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The Chancel decorated for the 2019 Flower Festival, photo by John Goldsbrough

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Can we help?

Sometimes things in life can just get too much to cope with on your own... **Psalm 34:18:** *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* If you would like some support or know of any one who would, please contact: Ann Shaw **Tel: 322 192** or Sue Browne **Tel: 07778 198 118**

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SERVICES AND EVENTS - OCTOBER 2022

SERVICES

Sunday, 2nd October

9.30am Rise N' Shine Dedham*
11.00am Morning Prayer Ardleigh
5.00pm Evensong Dedham

Sunday, 9th October

8.00am Eucharist Ardleigh
10.00am Festival Service Dedham*

Sunday, 16th October

9.30am Matins, BCP Dedham*
11.00am Eucharist Ardleigh

Sunday, 23rd October

8.00am Eucharist Ardleigh
9.30am Morning Praise Dedham*
5.00pm ReVive@5 Dedham

Sunday, 30th October

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion
Ardleigh

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

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

* = services which are live-streamed

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



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EVENTS

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

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

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, 1st October, 9am venue tba. For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

Monday Lunch Club – Monday October 3rd 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms. Phone 322192 to reserve a place indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

Dedham Flower Festival - Friday 7th - Sunday 9th October, Dedham Parish Church.

Walk and Talk- Thursday 13th October, 10am - Meet at Dedham Arts Centre at 10am for a walk, or 11am for a chat.

Mission Bake Sale- Saturday 29th October, 10am -12pm at Dedham Church



BEACON OF GRACE OBITUARY: QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The first time I ever thought seriously about the Queen was when God told me to.

It was 2015. And Elizabeth was 89. I had asked God a specific question: please show me someone in the public eye who is an outstanding whole-life disciple of Jesus, someone whose faith shapes all they do and say. 'Elizabeth' was God's answer. Swift, clear, weighty. And to be shared.

Since that day it's become ever clearer to me that Elizabeth was a gift from God to nation, Commonwealth, and indeed the global community, a beacon of humility, grace, astuteness, good humour, generosity, and deep faith – God's woman, God's follower, God's Queen.

Like many I suppose, I'd never been a 'royal-watcher' I admired the Queen, appreciated the clarity and warmth with which she spoke, almost every Christmas, of her trust in Christ and the difference he made to her life, but I hadn't thought deeply about her particular vision or how God might be working in and through her. Yes, she was a remarkable woman, and a remarkable monarch, but what I came to see, and had confirmed by others who knew her better, was that she was first and foremost a remarkable disciple of Christ. As such, she offered us an extraordinary example of consistent godliness in one of the longest and most public global ministries in the history of the world.

Mark Greene

Mark Greene is Mission Champion at The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC)

HEALTHY THINGS GROW

HEALTHY THINGS GROW...

A number of years ago, I came across this saying attributed to David Parker. I have found it so helpful in many many contexts - at work as well as personal and church life.

We are facing change in our parish and village but it seems to me, that across the globe all people groups are having to manage the challenge of change at this time.

We are all trying to adjust to some significant new norms - in politics, in weather patterns, in economics...

So how do we navigate these times of change well? Rather than being tossed about by events beyond our control, anxious and uncertain about what's going on, what might happen... is it possible to experience change with a measure of security, assurance and peace?

I believe it is and find this simple saying so helpful an aid, helping to position where we are today in this cycle of change. Change is fundamental to how the world was created and is sustained. Change is part of the natural order of things in God's good world.

Healthy things grow...

This simple truth is profound. The opposite is also true... unhealthy things become stagnant, rotten and eventually perish.

If we want a plant to flourish, it needs regular tending. It is true for organisations and organisms, businesses and board rooms, relationships and refurbishments. Companies that adapted in lockdowns seem to have emerged healthier and stronger to face new challenges. Others have not survived so well.

Growing things change...

As we consider the first statement, we accept that growth is inevitable if things are to remain healthy. We can now interpret the dreaded word 'change' from a different viewpoint.

I adored the pre-school years with our three children. But... if I still needed to spoon feed them, tidy their toys and run them to play dates now they are in their 30's, something would be very wrong.

Everything that grows has to change. Cells divide and multiply, children grow and need new clothes...



Autumn is a season of change. Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah (New Year) in September. Somehow it feels a better fit with the patterns and rhythms of our lives than squidding it into the week after Christmas.

And then there is change that we have chosen... a new home, new job, new social group, new child, new relationship... Even good changes are potential stress triggers.

Changing things challenges us...

So true. This autumn, many youngsters are adjusting to new classes, new schools. Students may have moved away to university (as much a challenge for empty-nest parents as much as their young adult!)

We are being challenged by the need to use water, fuel and electricity more sparingly. Every change brings with it the challenge to adjust, adapt, accommodate, or not!

Challenge causes us to trust...

Jesus instructed us so often, 'DO NOT WORRY'. He knew that his disciples and followers would be challenged in this world and frequently urged them to TRUST Him. Just before the crucifixion, knowing that his death would make them flounder, He lovingly and explicitly warned them, 'do not let your hearts be troubled!' I like that this is a command not a suggestion. We have a choice.

We need to know that whatever/ whoever we trust is worthy of our trust. For Christians, the God who is the same, yesterday, today and forever is and always will be good and trustworthy. But trust is something active, especially when circumstances seem to make no sense... 'I've no idea why this has happened, but I trust You, God.'

Trust brings obedience...

Obedience has become an unpopular word and I sometimes change it to 'hope' (to make it more relatable for a different audience). But let's consider obedience through a different lens. Our God is no remote, stern, autocrat, but one who knows our frailties and loves us more than we can ever know. As we get to know what He asks and obey His

loving counsel we can rest in His care for us.

My dog has learnt to obey the recall whistle when we are out and he is off the lead. His go-to safe place is between my legs where I can hold his collar until we're sure that he's safe to run freely again. In the early days, he needed a reward for coming. Now he trusts that obedience to the recall whistle it is for his own good.

It leads on to...

Obedience makes us healthy...

My dog enjoys greater freedom because he has learnt to obey the recall whistle. He remains safe and healthy. We maximise our chance of restored health if we follow the prescribed dosage of our medication. My prayer is that I learn to recognise the voice of my Good Shepherd and follow Him to green pasture where my well-being is restored.

And that brings us full circle to...

Healthy things grow...

As we welcome Phillip Young, Louise and their three boys into the parish, we pray they will find where they are on this circle of 'healthy things grow'. Their adjustments include a new home, a new job and a new school... three well documented stress triggers. God bless the whole family at this time.

And for us... having two rural missioners, to be shared with many other villages will be distinctly different. Whenever we risk being unsettled by this, let's remember that this new expression of church is a healthy sign of growth.

And in each and every change we face, let's learn to trust that God will bless us, keep us, make his face to shine upon us and give us His peace.

Caroline Allen

St. Mary's Church Dedham



FLOWER FESTIVAL on the theme of CREATION

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 10am to 4pm

SAURDAY 8th OCTOBER 10am to 5pm (with live music to
soothe the soul played from 4pm-5pm)

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 11.30am to 4pm

Refreshments: sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees.

ENTRY BY DONATION

Layout by John Goldsbrough

The interviews with the other two tutors of the creative workshops,

AVRIL BIGGINS

Have you always had an interest in oil painting or is it something you recently found out about and found you really loved doing?

I studied oil painting at art college. It was the subject I could do at college and work on it at home as well. It didn't need any machines like printing or textiles. I went to Clacton art college and trained to be a teacher and have continued teaching in the Duchy Barn, Dedham. *Who, or what, are your influences?*

There's no doubt I was influenced by my two teachers. They were both very good. Enid Glenny lived in Dedham and had studied in Paris under artists like Oskar Kokoschka. She taught us to paint in the style of different artists - Picasso, Kandinsky which was a really good

exercise. And Wilson Head was more modern. He taught us modern techniques which were useful too. *How are you trying to take your medium as far as you can? Are you pushing your personal boundaries or are you happy with where you are now?*

Yes I'm very happy with the way I paint but I may have to take to painting with my hands as it's so hard to be able to buy things now. Everything is online and you can't look at brushes or paints to see if they're good quality or not. What we need is a shop in Dedham that sells art again.

Do you take commissions?

No I don't sell things. I like to give things as gifts to my family. *And finally- how are you going to approach your workshop? Will it be structured and formal or will you let people follow their own instincts? After all this may be the very first time they have held a paintbrush.*

Quite structured. With oils you have to be quite technical- the colours can become quite muddy very quickly. But everyone will be able to be free and creative quite quickly.

PHILIPPA BLACK

Have you always had an interest in calligraphy or is it something you recently found out about and found you really loved doing?

As a very little child I used to copy lettering from books and was taught calligraphy alongside drawing and painting at Art School, so I've been working with lettering professionally for decades. *Who, or what, are your influences?*

The carved letters on the Trajan column are the basis of Roman lettering proportions for all scribes therefore they have become part of my artistic makeup. I also love the elegant, painted capitals in

CREATION FLOWER FESTIVAL

Charles the Bald's Bible which was written in AD 871.

How are you trying to take your medium as far as you can? Are you pushing your personal boundaries or are you happy with where you are now?

I used to do a huge amount of a formal calligraphy but had a happy accident when I dropped my quill and splattered paint across the poem I was writing out called "Snow" by Louis MacNiece. I turned the droplets into rose petals which resulted in an ecstatic client and a less fraught way of working for me!

Do you take commissions?

Yes but I'm a painter first and foremost who does calligraphy - expect the unexpected!

And finally- how are you going to approach your workshop? Will it be structured and formal or will you let people follow their own instincts? After all this may be the very first time they have held a calligraphy pen.

I want everyone to try using different materials. There will be reed pens and quills to write with and vellum and handmade paper to write on plus a whirlwind look at historical scripts. It is a chance to try out something which is a huge subject.

PLEASE NOTE: The Creative workshops running on Saturday 8th October at 10-12.00pm and from 2-4pm are now all taking place in the Assembly Rooms.



AVRIL BIGGINS



SUE BEDFORD



PHILIPPA BLACK



JAMES GEARY

ROY ALBERT FLEWIN

Roy Albert Flewin was born in 1930, married to Jean and with their family lived and worked in Dedham for many years.

A Master Silversmith he could turn his hand to anything, and was a well known and loved parishioner and chorister at St. Marys church Dedham.

In 2011 There was an exhibition in the church of Art and Craft work dedicated to Roy, and photographs of items included in the exhibition have been kindly lent by Jean. It is thanks to her that we have obtained further information about some of the silver and furnishings designed and made for the church by Roy.



The Processional Cross

It was made in memory of Hilda George and was selected as an item to go to Goldsmiths Hall as part of a gold and silver display commemorating the Queen's Golden Jubilee. A celebration of exquisite works of art

made during the Queen's reign.

The cross, slightly tapered above the knob of broad edged convex triangular section with central rondel, gilded and containing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) on the Book of Seals. The Knob continues the triangular shape, the broad faces of which contain the Maria monogram. It is all carried on an octagonal oak staff.



The Alms Basin

This was designed and made by Roy in 1992 to celebrate the

500th anniversary of the commencement of the building of St Mary's in 1492. Many people in Dedham made gifts of their own unwanted silver items in order to contribute to the making of this item.



The Font

It was designed and carved by Roy in 1998 and has similar characteristics to the woodwork base of the Paschal Candle.

Around the font are the words, carved by Roy, "to the Glory of God." The font is made of copper. It was first used for the christening of Roy and Jean's eldest grandson Edmond who was born in 1998.



Flagons for Water and Wine

These were commissioned by Caroline Merriam in 2002, for the wedding anniversaries of

her two daughters and husbands: Helen Slipper and Fiona Sheldon.

There are two differing symbols on the handles and this makes it clear which is for Water and which is for Wine. To this day they are regularly used at the Eucharist table.

Roy designed and made many other items for St Marys, including the Candlesticks, the Verger's Stave and the Pyx. The Pyx being the last piece made by Roy for this church.

He also contributed to other items including the Organ Angels which are bronze angels, salvaged by Roy from his workshop, and with the help of architect Quinlan Terry have been used as ornaments for the organ casing.

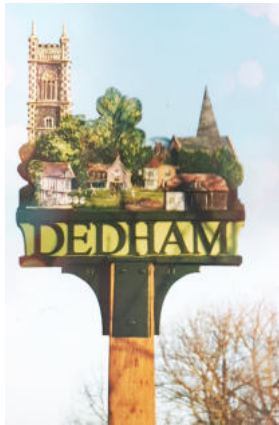
Roy made many other items as commissions for both local people and those further afield which include chalices, communion sets, verges as well as a college crest for the Howard building of Downing College Cambridge.



and this one was made for the Honourable Artillery Company. Incorporated in 1537, it is the oldest regiment in the British Army. There are

21 "battle honours", separately recorded on the top of the Mace, including the First and Second World Wars.

Roy and Jean together with Beth Mitchell, were invited to attend the Presentation of Colours and Jean has very happy and proud memories of the day.



The Village Sign

Dedham would not be complete without its village sign which was designed and carved by Roy from Sapele and Oak woods. The sign is a composition of various elements of this village and

include Dedham church, The Essex Rose Tea Room and the Craft Centre, as well as showing a game of cricket in the park. The scenes carved in relief have been brought to life by local artist Terry Jeffrey. The trunk carries a distinctive carved mark based on the Millennium hallmark.

The Ceremonial Mace

Roy was asked by the Queen to make the Mace for the Presentation of Colours in May 2007. Maces are commissioned to be made every 25 years

A final word about Roy from Gerard Moate; former Vicar of Dedham. The hands that so skilfully shaped metal and wood to make beautiful things are now still. The lovely voice which sang the praise of God for more than seven decades, is now beyond our hearing. For the Master has called the master craftsman to his rest. And so a family has lost a loving husband, father and grandfather. Our village has lost a man who was generous with his time and skills, the church choir has lost its shop steward, and the Vicar has lost a godly man on whom he could rely to solve any number of practical problems; from mending medieval door locks to erecting the largest Christmas tree in the village. There used to be an advertisement which had the following exchange; " Can you fix it? — No, but I know a man who can !" They were probably thinking of Roy.

*Jean Flewin
as told to Liz Reed*

DELL BOWER

Dell Bower 8th December 1930 - 17th August 2022

Dell was born in Deptford South London, raised by his grandmother Gertrude Bower. As a youngster he travelled by tram, and would play on the banks of the River Thames, often returning home muddy having fallen in! He of course lived through the blitz, fortunately keeping safe, and remembered wearing a red white and blue suit to the coronation in 1953.

Dell was living in Margate on the Kent coast at 18 working in a jazz club where he met the beautiful Peggy who arrived with the band! They danced together for the first time that night as they did for 67 years of marriage! Dell married Margaret (Peggy) E Anselmi in 1950. Peggy passed away in 2018.

With two toddlers they found a little cottage in the picturesque village of Wickhambreaux in Kent (near Canturbury), sadly lacking a good tea room, so Dell built one! Peggy taught him how to bake those legendary scones and the rest is history.

In the late 1960s Dell visited the tearooms in Dedham when taking his mother out for afternoon tea. He saw the business opportunity in a prime position in the thriving village of Dedham.

Dell and his wife Peggy, who had some experience of running the tea room in Kent, bought the business in 1971. They moved into the apartment over the café with their two children, David and Mandy. They set about modernising the premises and putting their own stamp on the business. They introduced light lunches as well as increasing the range of homemade cakes and scones on sale throughout the day.

They increased the seating and also sold a range of art and craft items with



Dell and Peggy Bower outside the Essex Rose

an historical link to local artists, such as canvas backed prints of Constable paintings. These gifts were very popular mementoes of a visit to the village and the Essex Rose.

Also, they started a chocolatiers counter with 25 varieties of chocolates and other top-class brands. An ice-cream parlour, with easy street access, also proved very popular with visitors to the village.

The business was very much a family concern and Dell, Peggy and Mandy became well known in the village. For many years, Dell had three generations of some families working in the Café especially during the busy season. Many current residents fondly remember their time spent working in the Essex Rose. The staff enjoyed tea together at the

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The Essex Rose

end of the day and at special times of the year they would dress up and take part in village festivals and events. During the 70s and 80s the village High Street shops were thriving; parking time was unlimited and Dedham was promoted as a place to visit. Visitors came from the local area as well as from further afield. It was a favourite destination for many coach companies.

A village association was formed and Dell became the Chairman. He was also Chairman of Premises at the time the new school was built and also was active in the fund raising for the Dedham Health Centre which is now part of the Ardleigh surgery. He was also President of the Dedham Horticultural Society and Dedham Sports Club and Trustee for the Dedham Educational Foundation which, provides grants to young people for educational purposes. He and Peggy retired when the business was sold to Wilkin and Sons Ltd. of Tiptree in 2000.

Dell and Peggy then spent a happy retirement in Whitmore Place in Dedham.

With thanks to Mandy Bower

As an established art society, having been formed in 1967, we thought that we would make a written contribution to the Dedham Parish Magazine in order to create a greater awareness of our very active and busy art society.

Dedham Art Society (referred to as DAS) is a very lively group which meets on alternate Thursday afternoons in The Dedham Assembly Rooms. Our members come from all areas in and around Dedham enjoying a really happy environment in which to create our "masterpieces".

We all work in different mediums and we are all at different levels of ability. Those who are more experienced are always willing to help or to give guidance and advice.

Some of the members have had the good fortune to have sold paintings at various local venues throughout the year where there are art exhibitions awaiting our submissions.

The Society has regular demonstrations and workshops given by visiting artists. This year we had a wonderful and inspiring talk and demonstration given to us by James Power (formerly Artist in Residence at The Munnings Museum), on the art of drawing and painting horses. Another interesting visit was made by Lesley Bridges on the art of framing pictures.

These visits are in addition to a mixture of themes demonstrated by DAS members which are always popular. Then in late July we held our Annual Art Exhibition at Aldham Parish Church which was received with excellent reviews and comments.

Our outdoor summer painting days this year have taken place at Pin Mill, The Munnings Museum, Felixstowe Ferry and Lavenham, where every day is full of joy and admiration of a fellow painter's



work, be they amateur or professional.

Forthcoming in the DAS diary are professional artists giving demonstrations and running workshops plus 2023 promises many more exciting visits and fascinating days out with the group.

The Essex Rose Tea Room in Dedham has kindly given us the opportunity of displaying our artwork on their walls, which provides their customers with good talking points. In fact many of their customers have been tempted to make a purchase and for this our thanks go to the Manager, Dana, plus all the dedicated and extremely helpful staff.

Enough to entice you and to encourage you to come along and join us? New members are so welcome. If you are yearning to try and have itchy fingers longing to hold a paintbrush, we invite you to come along. Other craftspeople are, of course, welcome although the Dedham Assembly Rooms may have restrictions on the use of their

facilities. So if you are a beginner, a "resting" artist, or a very active artist or maybe somewhere in between, we have plenty of room for you.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursday afternoons in The Dedham Assembly Rooms, as previously mentioned. The times are 2.00pm until 4.30pm and there are parking facilities. You have nothing more to do than to come along and introduce yourself. Just have a look first and we can assure you of a friendly welcome.

Then if you decide to join, our annual membership is a mere £30. Alternatively, all the information is available on our website: www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk where you can find details of our forthcoming diary and a request for a membership application form.

If you require further information you are welcome to contact: Helen Morgans on 01206 751373 or email helenmorgans1609@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you.

*Helen Morgans
Dedham Art Society*

Enjoy 15 months membership for the price of 12. The annual subscription of £30 is payable from January to January.

For anyone joining Dedham Art Society from 1st October 2022, a subscription of £30 is payable immediately and the following January 2023 subscription will be waived for 1 year. Your next annual subscription will be January 2024.

Our new Dedham Art Society Website will include the opportunity for members to exhibit online.

*Irena Massarella
Dedham Art Society*

ALICE ELIZABETH LEE

The subject of a Blue Plaque for Dedham, Alice Elizabeth Lee was the daughter of William Lee (1821-1887), born in Sudbury, Suffolk, and Matilda Wren Baker (1822-1903), born in London. William Lee was a master coach builder and he had married Matilda on 29 July 1846 in St Mary the Virgin church in Dedham, Essex. Alice was born on the 28th June 1858 and baptised in Dedham Church on 15th August 1858 by George Murray, vicar of Dedham (1854 – 1877). At the time of the 1861 census William and Matilda Lee were living in Dedham with their first five children, George (aged 12), Catherine (aged 10), and Mary A (aged 9), Alice E (aged 2), and Anna G (aged 9 months).

The 1851 and 1861 census provides clues as to where the family was living and the likely birth place of Alice in Dedham. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact address but it was certainly in the Upper Park area as in 1861 they were living next to Upper Park Cottage. During the 1860's the family moved into Dedham High Street because in the 1871 census the family were living in a home attached to William's coach building premises in Dedham High Street.



Dedham High Street, 1860's - Left to right Shermans, Ivy Lodge (School), Bakers Shop and William Lee's Shop & Coach Building business. Photograph from a collection in the Muniment Room, Dedham Church..

Their youngest child Caroline A (aged 7) had been born, George had left home but Catherine and Mary A were still living at home but working as governesses. Alice and her two younger sisters were studying at school in Dedham.

Both the 1871 and 1881 census allow us to identify the exact location of their home. When these censuses were taken the Census Enumerator followed a specific route when collecting the census forms. The home and premises were on the corner of Mill Lane (Mill Street at the time of these censuses) and the High Street. In 1881 the enumerator in Mill Street, went from William Warburton (Octagon House) to Martha Davey and then into the High Street, William Lee (Coach Builder), Benjamin Watson (Baker) and then Ivy Lodge, Girls School. This means that Alice lived in what is now the Essex Rose after the family moved there in the 1860's.

We know from the census record that Alice was a scholar, presumably at school in Dedham, and as she lived only a couple of doors down from Ivy Lodge which was then a girls school, it is reasonable to suspect that she went to school there. This was confirmed by a report in the Essex Standard of May 1876 which published the Cambridge Matriculation results. Her headmistress was listed as Miss Barber who ran the Girls School at what is now Ivy House.

1876 was the first year of the publication of the Dedham Parish Magazine and Alice and her sister Grace feature in the April edition. Also 1876 was the first year in which girls were named in the exam lists previously only the number of girls taking the exams was noted.

The British
Newspaper
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**Essex Standard - Friday 10
March 1876 (Extract)**

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS. (From our University Correspondent.) The Class Lists, showing the successful candidates at the eighteenth set of Examinations conducted at various Centres by the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate, in December last, have just been issued.

Senior Girls.— Class I. — 1 Passed.
Bayswater Centre. r(Religious Knowledge . e(English).f(French). gn(German). * Lee, A. E., Dedham, Dedham School, Colchester, Headmistress - Miss Barber.

Cambridge Local Examinations.— We have much pleasure in recording the success of Miss A. E. Lee and Miss G. Lee in the recent girls' examination held by the University of Cambridge. Miss A. E. Lee, who was examined amongst the seniors, passed in First Class Honours, and was distinguished in Religious Knowledge, English, French, and German; whilst Miss G. Lee, who was examined amongst the Juniors, passed in Third Class Honours, and was distinguished in Religious Knowledge.

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In 1876 Alice Lee became a student at Bedford College, London. This college had been founded in 1847 to provide higher education for women; in fact it was the first college in the UK to provide such an education for women. In 1874, just before Alice began her studies there, the College moved from its first site in Bedford Square to two houses in York Place, close to Baker Street, in Marylebone. In 1879–80 she attended the first mathematics class at Bedford.

**1881 Census – Undergraduate,
Address: 9 York Place, Marylebone.**

Alice was one of the first women to graduate from the University of London

(Bedford College was then a women's college of the University), getting a BSc in 1884 and a BA in 1885.

**1891 Census – Professor of Physics,
Address: Lower Street, Stratford St Mary
(visiting her mother, now widowed, and her sister, Caroline, a teacher).**

From 1892 to 1894 she also worked as 'resident helper' at the college, received free board and lodging in return. Later she also helped out in Greek and Latin classes. She then stayed at Bedford until 1916, initially as a lecturer in mathematics and physics. From about 1895 Alice attended Karl Pearson's statistics lectures at University College London and became interested



Alice Lee - 1901

in his application of statistical methods to evolutionary biology. Under his direction she studied for an advanced degree. Her research topic was an investigation of variation in cranial capacity in humans and its correlation with intellectual ability.

**1901 Census - Lecturer in Physics
and Mathematics, Address: 9 Blenheim
Road, Marylebone.**

Alice courted controversy with her first published paper "A study of the correlation of the human skull" in 1901. She examined three groups - women students from Bedford College, male faculty at University College, and a collection of distinguished male anatomists. The study demonstrated that there was no correlation between skull size and intelligence. Through a formula Alice calculated the cranial capacity from the anatomical measurements. The individuals in the groups were ranked in order of decreasing skull size, and identified by

name. The dissertation was completed in 1899 and the findings caused considerable controversy. It was then an accepted theory in craniology that brain power increased with size, hence skull capacity was a measure of mental ability. As a consequence it was believed that men, who generally had larger heads than women, were mentally superior. Alice's findings shed doubt on that belief and her study drew considerable criticism from her thesis examiners. It was through Pearson's intervention that Alice Lee was finally awarded a D.Sc. in 1901, the first woman to become Doctor of Science at University of London.

1911 Census – Lecturer in applied Mathematics, at Bedford College, Address: Latchmoor Grove, Gerrards Cross.

During WW1, Alice Lee joined the Munitions Invention department of the Ministry of Munitions and performed computer work for the Admiralty. As for many women workers, little is known of her contribution to the ministry, except that she mainly calculated bullet trajectories.

1921 Census – Observer in the Department of Supply and Research, Air Ministry, Address: 107 Willbury Road, Letchworth.

Alice's salary at Bedford College had always been a "women's wage", and the pension scheme had started too late for her to join. When she retired she had little to live on. In 1923 Pearson and Margaret Tuke the former principal of Bedford College, petitioned the Home Office. Pearson wrote: 'few, if any, woman workers of her period have accomplished as large as bulk of first class research as Dr. Lee'. She was awarded a Civil List pension of £70 a year. Alice died in 1939 at the age of 81.

1939 Register – Retired, Address: Station Road, Worthing.

John Goldsbrough

DEDHAM PIPE ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE.

The Organathon was the brain wave of our Church Organist, Antony Watson. It was in fact an Organathon and a gift day combined and it took place over 2 days from 11.00am until 9.00pm on the Sunday 28th August and from 7.00am until 9.00pm on Monday, 29th August.

A total of 17 organists took part so that our organist Antony Watson didn't have to play for the whole 24 hrs! Merv KcKinney instigated the proceedings at 11.00 am after the morning service on the Sunday

The weather was kind and the organ music wafted out from the building so helping the attract visitors into the church. The event had been widely publicised in the village and there was a feature article in the local papers. Just before the close of business on the Sunday evening, the organ failed .

An SOS was sent to our organ builder Andrew Stevens who arrived at 6.00am on the Monday Morning to fix the problem. Just before 7.00 am all was well once more and it was time for him to have a well earned coffee.

Monday was busier and we certainly had more people through the door. This was helped by the Missions Bake sale which was held outside the Church so helped to draw people in. There were lots of nice comments about the Church, the organ project, the music being played, and the refreshments.

The amount raised was in excess of £4,000. The current total for the Organ Fund is now in excess of £214,000 which includes 25% potential gift aid.

Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped throughout the two days.

Compiled by John Goldsbrough with information supplied by Margaret Kidson.

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**Essex Standard - Friday 07
August 1846**

The Tempest. — Injury to Dedham Church. — About 20 minutes before six o'clock on Wednesday morning, the tempest, which had been heard from a distance, broke with a tremendous crash over the village of Dedham, and the electric fluid struck the tower steeple of the Church, shivering into fragments the pinnacle, which was of solid stone, on the north side of that beautiful structure, and scattering them on the lawn of the Rev. E. C. Ellis, the vicar, as well as upon the vicarage house, which, however, we are happy to say, is but slightly damaged.

Many portions of the pinnacle also fell into the street, and it was a merciful interposition of Providence that no one was injured by them. The earliness of the hour, however, will account for the small number of persons that were moving about at the time.

The crash was so awful that the inhabitants of the village were thrown into the greatest alarm and consternation, but on many of them the impression made was that of loads of stones being shot from a tumbrel. Upon examination of the steeple, it appears to be very much shaken, and several rents are visible.

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**Essex Herald - Tuesday 05
December 1893**

FASHIONABLE WEDDING DEDHAM. On Thursday afternoon in Dedham Parish Church, Miss E. H. A. A. (Bessie) Penrose, daughter of Mr. W. H. Penrose JP, was married to Mr. Frederick Henry Keane, son of Col Keane, C.B., of Cappoquin, Ireland. The wedding excited great interest among the inhabitants, who turned out in large numbers to witness the ceremony. Flags and banners were placed about the street, and over the churchyard gate was the

inscription, "Long life to the bride and bridegroom." There was a large number invited guests. The bridegroom was attended by his cousin. Sir John Keane, Bart., R.A., as best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Cecilia Freshfield, Cecil Ivy Huntsman and Monica Huntsman, cousins of the bride. The chancel was decorated with flowers. The service was choral, and the officiating clergy were the Revds. C. Jones, H. S. E. Oliver, and Hamilton Ashwin, LL.D. Mr. and Mrs. Penrose afterwards held a reception in their fine old Elizabethan mansion, and during the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Keane left for Cornwall. The wedding presents were exceedingly handsome and valuable.

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**Essex Newsman - Saturday 07
September 1907**

EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT AT DEDHAM. Extraordinary incident is reported from Dedham. Mr. John Chiverton, with his wife, little girl, and a friend, were staying with Mr. Lott, on the Heath. The friend was swinging the little girl by the arms, and in fun remarked that he would swing her over the well. Unfortunately he slipped, and they both fell down the well, which is some 15 feet deep, and contained four feet of water. Their cries brought Mr. Chiverton to the rescue. He seized the well croom, and had almost raised his child to safety, when the croom snapped, and the little girl once more disappeared down the well, to his horror, Chiverton overbalanced himself and also fell head first. Regaining his natural position, he held his girl above the water. Help was forthcoming, and eventually the three were rescued. The little girl received a abrasion on the forehead otherwise there was no ill result.

BULBS, LAWNCARE AND GROWING FOR SHOW.

Last month, we hosted our annual Autumn Horticultural Show at the Assembly Rooms. It was great to see so many people – members and not – entering exhibits, despite the challenging weather conditions. All that dry, sunny weather is wonderful for lounging around with a cool glass of something (what do you mean you didn't?), but after several weeks of it many of my plants were feeling very sorry for themselves.

We welcomed a few new exhibitors this year whom I hope enjoyed it and discovered that 'growing for show' needn't be difficult. You can easily grow something in a container if you don't



Autumn show September 3rd 2022

photos on our website so you can take inspiration from past exhibitors.

Now is the time to think about planting bulbs – if you are, why not plan ahead for our Spring Show on 1st April 2023. The list of classes isn't out for a few months yet, but there are always a number of different categories for daffodils (narcissus), as well as opportunities to exhibit your tulips, hyacinths, other spring bulbs and flowers. If flowers aren't your thing, do think about showing us your cooking, flower arranging or photography instead. It's completely free to enter!

If you have a couple of largish containers, try making a bulb 'lasagne' now. You could plant layers by size of bulb with large daffodil bulbs at the bottom and smaller crocus higher up. Or plant by flowering period, so later flowering varieties at the bottom and early ones above: there's snowdrops and crocuses in February, daffodils in March, tulips in April and alliums in May – all full of colour when not very much else has got going.

If you're planting a container of bulbs in October, bear in mind that it's usually better to plant tulips later in the year (November to early December) when the colder weather gives protection from tulip fire.



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have a large garden – there are many dahlias that are made for that – or sow a range of annuals or nurture your favourite rose. We post a selection of



Autumn Colour

While you're in the garden, as temperatures drop, think about lifting tender plants. I'm still deadheading many dahlias through October as the first frost blackens the foliage, I've started lifting my favourites.

Although my soil is quite well draining and they usually make it through winter if I leave them where they are, lifting means I can start them off earlier in spring, take cuttings to make more plants, and – if we have a summer like this one – might get them into flower sooner. I leave cannas in the ground, chucking a bit of mulch over them and hoping for the best – but they often don't flower. Those of you growing large banana plants or tree ferns, will no doubt

be thinking about wrapping them to protect them from frost.

With some rain in September, this month is a chance to look after the lawn (hopefully now that it's starting to green up again). Start by raking leaves off the grass – you can put them in bags to make leaf mould or just chuck them on the borders to break down into the soil. If you're looking for a bit of a workout, use the spring-tine rake to scarify the lawn, scraping out layers of thatch and moss: it will look a mess but lets air and water get to the roots of the grass, as well as improving drainage. If it sounds too much like hard work – you can get powered scarifiers too.

Raise the blades on your mower slightly and give the lawn a final cut towards the end of the month. Then finally, apply an autumn feed which builds stronger roots and helps protect over winter.

If you'd like to learn more about gardening, come along to one of our speaker events this autumn and winter. We're also planning a Christmas event which will be a great way to meet the Committee and our members over a glass of wine, a mince pie and a quiz! Visit our website www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com to stay up to date.

Elliott Frisby
Dedham Horticultural Society

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PROCLAMATION FOR KING CHARLES III.



citizens of London and others, do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful liege lord, Charles III, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, and of his other realms and territories, King, head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith, to whom we do acknowledge all faith and obedience with humble affection, beseeching God, by whom kings and queens do reign, to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.”

God Save The King.

The Proclamation being read on Sunday 11th September 2022 at the Dedham War Memorial by Jonathan Smith, the Chairman of Dedham Parish Council.

”Whereas it has pleased almighty God to call to his mercy our late Sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth II of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.

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The next Dedham Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 3rd October at 6.30pm in the Duchy Barn. The September meeting was cancelled because of the National period of mourning for Her Majesty the Queen. Please check the website for updates as it is possible that October meeting date may change.

To access the Parish Council website dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk just scan this QR code.



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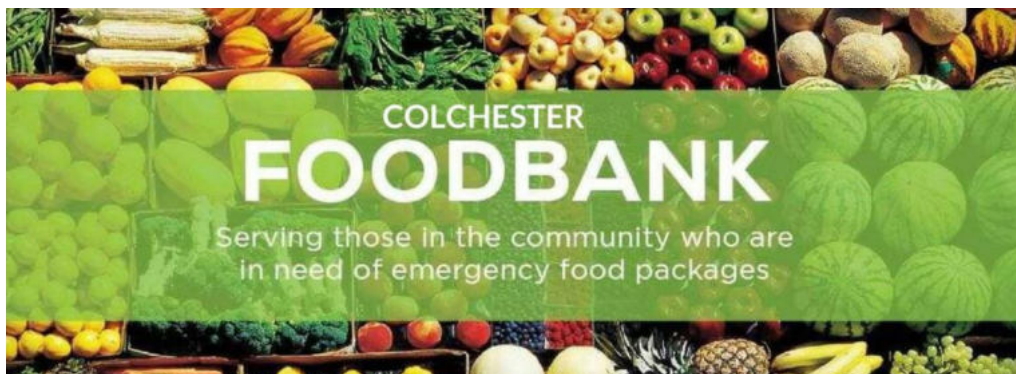
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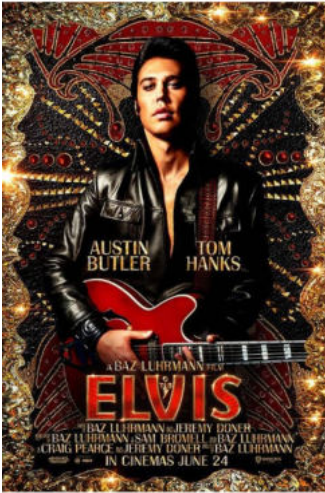
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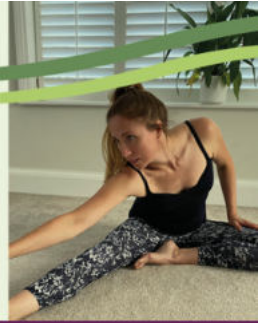
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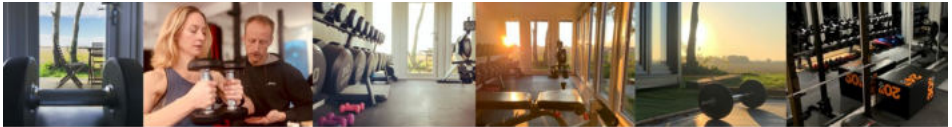
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