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**Sunday 2nd June**

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Dedham
9.30am	Rise N'Shine	Dedham
11am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Ardleigh
5pm	Evensong	Dedham

**Sunday 9th June**

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Ardleigh
9.30am	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Dedham
6pm	Pentecost celebration	Ardleigh

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**Sunday 16th June**

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Dedham
9.30am	Matins	Dedham
11am	Eucharist	Ardleigh
3pm	Sunday@3	Ardleigh

**Sunday 23rd June**

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Ardleigh
9.30am	Morning Praise	Dedham
5pm	Revive@5 with <i>Bishop Stephen</i>	Dedham

**Sunday 30th June**

11am	Joint Service	Ardleigh
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**Sunday 7th July**

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Dedham
9.30am	Rise N'Shine	Dedham
11am	Morning Prayer <i>CW with Baptism</i>	Ardleigh
5pm	Evensong	Dedham

Weekly Midweek Services

Tuesday Morning Prayer at Dedham at 10.30am /

Thursday Evening Prayer at Ardleigh at 5pm

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship*



**FLAG DAYS:**

Sunday 9th June  
PENTECOST

Sunday 16th June  
TRINITY

**FROM THE REGISTER:**

**WEDDING:**

18th May 2019

Louise Jayne WATTS  
& Christopher BURRELL

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

**Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, 1st June, 9am– The Vicarage

**Dedham Lunch Club** –Monday, 3rd June, 12.30pm - Essex Rose Tea Rooms, Dedham

**Pentecost Celebration** - Sunday, 9th June, 6pm - Ardleigh Church

**Ardleigh Friendship Group** – Tuesdays 11th & 25th June, 10am-12pm - Ardleigh Church

**Kingsland Community Gospel Choir** - Friday, 21st June, 7.30pm - Dedham Church

**Science & Faith** - *is there a Conflict? Seminar by Bishop Roger* - Sunday, 23rd June 11am - Dedham Church

**Remembering & Friendship morning** - Saturday 22nd June 9.30am, Wrabness Church

**Dedham Arts Society Summer Exhibition** - 23rd to 29th June - Dedham Church - see separate poster

**Mission Bake Sale** - Saturday, 29th June, 10am — Dedham Church

**Sunday Sceptics at The Sun Inn**, Sunday 30th June, 8pm, come & discuss faith & reason over a drink



giving up google|



Tim Dowling the Guardian columnist, recently gave up google for seven days.

This in turn made writer Nell Goddard think - is it possible to learn to live with your own ignorance? It seems a stupid question – of course we can... yet we all understand the deep annoyance of knowing you've seen that actor before, but not quite being able to remember where.

3.8 million Google searches happen every minute; about 63,000 per second. That's an awful lot of searching for answers. The irony is that I searched for that statistic on google.

I wonder whether we – and society at large – are googling trivial facts to distract from the realisation that we are fundamentally afraid of the things that we do not – and cannot – know? Perhaps it's a generational thing – the 'digital natives' do not understand a world where the answers are not instantly available. We are so scared of our own limitations that we mask it with fun facts, papering over the cracks of frustration and ignorance with quick-fix answers and immediate solutions.

In a world that relies on Google for the answers, and has billions of pieces of information at its fingertips, what does it look like to admit we don't know something? What might it mean to learn to live with the frustration of a lack of knowledge?

Might the practice of not knowing the simple things help us when we are confronted with situations we truly cannot understand – *sudden bereavement, chronic illness, natural disasters?*

Easy answers are easy to come by, and Google might have it sussed when it comes to fun facts and scientific research... but the big questions of life are not solved with a quick internet search.

To admit our own limitations is to admit our need for something greater; to remain humble and reliant on the one who may not give us the immediate, quick-fix answers that we want, but instead offers us the truth that we need.

*This summer we are going to be exploring some of these bigger questions locally, with the help of some distinguished visitors.*

**How do we come to terms with loss and bereavement?** On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June local churches are hosting a **Remembering and Friendship morning** at Wrabness Church – see more details on pp 9. Leading our reflections that morning will be Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

**Is there a conflict between Science and Faith?** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we welcome Bishop Roger Morris to explore this subject. He will be speaking and taking questions at I Iam at Dedham Church. *Bishop Roger studied Chemistry at Imperial College in London (specialising in Inorganic Chemistry), is an Associate of the Royal College of Science and has undertaken some further studies in Cambridge on Science and Theology with Dr John Bowker and Sir John Polkinghorne). Even these days, he amuses school audiences by turning water into 'wine' (using sodium hydroxide and phenol phthalein indicator).*

**How do I make sense of suffering?** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – more details to come in July's magazine.

**Sunday Night Sceptics at the Sun:** Starting on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm I'm inviting you to bring your questions about faith and reason over a drink at The Sun. *No question is off limits!* If you want to email something in beforehand then you might get an even better prepared response on the night! [stmarydavicar@gmail.com](mailto:stmarydavicar@gmail.com)

**Music to lighten it up** - on a lighter note there are two great music evenings coming up – The Kingsland Gospel Choir

are returning on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June for some more foot tapping and make you feel good tunes and on the evening of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July two great local bands *In Firm and Duvet* are bringing an evening of music to the Vicarage Garden more details pp 12.

And finally... **Amazing Art is coming to Dedham** - we are delighted once again to host the Dedham Arts Group for their summer exhibition which will be opened by Bishop Stephen Cottrell with a public preview on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm, more details pp 11.

For a longer version of the article *Giving up Google* see [licc.org.uk](http://licc.org.uk)



Reverend  
Antony Wilson



Come and hear Bishop Roger Morris explore this important issue.

**I Iam Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Dedham Church**



From Ascension Day to Pentecost come and visit our churches where you find resources to help you to pray.

Be part of the complete reading of Mark's Gospel from cover to cover Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm at St Mary's Ardleigh

Joint Churches Pentecost Celebration at St Mary's Ardleigh Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm, followed by a BBQ



# Remembering & Friendship

*A morning by the beautiful Stour Estuary organised  
by your local churches & in the company of the  
Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell.*

Starting with breakfast from 9:30 to 10:15am at Wrabness Church  
(CO11 2TG)

Time for conversation, remembering, and for this who would like, a  
gentle walk of 3 miles to Bradfield Church along the Stour Estuary  
with reflections from Bishop Stephen along the way. Ends with a  
light lunch.

All ages are welcome. We hope this morning will be especially  
helpful for anyone who has experienced bereavement and loss.

Any questions, or for more details call 01206 322136 or email  
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They are back...



**Friday 21st June 7.30pm**  
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23rd - 29th June 2019



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On Sunday 23rd June from 7pm

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The exhibition will be opened by the Archbishop of Chelmsford at the Public Preview on the 23rd June. This year monies raised will be donated to Dedham Therapy Farm and showing alongside our paintings, paintings from Ardleigh School.

# *Summer Music in the Garden*

Bands in the Vicarage Garden

*Saturday 6th July*

from 7pm

Come along to a great summer's evening of music & Dancing with two local bands Duvet & In Firm.. Bring your own picnic or enjoy a BBQ provided by Evans Butchers. *Donations on the gate, suggest £5 per person, children free*

## Great Expectations ...

I think for many gardeners May and June are perhaps the most exciting months in the garden: lush green growth and emerging flowers make it a time of great anticipation. Currently the star performer has to be *Magnolia* 'Susan' with its superb flowers in shades of pink which emerged at the end of March and will probably continue into June. Check this one out if you are after a small tree with flower power! Also good for the small garden is *Cercis siliquastrum*: clusters of pink flowers are now on show, but strangely, these appear on the trunk and branches before any leaves – something of an oddity this one! However, while everything is growing apace, so are the weeds!

[Apologies for mentioning the W word!] The annual invaders must be removed before they flower and set seed or you will regret it later as more pop up to compete with plants for moisture and food. Hoe them out if you can on a sunny day and just leave them to dry up. But you really have to get down to it with those nasty deep-rooted pernicious weeds like the dreaded ground elder; if you leave just a small piece of root behind it will take off again. These weeds must *not* go into your compost bin. If you do resort to a chemical weed killer it helps if you cut the stems and crush the leaves for better absorption, and hopefully, a better result! Then a good mulching will restrict further weed growth and improve the soil structure; don't forget that grass clippings can be used as a mulch as there are often too many for the compost bin at this time of the year. Don't waste this natural resource! Result: instant improvement all round.

Now we have the roses to enjoy: alas, we also have to deal with dead-heading them, but just a minute! Some years ago, I read about an experiment on different ways of dead-heading (probably done by *Gardening*

*Which?*): conventional methods were trialled as well as using a hedge trimmer to slice off the dead blooms! Surprisingly the decapitated bushes continued to produce more roses almost as well as those carefully pruned!! Now I'm not advocating this *modus operandi*, but perhaps we don't need to be quite so finicky with the scateurs after all.

Oriental poppies like 'Pattie's Plum' make a stunning show in June, but oh dear, how untidy they are after flowering, so cut the whole plant right back to make space for summer bedding and new leaves will appear later in the year. I hope many of you will be growing the sweet peas that we gave out at our Spring Show (kindly donated by one of our members): do check them out if it's windy as they might need help to climb up their supports before their tendrils get a hold. Keep picking the flowers and they will go on for ages.

Down in the veg plot you can keep planting out French and runner beans until August; likewise, you will get a succession of salad leaves or any of the annual herbs like dill and coriander if you sow seeds at two-weekly intervals and keep them well watered. Remember last summer!!

I know there are always jobs to do – some more rewarding than others - but after all that gardening therapy ensure that you **MAKE** time to enjoy your garden (not easy for some of us as there's *always* a distraction!). Even if it's only an hour or so, forget *Brexit*, grab a chair, something to drink, and reflect on what the poet Dorothy Gurney wrote in 1913: "*The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth*". Yes, the weeding can wait till tomorrow.

Elizabeth Ellis,  
Dedham Horticultural Society,  
[www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com)

## Memories of a child's evacuation in World War II

### PART II

By Sylvia Nodder

We were very well cared for by the elderly Mr & Mrs Martindale and their maid Milly, who washed our hair in lemon juice and polished our shoes each day. (Years later I received little religious tracts from Mrs Martindale when they had retired to the Lake District, and once my husband and I went to see them shortly after we were married). But when Harry Pilkington moved up to his Thurso estate in Scotland of course he took his secretary with him which meant for me a new billet with my new fragile looking red haired friend, Connie Hilling. This time the house was up at Wash Common on the Andover Road in Newbury, and it was again a 2-up 2-down with no bathroom, belonging to another young couple Mr & Mrs Spicer. Army convoys drove by on their way to Salisbury Plain, and if there were only a few of them we gave them tea – I suppose not yet rationed.



Mrs Spicer was at home, and her husband made aeroplane parts and was not therefore called up. They were

both extremely kind. But when we helped to wash up I detested Mrs Spicer's smelly dishcloth, & so used my hand instead, which was not approved of, and Mrs Spicer said that she was sure my mother would not like me to do that, and I had to stop, unless there was nobody in the kitchen.

When nothing had happened in London in the summer of 1940 the school opened 2 classes for the youngest pupils in the building in Hammersmith, and I went home to Chiswick, to go each day for lessons there. However, in September serious air raids on London began and at school we often had to take shelter in one of the cloakrooms. At night when the blitz had begun in earnest we slept in our Anderson shelter in the garden, from where we could hear the shattering noise and feel the vibration of the anti-aircraft guns in Chiswick Park. It was possible in the garden to read a newspaper by the light of the terrible fires, raging through the East End docks, which were miles away on the other side of London. 250,000 people lost their houses in the East End in the first 6 weeks of the blitz. Yet again a letter was sent to our parents and I dutifully arrived back in Newbury.

I was taken by Miss Titmuss, one of our teachers, to my 4<sup>th</sup> and last billet. This was a substantial corner house of about 1900, built with William Morris influence, and had stained glass windows in the turret and front door. The owner, Mrs Swaite had a pork butcher's shop in the town centre, which she had inherited from her father, so we had

unusually good war time food! In the conservatory there was an empty aviary, the 9 budgerigars having slowly died for lack of their imported seeds. Mrs Swaite drove me every Sunday morning before lunch to Greenham Common (long before the Americans occupied it) where we walked her small white terrier which barked incessantly all the way there. The monthly ration of petrol, I think only 2 gallons, restricted going any further. While I was in this billet I was confirmed from school in a local church in Newbury, and sometimes later went to the eight o'clock service by myself.

On weekday mornings I regularly walked down into the high street to join queues at the shops for difficult to come by special items, strawberries, tomatoes, new potatoes and fish, to save Mrs Swaite's housekeeper from having to do that. In the afternoons we had lessons at the Girls High School. The Newbury girls obviously needed to keep their laboratories for their own experiments, so our science lessons were pretty dull & very sketchy, in our form rooms. In English we read *The Odyssey* & *The Iliad* and recited English tenses. We had a wonderful Lancashire geography teacher, and we loved singing English folk songs with Miss Gretton, whose grand-daughter is now a well-known soprano. We had regular medicals with a dotty old lady doctor. The only space available for this was in the headmistress's office and I remember my embarrassment in standing only in my knickers while she was at her desk. She averted her eyes.

As hostilities in London had apparently ceased the school went back to Hammersmith in the Spring of 1944, but this lull was not to last as the Germans launched their doodlebug attacks at the very time we were taking school certificate exams. All pupils were sent home or evacuated again except the examinees, who were kept on. We were collected in downstairs class rooms where the windows had been stuck with netting for protection against flying glass, so we couldn't see out. During an exam, if the engine of a doodlebug above us cut out, meaning that it was about to descend, our invigilator told us to get under our desks and she got under hers, until the bomb exploded, and we all stood up again. This as you can imagine disrupted our concentration, but we were cheered up to be told that for every bomb which exploded in the vicinity we would be given 4 marks. There were 4 of these during our French exam and we each had a 16 mark bonus so that our French results were surprisingly good!

And so to my last evacuation, when in order to avoid the danger of any more flying bombs I was despatched to stay with my aunt & uncle & cousin Chris, in Newcastle, where their bombing had ceased. It was almost impossible to get a seat on a long distance train because of the frequent movement of troops, but my brother-in-law who was seeing me off, jumped on my train as it was coming in to Kings Cross, and secured me a place at a table. Unfortunately the small boy who came **to sit opposite me**

with his mother was sick all over the table and 10 days later I got chicken pox. However, I was very spoilt and enjoyed being with my relations for a 10-week stay before returning home.

The final German onslaught was from rockets. Our family was quietly having tea in Chiswick when there was a sudden enormous explosion. My brother cycled over to Stavely Road where there was smoke rising up, and found that 6 houses had been destroyed and one unfortunate soldier on leave who was walking by had been killed. This destruction had been caused by the 1<sup>st</sup> German rocket attack. Others followed, but I was not evacuated again.

Despite some great evacuee unhappiness, the people on whom I was billeted were extremely kind and generous. I don't remember any occasion when they were not. I know that in the first year they were paid 8 shillings a week for each child, to be collected at the Post Office. A similar huge evacuation would not be possible now because most householders would not be at home to look after the children.

There would have to be camps, and to think of the vetting of staff and the counselling of staff and children, which would now be considered necessary, makes the mind boggle. We had no such thing. I was not unhappy during my war years. My father sent me the Girls' Crystal every week, and my mother wrote every week and sometimes sent a few sweets when

available. I had good billets and we were all very grateful for the concern and kindness of our teachers, who in effect were in loco parentis for each of us.



The war ended at last, an unforgettable and wonderful rejoicing taking place in central London on VE night. Every possible light had been switched on after war years of darkness. Along the walk from Waterloo by the bank of the river small boats had been moored, each lit up by a rainbow coloured fountain. Beautiful. My sister and I squeezed through the crowds to the front of Buckingham Palace, where thousands of people were singing, laughing, kissing each other, and shouting loudly for the King & Queen and Winston Churchill to come out on the balcony again and again, which they did. Even Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were out in the crowd with their escorts.

We got back to Waterloo in time for the last train, but of course the platform was lined with people with the same idea. The train had no corridor so in our carriage, designed to hold 4 people a-side, 8 people sat, 8 people sat on their knees, and about 8 people stood squashed in the middle. We stood, but we did get home, overcome with the sense of national joy we had taken part in that night.



VJ day later was nothing like as memorable – it was a huge organised national celebration designed to include representatives of all peoples who had helped us in the war.

P.S. After the war all our foreign allies which when in this country had surged on London, especially Piccadilly and its surroundings, went back to their own countries, America, Canada, France, Poland, South Africa, Australia and others. Large numbers of our own forces were gradually demobbed each with a supply of civilian clothes and a little money. I think £250. Housing for them was at a premium, and they and their families had to get used to living

with each other again, which was not always easy. Britain was broke, rationing became worse than before, and school life resumed a more traditional routine. To have reached peace after contending with enormous German power was an amazing achievement by the allies, but I found the new situation rather dull. What a limited outlook that was! Heigh Ho.

**The End**



## **An Evening with Terry Waite 28th April 2019**

We all have a mission in life. The question is how and when we will solve the puzzle and discover that mission. I had the privilege to listen to Mr. Terry Waite at St Mary's Church Dedham and witnessed someone who solved his mystery. In his case, the mission grew itself through despicable suffering and injustice. He spent 5 years of his life in solitary confinement in a dark room, blindfolded, chained from his led and arms for 23 hours on each day. Even though he was warned against going to Lebanon due to the risks involved, he went, because he had promised to do so, not to miss the chance of visiting and helping other hostages.

As soon as he was released he established Hostage UK and later Hostage International to help hostages and their families. His resolute commitment to helping others urged me to question my mission and justification

of my life. In his speech, he likened "anger" to "fire" that needs to be put off immediately, which he managed to do so in his first week of captivity. He broke the cycle of hatred and animosity against those people who were keeping him under inhumane conditions. "Forgiving others starts with forgiving yourself first; if you forgive, you open your way, you move forward." he stated. Having said that, he underlined it does not mean he agreed what was done to him, but he tried to empathise with them to understand how they could become so cruel to a human being.

*Do we know how many people in our local parish live in solitude? Most of us are preoccupied and overwhelmed with our individual lives which in turn fortifies the barriers among members of the society gradually in the long run?*

*Have we ever thought about other people living in other countries being oppressed by autocratic regimes and thousands of innocent people being kept in solitary*

confinements in agony, away from the loved ones? Martin Luther King, Jr said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" Before I went to Mr. Waite's speech I had listened to his speeches online and ordered one of his books, *Taken on Trust*, to get it signed. One of his most striking messages was 'You can keep my body imprisoned, you can try to control my mind by torturing but you can not control my soul. It will always be free.' This message was so similar to what I had recently read in a book authored by Ahmet Altan, who has been in a Turkish jail for the last 3 years along with other thousands of people post-2016 alleged 'coup attempt' in Turkey, without any substantial evidence of wrong doing. Mr. Altan similarly talks about the reality of a body made of flesh, bone, blood, muscle, and nerve that was trapped on one hand, and an untouchable mind on the other. While listening to Mr. Waite, I felt obliged to seize the opportunity to establish a communication channel between him and Mr. Altan, who are living in parallel universes without knowing each other albeit giving similar messages with the limitless power derived from their innocence.

Mr. Waite had to write his memories in captivity in his mind to turn them into a book upon his release, while Mr Altan was lucky enough to sneak out some notes out of jail to be published in the UK as a book. When I gave Mr. Altan's recent book, 'I Will Never See The World Again', to Mr. Waite and briefly explained what the book was all about, his first response was 'I have to write a letter to him'. There is always something we can do for others in the most dire conditions.

*An appreciative parishioner*



## Stour Valley Men's Probud Club. Recent Meetings:

Francis Boardman talked about "Son Of A Gun - Woman in Nelson's Navy" on Wednesday 1 May & on 15 May Bill Roberts recalled "Memoirs Of An Armed Protection Officer". Both meetings were much enjoyed by Members. **Future Meetings:** On 5 June Norman Jacobs will bring back memories of "Light Entertainment from the 1920's to the 1950's". Two weeks later on 19 June Cathy Shelbourne will speak on "In the Wake of the Mayflower". Peter Jones will talk about "Martello Towers Of Essex" on 3 July & on 17 July Liz Barringer will talk about the work of The Leonard Cheshire Homes. We do not hold meetings in August & our speaker on 4 September is Mervyn Linford introducing us to the river from "Cattawade Bridge to Ha'Penny Pier". Ted Wheatley will return again & his subject is "Speakers' Corner" on 18 September.

**Meeting Venue:** We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB. **New members are welcomed.** Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints & obligations of service clubs, & involve members to a minimal cost. New Members are always very welcome at meetings of the Stour Valley Men's Probud Club, just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, & provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first & third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am. Please

contact Chairman Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

**Past Meetings:** Our speaker on 8 May was Dr Helen Geake, National Finds Adviser, Portable Antiquities Scheme. She talked about local finds recorded by PAS, archaeology found by the public. She explained what to do if you find an historic artefact whilst gardening, beachcombing or walking the dog. This talk looked at how archaeologists reconstruct items & will include details of local finds.



### **Future Meetings & Diary Dates:**

Dr Stephen Ashworth, Senior Lecturer at UEA will talk on "Lies, Damned Lies & Statistics" on 12 June. How good are we at intuitively judging probabilities? Should everyone be able to earn more than the average wage. Is it a scandal that doctors/dentists/ academics are below the national average? An excursion into statistics & probabilities, which is hoped, will encourage critical consideration of the statistics with which we are bombarded every day. On Wednesday 10 July Paul Stancliffe, Media Manager of The British Trust For Ornithology, will talk to us on "Bird Migration". He will explain what we know & what we don't know. How the BTO is using the very latest technology to uncover the mysteries of bird migration. We will follow cuckoos, nightingales & swifts as they undertake amazing journeys to & from their wintering grounds. Our August Meeting, is a member's only event & will be held at the Venture Centre, Lawford, CO11 2JE, at the normal time, on the 14th of the month. Further information will be

given at the June & July meetings. Each month, the Coffee Grinders meet at The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD from 10-12 noon. This meeting especially welcomes new members but gives all members the opportunity of meeting the activity Group Leaders & the Committee whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. The next meeting is on Friday 28 June.

**Membership:** Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment & emphasis is always placed on making learning active & fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, country walking, computer studies & gardens, churches & historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley & adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the ThirdAge Trust, have over 370 members & 35 active groups. For further information please visit [www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk) where our membership secretary Val Pretty may be contacted.

**Meeting Venue:** We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 & this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except December. Whilst Visitors are welcome to join us on a limited number of occasions, paying a donation each time, Members are given priority, for safety reasons, due to the hall limited capacity.



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**Harold Pinter: The Homecoming**, Lakeside Theatre, Colchester, 7.45pm, to 5 Jun.

**Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew**, Royal Shakespeare Company - LL, 7pm at Firstsite and Lakeside Theatre, Colchester.

### Fri 7 to 8 Jun

**Shakespeare's Daughter and the Vicar** by Mario Wells, Cameo Players, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 7.45pm.

### Thursday 20 Jun

**Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor**, Globe Theatre London - LL, 7.20pm at Odeon Colchester.

**As We Forgive Those** by Andrew Smith, Colchester Institute of Performing Arts, Headgate, 7.30pm.

### Saturday 22 Jun

**Small Island**, National Theatre - LL, 7pm at Firstsite, and on 2 July.

### Wednesday 26 Jun

**All Hail Macbeth**. Backstory of the Three Witches in Shakespeare's play, Lakeside, 7.30pm.

**Sense and Sensibility**, Pantaloons Theatre, 7.30pm at Christchurch Mansion gardens, Ipswich.

### Thursday 27 Jun

**Small Island**, National Theatre - LL, 7pm at Odeon Colchester & Lakeside.

## MUSIC

### Saturday 1 Jun

**Russian Programme**, Colchester Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm St Botolph's.

**All That Jazz**, Ipswich Chamber Choir, 6.30pm St Andrew's Church, Rushmere.

### Wednesday 5 Jun

**Catherine May (soprano) Andrew Allen (guitar)**, Lion Walk Church, 1pm, Colchester.

### Saturday 8 Jun

**Light Music**, Hadleigh Choral Society, 7pm at Lavenham Village Hall.

**Summer Soirée** and Open Gardens, Pimlott Foundation, concert at 5pm at Old House, Great Horkesley.

### Sunday 9 Jun

**Weber, Nielsen, Brahms**, Lavenham Sinfonia, 7.30pm at Lavenham Church.

**West Bergholt Concert Band**, 2.30pm at Flatford Mill, East Bergholt.

### Wednesday 12 Jun

**Brass Quintet from the band of the Parachute Regiment**, Lion Walk Church, 1pm, Colchester.

### Saturday 15 Jun

**Vivaldi: Gloria**, Ipswich Choral Society, St Margaret's Church, Ipswich 7.30pm.

**Lexden Choral Society** at Lexden Church.

**Classic Strings**, Music in Felixstowe, 7pm at St Andrew's Church.

### Sunday 16 Jun

**Light Music** -, Hadleigh Choral Society Hadleigh, 3pm in the Deanery Garden or Hadleigh Church.

### Wednesday 19 Jun

**Paul Burt (tenor) & Ian Ray (piano)**, Lion Walk Church, 1pm, Colchester.

### Saturday 22 Jun

**Purcell: King Arthur** - extracts; informal concert, ticket includes wine and nibbles, Colchester Choral Society, 7.30pm at Dedham Assembly Rooms.

### Sunday 23 Jun

**British Clarinet Ensemble**, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 3pm.

**Piano Trios**, Kingfisher Ensemble, 2.45pm at Lion Walk Church,

**Wednesday 26 Jun**

**Oliver Ray (cello) & Ian Ray (piano)**, Lion Walk Church, 1pm,

**Saturday 29 Jun**

**Summer Concert-** Gilbert & Sullivan to Brahms, Dorian singers, 7.30pm at Kirton Church Hall.

**Summer concert**, Ipswich Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm at Ipswich Corn Exchange.

**Stour Choral Society**, 6.15pm at Old Hall Chapel, East Bergholt.

**Saturday 6 Jul**

**Clacton Choral Society goes to the Proms**, 5pm at St James's Church.

**Mozart: Requiem, Magic Flute overture, Clarinet concerto**, Phoenix Singers, 7pm at Framlingham Church.

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**OPERA/MUSICAL**

**Wed 26 to 29 Jun**

**The Addams Family**, Ipswich Operatic and Dramatic Society, 7.30pm at New Wolsey Theatre.

**Thu 4 to 6 Jul**

**Lionel Bart: Oliver!** - amateur youth production, Regent Theatre Ipswich, 7.30pm.

**BALLET/DANCE**

**Tuesday 11 Jun**

**Romeo And Juliet**, Royal Ballet - LL, 7.15pm at Odeon and Firstsite

**Fri 21 to 22 Jun**

**Romeo & Juliet** - Ballet Cymru, Theatre Royal Bury, 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 25 Jun**

**Victoria**, Northern Ballet - LL, 7pm at Odeon and Firstsite, Colchester .



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**Tuesday 4 Jun**

**Van Gogh & Japan-** exhibition on screen, Firstsite, Colchester, 7.30pm.

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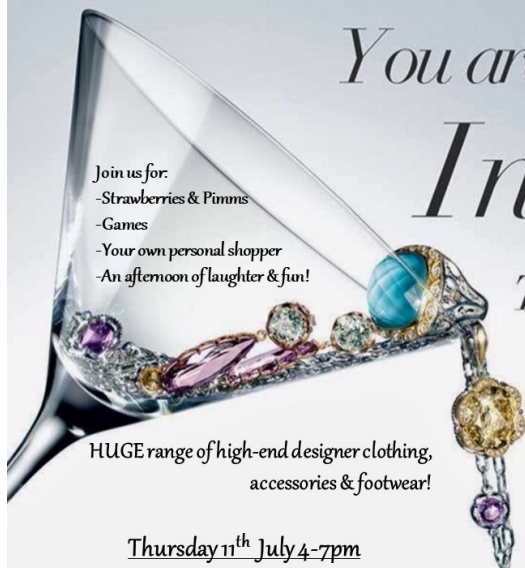
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We are suggesting £25 per swag (a swag is a flat arrangement of flowers that is normally hung against a surface & in this case will hang on the pillars in the Church).

**If you are at all interested and need more details please contact either Vee DrUITT (322000) or Jill Strangward (322006)**

## **Dedham Parish Council**

**Consultation event:** DPC recently held a consultation event at the Sports Club for residents to look at ideas for supplementing lighting in the village and also for the provision of additional play equipment. The event was very well supported; thank you to all of you for taking the time to come and meet with Councillors and complete the surveys. The results of this consultation exercise will be discussed fully at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

**Annual meeting:** Each year the Parish Council holds a parish meeting in the Assembly Rooms for residents to meet Councillors in an informal setting and to hear the Chair's annual report on the work of DPC. Thank you to those of you who attended. The numbers were low this year, despite the cake and coffee! If anyone has an idea for a new format or a particular topic of interest, please get in touch. This year we had an interesting presentation on the re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch and also an update on the Environment Agency's work on mapping flood risk for the local area (more on this to follow in a later edition of this magazine).

**Dedham Post Office:** The Parish Council has just received confirmation from Mandeep in the Pharmacy that he has advised the Post Office that he no longer wishes to have responsibility for postmaster services with effect from the end of June 2019. At the time of writing we are trying to establish what plans the Post Office has for continuing the service on either a permanent or temporary basis. You may have heard

the recent publicity about the general decline in post office services which appears to have followed revisions of the financial model within which post office services are delivered. There is no doubt that Mandeep has done his best to provide this service under extremely difficult circumstances and we are appreciative of this. Pharmacy services will of course continue as normal.

The Parish Council has already received concerns about this development which clearly threatens either the level of service provided or, worse still, no service at all. We are therefore looking at ways in which we can work with the Post Office to ensure the retention of this service in the village. In the meantime we hope residents will continue to use the service in order to maintain demand.

**Resident Parking:** We have just been notified that a formal submission and petition has been made to CBC by a Dedham resident for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be made to establish dedicated resident parking in the High Street. The Parish Council will be working with the NEPP to identify the impact this might have on the overall availability of parking provision within the High Street area for other residents and businesses. Further information on this will be available at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

The next meetings are: Monday 3 June & Monday 1 July 2019. All are welcome.

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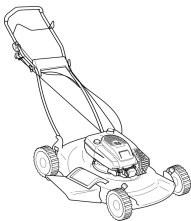


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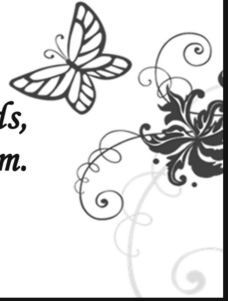
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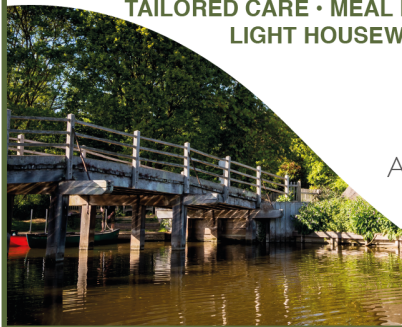
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