - LL, 7.15pm at Odeon Colchester.

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VILLAGE QUIZ 2018

Dedham's annual village quiz will be held on **Saturday 27 January** in the Assembly Rooms, starting at 7pm for 7.30pm. It is for organisations or groups based in the village, with six people per team and a maximum of 20 teams. Tickets £10 per person include a light supper. There will be a bar and raffle.

The proceeds will be divided equally between the **Colchester Hospitals Cancer Charity Campaign** and the **East Anglian Children's Hospice**.

This is always a popular event, with all tables fully booked. Last year's quiz raised about £1,200. The winning group is usually asked to organise the following year's event, though this is not always the case.

As the quiz is run to raise money for charity, contestants are asked to buy all their drinks from the bar. To enter a team please contact *Lynn Taylor* ☎**322 122** or *Joanne Rowles* ☎**323 698**.

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Wednesday
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The role is very light, with almost all financial transactions carried out by direct debit or standing order. The treasurer is responsible for recording the incoming and outgoing finances associated with owning a property and for producing a brief summary at the end of the year.

Anyone interested contact the chairman
Steve White ☎**322 269** ✉steve.white23@btinternet.com

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HONOUR A FRIEND AND RAISE MONEY

St Helena Hospice is joining hospices across the south east to invite supporters to be part of *The Big Get Together*. It is a way to celebrate the life of a special person, on a special date with friends and family - and at the same time support the charity.



Guests can be asked to make donations either as an entrance fee, through activities, games or for cakes.

Donations will all go to St Helena.

The hospice will provide *The Big Get Together* themed bunting, signs and collection boxes.

For more information please call ☎ **01206 931 468**

✉ hscatola@sthelenahospice.org.uk

RURAL RIDES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

St Helena Hospice's popular annual cycle ride event will start at Monks Farm, Dedham on **Sunday 8 October**. A variety of new routes has been chosen to suit all abilities. Cyclists can choose from 10, 25, 50 or 75 miles.

Registration is now open: adults pay £25 and children £15 for all routes. This year there are group and family discounts.

Pre-registration closes on **Thursday 5 October at 12pm**, with registration opening again at the event in the morning.

Some 100 marshals will ensure the safety of the participants.

If any supporters would like to help please contact

✉ events@sthelenahospice.org.uk.

Register at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/cycleride17 or call ☎ **01206 931468**.



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HALLOWEEN CRAFT FAIR

The local branch of the **Multiple Sclerosis Society** is holding a craft fair on **Saturday 21 October** between 10.30am and 4pm at the Lawford Venture Centre, Manningtree. It will raise funds to support local people who are affected by MS, a neurological condition that affects around 100,000 people in the UK.

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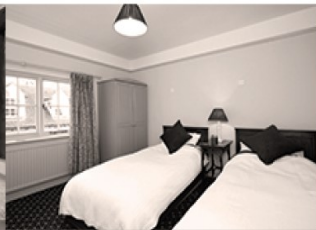


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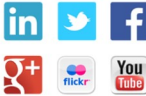
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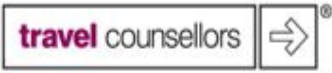
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