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## Can we help?

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

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

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

### **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Rise N' Shine [Dedham\\*](#)  
11.00am Worship Together Ardleigh  
5.00pm Evensong [Dedham\\*](#)

### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am Eucharist, BCP Ardleigh  
11.00am Holy Communion [Dedham\\*](#)

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Mothering Sunday Morning Service [Dedham\\*](#)  
11.00am Eucharist Ardleigh

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am Eucharist BCP Ardleigh  
9.30am Morning Praise [Dedham\\*](#)  
5.00pm ReVive@5 [Dedham\\*](#)

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

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

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

\* = Services which are live streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 9am at The Duchy Barn.**  
For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.**  
Phone 322192 to reserve a place indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. 10am -** Meet at Dedham Arts Centre at 10am for a walk or 11am for a chat.

No register entries for January,

## PARISH NEWS

After much consideration our Church PCC has decided that some changes should be made to our pattern of Services from April 2023. We will be adding a more contemporary celebration of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month

Dear friends

Ash Wednesday on 22 February marked the beginning of the season of Lent, the time when Christians traditionally remember the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and being tempted.

Some have used this season to give up certain things like alcohol or chocolate, but that would only be part of the customs of this season. Jesus Himself not only fasted at that time, but drew near to His heavenly Father. This enabled Him, when He faced temptations to break His fast, to test God and to worship someone other than the Lord, to stare His adversary down.

How do you get through difficult, trying and low periods in your life? Times of scarcity, barrenness or exhaustion? In taking time away to feed His relationship with His Father, Jesus shows us how important such seasons are in terms of replenishing our reserves so that we can truly live life to the full.

This Lent you may be giving up something – or, positively, you may be starting to do something healthy or helpful – but I hope above all, that you might use it to replenish your reserves for life, by drawing near to God in prayer, through finding out more about His will for your life in the Bible and in fellowship with His people. May this Lent truly help you to flourish in every way.

*Rev. Phillip Young  
Rural Missioner to the Harwich Deanery*

## Easter Sunday Services

**Dedham: 11am Holy Communion  
(Common Worship)**

**Ardleigh: 9.30am All Together  
Service**

# DUST + GLORY

Dust and Glory is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2023. Offering 40 daily reflections for Lent on faith, failure and forgiveness, it invites you to find God in the mess of everyday life.

This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life.

Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.

This year's resources are informed and inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2023 Lent Book, *Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up (SPCK)* by Bishop Emma Ineson, who has also co-written the daily reflections booklet for adults



Mothers Day Service.

Please come and join us on Mothering Sunday for a special Mother's Day Service, either at 9.30am at Dedham, or 11am at Ardleigh. Flowers will be distributed at the services.

## MY LONG JOURNEY TO FAITH

I have kindly been asked if I would write about my journey, my long journey, to Faith and Commitment to God. This commitment, which has come to fruition over the past few years, was symbolised by my baptism this last December in Dedham Parish Church in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of my life and will be reaffirmed shortly at my Confirmation.

The first thing to say is that the wonderful events of Baptism and Confirmation are not the end of my journey, which will continue with God's help and the support of the Church family, both here in Dedham, and elsewhere, as my Faith continues to grow.

The second thing to say is that I have not made this journey alone. There have been many fabulous Christian people, too numerous to mention, whose paths have crossed mine. I would like to take the opportunity however, to thank my wonderful wife, Deirdre, whose steadfast Faith has been like a beacon for me, guiding me on my journey, and of course, I know now, that even more importantly, I have also been accompanied on my rather long journey by Jesus.

Why therefore with so much help, has it taken me so long to get to this point?

My parents were of mixed religions, and so I think they thought it best to leave it to me to make my own decisions about my faith. I am it seems not as quick to make decisions as I would like to think!

Apart from school prayers and Sunday Chapel, I received little religious guidance as a youngster, and I adopted in my mind, at that time, a stance that "There was no God"! My education led me, originally, to be a mathematician and a scientist, and I found it hard to believe

anything without scientific proof that I did not feel that I understood. I rejected the existence of God and I tried to explain away the wonders of God's creation and the miracles of Jesus.

It is not as if I had not wrestled with this question many times over in my life, but a lot of the delay in getting to where I am now was because I often stopped travelling on my journey altogether. I was uncertain of which direction to move. The great thing though is that I had a constant companion, Jesus, of whom I was then unaware, but I know now that when I paused on my journey, He was sitting patiently waiting for me and when things were rough, He was carrying me.

So, how did things change? I had changed my career from pure science to medicine, becoming an eye surgeon, but I also did a lot of management, becoming the first Medical Director of our Hospital Trust in Colchester.

In my management work I had noticed that often, in order to make change in the way people behave, one had to get them to take a moment and try looking at things from a completely opposite point of view. Things can often look entirely different then.

God had obviously not given up on me because, despite my stance, I always felt somewhere deep inside that I wanted to believe in God. I came to realise therefore, that if I was to give God a chance, that I should completely change my stance, and start believing in God and Jesus. My light-bulb moment! Once I did start believing I found that there was, in fact, absolutely no reason not to and every reason to do so! For if you do give God a chance, of course, He grabs it with both hands, because the thing He wants most is that we should all come to Him and salvation and for that it is never too late.



Then for the first time, I noticed my patient travelling companion, Jesus, and saw that He was not just sitting waiting for me, but shining a very clear light down the path that I should follow. The path which I now try to follow, and though I know I stumble along the way, I know also that I have His ultimate and Divine support to help me, to pick me up and if need be, to carry me.

Before I finish, I have to say that the welcome and support I have received from the Christian community here in Dedham has helped me to personally and publicly commit to my Faith. It has helped to show me that there is a family here that I must be part of; the family of this Church in Dedham, the family of Jesus, the family of God. I am very grateful to you all.

I would encourage everyone to put their Faith in the Lord and to come to our Church in Dedham and experience the warmth of our Christian fellowship and the Joy of praising and serving the Lord.

*Adrian Beckingsale*



The flower team will again be arranging flowers in church for Easter Sunday. If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one to be included, please put your money in a plain envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' with your name and contact number, and place it in the Parish office mailbox near the entrance to the Assembly rooms. The cost is £3 per stem, and the deadline for ordering is SUNDAY APRIL 2nd.

**MISSIONS BAKE SALES**

**2023 dates.**

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon (shared with the Horticultural Group's Spring Sale)

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-12 noon

Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon

Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - 10-4pm

Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> 10--12 noon

Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon



A friendly reminder to members that a meeting will take place at Dedham Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am to discuss flower plans and ideas for Easter Sunday

## MUSINGS FROM DOWN UNDER.

A beautiful Sunday morning, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and a yellow-crested cockatoo is screeching!

Our family attended the local Anglican church for a family service; my nephew Robert was in charge of the audio visual kit projecting the hymns and bible readings onto a white screen. Robert's wife, Susan played the keyboard to accompany the hymns and songs. We were all given name tags, so that when gathering for refreshments after the service we could introduce ourselves so easily.

I talked to a family from Sri Lanka where we took our toddler, Fiona, many years ago! We flew up to Queensland from New South Wales and thence to Burleigh Heads, a coastal resort on the southern part of the Australian Gold Coast. The pristine beach is cleaned every day, the public facilities, including exercise equipment and BBQ installations are well maintained and well used.

Our family apartment is on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor with uninterrupted views of the dawn over the Pacific Ocean and sunsets over the hinterland hills to the west! This picture was taken on my birthday, Australia Day!



Occasionally I get to see the full moon reflected on the ocean providing a silvery path from the horizon to the shore. Here, too, we went to the local

Anglican Church, St John's the Evangelist; quite a modern church, but the message is the same: "Follow the Master, Jesus Christ, Our friend the Son of God, and love thy neighbour as yourself".

The Sunday service is Holy Communion; there is a monthly handout giving collects, bible readings and the sermon's theme. There is also an acknowledgement paying respect to the local aborigine people. (This is now usual at conferences and public meetings around Australia).

At the bottom of the front page are two birds standing on twigs: Holly & Ivy for the UK and Wattle for Oz. In between is the Gospel Message: "HOPE, LOVE & JOY" Like our Church Chimes in Dedham, the leaflet gives details of forthcoming events.

I went to one of them: a young adult with learning difficulties and his carer served us with freshly baked scones, complete with strawberry jam and cream and strawberries! I then went to bible study, where the vicar led us in "Lectio Divina" studying the Nature of Fasting. (Isaiah 58)

We realised that we needed to practice to improve our personal conversation with God – "Reading, Meditation, Response and Contemplation". In a book celebrating the first 80 years (1926-2006) there are descriptions of the glass windows and hangings dedicated to prominent members of the Church. I especially liked the one of Jesus and Mary reunited after His time in the Temple.

Thus, dear friends, after a busy 2022 with many challenges, physical and emotional, our faith has been strengthened and the beauty of God's creation and the opportunity to worship "The Incomparable Christ" has been realised. With Prayerful Wishes for 2023

*Geraldine (& David) Watson*



Jesus and Mary reunited after His time in the Temple.

# Junior Church

Bible, games and fun!

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

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

Please contact Louise Young  
[youngle@cantab.net](mailto:youngle@cantab.net) for further details.

# FOODBANK

Serving those in the community who are in need of emergency food packages

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

*Vee Druitt, Churchwarden*



## HOPE EXPLORED

Over the last three Wednesday's around 15 people shared an uplifting course at Dedham Vicarage exploring the subject of HOPE, subtitled "What's the best future you could imagine?"

Well, that is a challenging question, and one which we all face from time to time.

Hope is a natural and positive part of our life, and yet in many cases, our hopes dissolve when things don't work out how they should, and we find ourselves disappointed. At it's worst, that disappointment can bear down to the point we feel crushed, angry and even depressed that our hopes have all melted away.

These hopes can relate to personal, local and family issues, or they can be wider hopes regarding Ukraine, Climate Change or the myriad of global events that cause us to have hope for a better future.

This course gave everyone the opportunity to share and discuss the whole issue of how we can see "light in the darkness" following a short film that explored all the aspects of Hope in a friendly and easy-going manner.

Part two covered the meaning of Peace, and how it helps our aspirations for positive Hope, and Part three covered Purpose, and how our life can be useful, joyful and meaningful. Finally the course ended with the difficult subject of death, and how we can realise that part of life's purpose is simply a recognition and preparation for earthly death and a life hereafter.

Eternal life is an unequivocal pillar of the Christian faith, and that's what Christians hope for, based in the firm understanding, that "Christ died, Christ rose, and Christ ascended into heaven". As we are coming into the period of Lent, the Christian experience becomes

more reflective and questioning as we draw nearer to Easter, but the atmosphere of joy on Easter Sunday just has to be celebrated as we proclaim each year "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

My own "Hope" is that the Reverend Phillip will repeat this course, as I think everyone who attended, found it a really positive experience. This is for anyone, not just those with faith, but also for those who want to hear more.

*John Reed*

## VACANCY - LECTURER OF DEDHAM

The Dedham Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust has its roots in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, but is very much alive today and is looking for a new Lecturer for the parish of Dedham. The Trust was set up in 1577, through local support, to appoint a "Lecturer" – which meant a preacher – for Dedham.

This tapped into a feeling held strongly at that time, that the word of God should be taught through excellent, Bible-based sermons that anyone could come and hear.

For many years, Lecturers appointed by the Trust supplemented the work of Vicars of Dedham by regularly preaching in the parish in accordance with Church of England principles. In some cases their sermons attracted audiences from far beyond Dedham itself.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Trust was altered so that in future the Vicar of Dedham would also hold the office of Lecturer (you may have noticed that the title of our recent Vicars of Dedham has been "Vicar and Lecturer"). However, the Trust scheme also provides that if at any time there is no Vicar or Priest-in-Charge of Dedham resident in the parish, the Trustees must appoint as Lecturer a suitably qualified communicant member of the Church of England.

As many of you will know, at present Dedham shares a Rural Missioner with a number of other parishes but has no Vicar. This has triggered the duty to appoint a Lecturer. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a person to be the Lecturer on an unpaid basis. The main function of the Lecturer will be to preach regular sermons in the parish of Dedham in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

The sermons will be part of usual church services in Dedham. In contributing in such a key way to our worship the lecturer will be an important member of the team that makes those services happen, working collaboratively with the PCC and our Rural Missioner.

This is a great opportunity for a committed, experienced preacher with a Church of England background to teach the word of God and encourage people to listen to what God has to say.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Richard Hopkins at richard.hopkins7@btinternet.com for more information about what is involved and how to apply.

The closing date for applications is Monday 1 May 2023.

### A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BURNS

The Concert was attended by over 100 people and we were treated to a feast of Scottish music by the choir. For an encore the choir sang an arrangement by Oliver Norman of the Pretenders classic, 500 Miles, The concert ended to a standing ovation. Wine and shortbread were served at the end of the concert.

With ticket sales and donations on the night we raised **£2,120** for the Organ Fund. We would like to thank the Choir for their superb performance and Antony Watson who accompanied them. Also thanks to the sponsors and all those who helped make it such a success.



## THE GOLDSBROUGH CONSORT

ST MARY'S CHURCH  
DEDHAM  
JANUARY 28TH  
7.30PM  
AULDE LANG SYNE

### A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BURNS

MC - Oliver Norman  
Conductor - Eleanor Hunt

SOPRANOS Elizabeth Bird  
Eleanor Hunt  
Dannielle Solomon

ALTOS Maggie Hunt  
Katie Selley

TENORS Xander Bird  
Richard Macklin

BASSES James Field  
Oliver Norman  
Frederick  
Hervey-Bathurst

ACCOMPANIST  
Antony Watson, Director of Music, St. Mary's Church, Dedham.

The programme.

Ae Fond Kiss, The Gallant Weaver, My Hoggie (Burns Poem), Loch Lomond, Wild Mountain Thyme.

*I Landed with Seven Men - The Story of Charles Edward Stuart and the Jacobite Rebellion in words and folk songs.*

Charlie is My Darling, Johnnie Cope, Wi' a Hundred Pipers, Skye Boat Song, Will Ye No' Come Back Again?

Scotland the Brave, My Love is like a red, red rose, Auld Lang Syne

**Chelmsford Chronicle,**  
**6th July 1883.**

Musical Service at Dedham Church.

An effort to introduce special musical service into the sanctuary was made in the parish church of Dedham on Wednesday evening in last week under the direction of Mr. Edwin Mens. The choir consisted of between 50 and 60 voices, selected partly from Dedham, Stratford St. Mary, and some of the surrounding villages, and partly from members of Mr. Mens's choir and pupils from Chislehurst. The church was crowded in every part, and the reverent behaviour of the congregation showed how thoroughly they entered into the spirit and intention of the service. Evensong having been intoned by the Rev. S. B. Simons as far as the third collect, (Goss's anthem "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is" was sung by the choir. The Vicar then delivered an address, which spoke of the service as an effort to give to sacred music its proper place and to assign to it its appropriate office. It was claiming for the music of the sanctuary the use of the sanctuary itself. Sacred sounds were surely better fitted to the house of God than to the concert room or the music hall. It was not the highest end of religious music to gratify the taste of man, but rather magnify the name and set forth the praises of God. The subject was Stainer's cantata, "The daughter of Jairus," with illustrative passages from other works. The cantata opened with a brilliant introduction upon the fine organ, played with the fine taste and perfect instrumentation which characterise all Mr. Mens's musical performances. The

choral recitative, "In that day shall the Lord of hosts for a crown of glory," was finely rendered by the sopranos and basses. A good effect was produced by separating the voices, the sopranos and tenors being placed in a gallery immediately above the organ and the trebles and basses below.

The bass solos were taken throughout by Herr Guither whose fine manly voice was well heard in every part of the sacred building. The pathos which this gentleman threw into the words of Jairus, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death," and again, "My little daughter even now is dead; but lay thine hands upon her, I pray thee; come and lay thine hands upon her, and she shall live," brought vividly to mind the anguished fears of the father, as well his sustaining faith in Jesus as the deliverer from death. One did not know which most admire, the exquisite tenor voice or the devotional rendering of the airs, "Be thou faithful unto death" and "My hope is in the Everlasting," by the Rev. R. M. Hawkins. Miss Edwards's fine contralto voice rang out with its usual clearness in some of the recitatives, and in the beautiful air from Mendelssohn, "But the Lord is mindful of his own," there was a perfect, blending voices in the duet sung by Mrs. Brewster and Miss Bartrum. The last-named lady well sustained several of the soprano solos, and when she sang the words, "And her spirit came again, and she arose and walked," it led to a realising of the scene.

Many fine voices were harmoniously blended in the choruses, especially that wonderfully effective one, "Awake, thou that sleepest," and in the grand description of praise, with which the service concluded, "To him who left his throne high," in which the soprano voices several times rose to a clear C.

### EAST ANGLIA GREEN (EAG) PYLON PROPOSALS.



For anyone not already aware here is a short overview of what EAG means to our local area – 180KM of 50M Pylons through Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex, with undergrounding through the Dedham Vale AONB. Undergrounding means 60 - 100M wide engineering works with six Trenches containing three cables in each, as well as working space and access roads. This will need to be re-done every 40 years.



Outside the AONB there will be two 30X80M Sealing End compounds, three 45 acre substations in Ardleigh, with trenching to the coast, along with Battery and Solar farms. Pylons to the north (Higham & Holton St Mary), with a double set of pylons to the south traversing the southern boundary within 1KM (Dedham, Ardleigh, Langham, Colchester, Great & Little Horksley,

West Bergholt and so on).

Following Bernard Jenkins letter published in the January edition, there have been several developments which will be of interest to all communities impacted directly and indirectly.

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2023** - The Energy minister, Graham Stuart, sent a letter acknowledging the growing concerns being raised by communities to their MP's. He also outlined, among other things, a £100M program (initiated in December 2022) called the "Offshore Coordination Support Scheme to Incentivise", meaning to Incentivise Energy provider companies like National Grid and wind farm contractors to develop a coordinated approach that minimises impact on communities and the environment. Why this was not mandated at zero cost, rather than an incentive costing £100M, is unknown.

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2023** - A local event was held in Stratford St Mary organised by myself and a group of concerned residents. The event had two aims: to provide information and an update about the proposals to residents (some of whom had incorrectly received land access demands from the National Grid) and secondly, to try and pull together a united front across the Dedham Vale AONB. The event was attended by over 100 residents, representatives from the Local village councils: Stratford St Mary, Langham, Dedham and Higham. Others who attended were Lewis Barber and William Sunnucks (Essex councillors), John Ward (Leader of Babergh council) and representatives from the 'Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project' and the 'Dedham Vale Society'.

James Cartlidge (South Suffolk MP) also came and spoke at length answering many questions. I had expected to now be telling you what was said at that meeting, but that is now such old news (all be it only two weeks ago) so I'll just



move on...

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** - National Grid released an updated newsletter which can be found on the National Grid East Anglia Green website. The Statutory consultation due to start in three months time has been moved back a year to 2024. Additionally, they now plan on having another non statutory consultation this year with a more detailed route provided. This is quite a contentious point as it would appear to go against the planning inspectorate rules around consultations for projects of national significance, specifically that all options need to be presented for consideration, whereas here only one pre-determined route is being offered.

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2023** – Court of appeal grants SEAS permission to proceed to judicial review in relation to wind farm plans in Suffolk.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023** - Bernard Jenkins managed to arrange a visit to the impacted areas from Graham Stuart, the UK's Energy Minister, and National Grid. Luckily there was time in the schedule and a number of us - ESN Pylons, Stour Valley Underground (a similar campaign), Dedham Vale Society and regional Councillors were invited to a round table discussion about the situation. This covered everything in his letter from the 16th January and additional concerns from around the table.

Probably the most important outcomes for the local area are:

1) The fact National Grid are investigating the possibility of connecting North Falls and 5 Estuaries wind farms directly into the proposed Offshore cable between Sizewell and Kent. This removes the need for all the infrastructure in Arleigh and could mean a re-route around the AONB. This would seem a sensible approach producing in effect a mini offshore grid.

2) ESO commitment to re-review guidelines for this type of project with an aim to minimise impact on communities, countryside and wildlife. The minister assured us that the outcome of this review would feed into and shape the official consultation for EAG. It would seem sensible to press pause on EAG until after the ESO review, but the non-statutory consultation is proceeding.

3) It would appear that there will be changes in the proposed routing for the existing plan. Where these are and who they will impact are unknown at this time.

4) If the route does come through the AONB, horizontal directional drilling will be used under the river, A12 and wooded areas. We need to push for this all the way to minimise impact.

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - A Government re-shuffle and a new department was created 'The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero'. However, the same ministers, Graham Stuart and ultimately Grant Shapps will still sign-off the project.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023** - Countryfile Filmed a main piece in Aldham, with Rosie Pearson (ESN Pylons) and the National Grid, which is due to air on the 19th February 2023. Look it up on BBC iPlayer or catch-up TV if you missed it.

In conclusion, therefore, National Grid and the Government are now listening. As Bernard Jenkins said in the meeting, "The dial has moved", to which the ESN Pylons response was "Now we just need to move the pylons". So, we must all keep pushing for the right outcome that is best for communities and the environment. Nothing will change if we don't all pull together!

*Luke Marshall (local resident /  
Dedham Vale Society)*

### WE'RE NOT JOKING, YOU TOO CAN PUT ON A SHOW!

On Saturday 1 April (yes, that day), Dedham's Horticultural Society brings its Spring Show back to the village's Assembly Rooms.

There are five areas in which we encourage you to exhibit and, like the autumn show, a range of classes – so it's a perfect chance to show off some of your spring plants. It's free to enter, a lot of fun and a great way to get to know some of your fellow growers, cooks, arrangers and photographers. Even if you think you don't have a green thumb (try anyway, you might be surprised!), there are other options.

Spring is our daffodil show – just as it's dahlias in autumn – but while there are a couple of dahlia classes I'd recommend to anyone new to showing, there are many more daffodil classes you can enter and you only need one or three of a kind. Perfect if you have a limited number of plants from your garden, containers or window boxes.



The key to entering is knowing what kind of daffodil you have, as the wrong daffodil in a class will be judged NAS 'not as standard' and disqualified. Yikes! We post examples of how daffodils are formally classified on our website and you can find the classification system on the website of the UK's Daffodil Society

too.

The trumpet daffodil, for classes 1-6, is the one we're all most familiar with. You can check whether you have one by gently folding the petals forward over the long trumpet (sometimes called a cup). If they are shorter than the trumpet, then congratulations you have a trumpet daffodil.



Choose one of the classes based on colour and whether you have enough identical-looking flowers.

Tulips are another good cut flower to enter, though class 17 – three stems in a vase, one variety – is, I think, harder than the other two as each flower needs to look identical. The others just need you to plonk one or five of any tulip into a vase.

Miniature or small bulbous plants (class 20), tulips and most daffodils are excluded by their size, but you can include miniature daffodils like *Tête-à-tête*, *Iris Reticulata*, *Snowdrops*, *Crocus* (if they haven't gone over already), *Chionodoxa Luciliae*, the *Snake's Head Fritillary*, *Grape Hyacinth (Muscari)* and *Scilla Siberica*.

Apparently, dahlias grown from new cuttings make better exhibition-quality plants than those grown from older tubers. So if you're getting serious about our autumn show, you can start making cuttings from any tubers you lifted and stored ahead of winter. Take them out of

## GARDENING NOTES



storage and pot them up in multi-purpose compost, with the old stalk just above the surface. Give them a bit of water and put them on a warm, light windowsill or in a propagator. Once the resulting shoots are about 8cm long, use a sharp knife to carefully cut them free. Dip them in hormone powder and push them gently into a pot of compost and use a propagator or plastic bag to encourage rooting.



If spending March planning for the show doesn't float your boat, then I expect you'll want some work to do in the garden instead. I'll ease you in gently with a bit of cutting back of some ornamental grasses. Take deciduous Calamagrostis and Deschampsia back to ground level before growth starts. You can do similar with pampas grass (Cortaderia Selloana), just watch out for new growth and protect yourself from

the sharp edges of their leaves. Tackle Miscanthus towards the end of March or in April, pruning individual stems so you don't accidentally cut off new green shoots. Pennisetum should be done in late April as the old stems protect the crown if spring is a wet one. Whether you're cutting back pampas or planning to show, it's time to enjoy the garden as Spring arrives.

Download the Spring Show schedule and entry form, as well as view our latest events on [www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com).

*Elliott Frisby*



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## TRAFFIC UPDATE FOR DEDHAM

3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

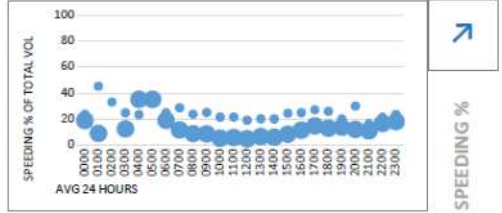
The results from the Automatic Traffic Counters (ATC's) placed throughout the village in December 2022 have now been published.

Please see below the results from the most recent ATCs. They should be examined in relation to the earlier counts on the main access points to the village taken in October 2022

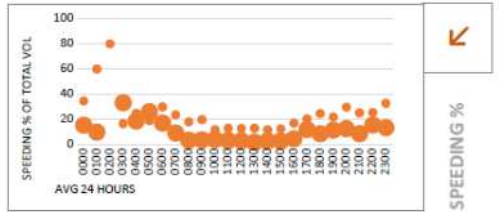
- I have not included Stratford Rd-below as the speed limit is 60 mph so not surprisingly there were no recorded speeders there. Whether 60 mph is appropriate or not is another discussion to be had with Essex Highways
- I believe the most important figures are those below that show the percentage of vehicles speeding. We are all aware that statistically we are far less likely to be killed if hit at 30 mph and the risk increases exponentially as speed increases.
- Total volume of traffic in the High Street was 14,904
- Total volume of traffic in Brook street was 15,843
- Total volume of traffic in Dedham was 18,430
- By looking at the graphs below and in particular the larger dots that show vehicles travelling at 36 mph and above, that is a huge number of cars with the potential to kill you!
- A better statistician than me could work out an exact figure!

### Speeding % Exceeding 30mph

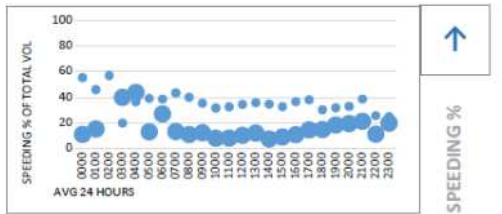
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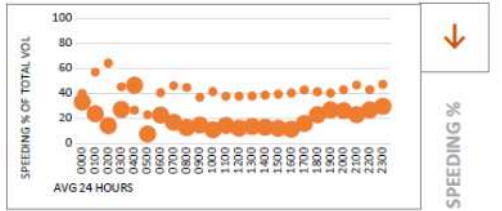
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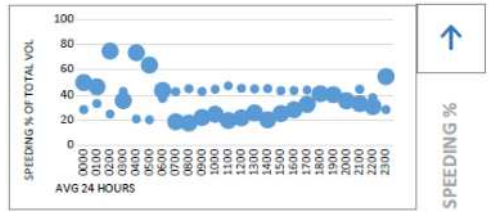
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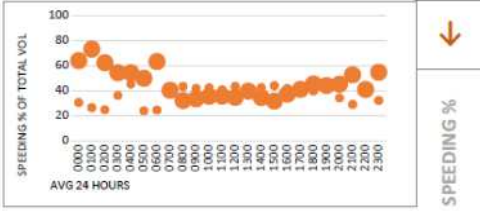


#### DEDHAM ROAD - North Bound





DEDHAM ROAD - South Bound



It is clear that looking at all the data collected in the last four months that Dedham has a major issue with speeding vehicles. I look forward to meeting with an engineer from Essex highways and Cllr. Lewis Barber to examine exactly how we can implement an integrated traffic management system that addresses traffic issues throughout the whole village.

*Gill Neville*

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Traffic management plan  
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**CORONATION GRANTS FROM DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

On 21st January, Buckingham Palace announced further details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023. The Coronation Big Lunch, at which

neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the Sunday. The actual announcement stated the following:

**The Coronation Big Lunch**

“Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better. Free downloadable resources will also be made available online by the Big Lunch team at [CoronationBigLunch.com](http://CoronationBigLunch.com), to help people and communities start their Coronation Big Lunch planning”

Dedham Parish Council do not plan to arrange a large community event but we do want to encourage residents to get together to celebrate in their own way to mark this historic occasion and are prepared to help with coronation grants if appropriate.

If you have any ideas for the Coronation Big Lunch to celebrate with your neighbours or local group which helps to bring the community together for this national celebration and would benefit from a degree of financial assistance, then please apply as soon as possible with details of your plans and how we might assist you to the Clerk by email on [clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk) so it can be considered further.

*Jonathan Smith - Chairman  
 Dedham Parish Council*

The next meeting of Dedham Parish Council will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6:30pm in the Duchy Barn.

## DEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday 24th January, the 26 members of the Key Stage Two Choir travelled to the O2 Arena in London to sing in a Young Voices concert. We had been rehearsing the songs and dance moves since September, together with schools from all over the country, and then on the day, 9099 children came together to perform to friends and family members in a fabulous concert.



Songs included a medley of songs from the Trolls films, a medley of traditional and folk songs (including Calon Lân in Welsh), a Nile Rogers disco medley and a number of songs written especially for the occasion. There were also performances for us to enjoy including items by The Beatbox Collective, the street dance group Urban Strides, violinist Anna Phoebe and the one and only Heather Small.

It was an absolute pleasure taking the children to this event and I was incredibly proud not only of their singing but also their behaviour and attitude both in the concert and in the run up to it. I have already had a large number of children ask if they can go again and so a 2025 trip to the O2 seems likely...!



Just before the half-term holiday, a huge pallet of new outdoor toys and games arrived at school and the delivery caused huge excitement in assembly that day! Pompoms, an outdoor chess set, jumbo chalks, skittles, balls, a limbo stick and target throwing hoops are just a few of the items now available for children (and staff!) at playtimes.

We also have a new group of eighteen play leaders amongst our year five and year six children. Each day, a small group of play leaders run activities on the playground for children - usually from the younger classes - to join in with. Our play leaders have only been in role for a couple of weeks and they are already demonstrating excellent leadership skills as well as kindness and inclusivity. We look forward to seeing their creativity with games and activities growing over the coming months.



*Miss Laura Valentine  
Deputy Headteacher*

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[lukemarshall@dedhamvalesociety.org.uk](mailto:lukemarshall@dedhamvalesociety.org.uk)

Keep an eye out for another local information event – Likely to be in Langham.

## ESSEX RECYCLING CENTRES

From Monday 13 March 2023, residents will have to book a slot in advance to visit any Essex County Council recycling centre. The booking system will open 2 weeks in advance, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

There is no restriction on the number of bookings you can make as long as the waste you are disposing of is household waste. The time slot is a 15-minutes based on the average time that a resident is onsite when unloading recycling and waste from a car.

If possible, please plan to arrive onsite within your 15 minute window, but we recognise this isn't always possible. If you are a Blue Badge holder, you do not need to book a slot. Please remember to take proof of your Blue Badge with you when visiting these sites.

If you are visiting the sites as a pedestrian or cyclist (carrying your waste from your home to the site), you do not need to book a slot to visit a recycling centre.

If residents have limited internet or accessibility issues that may restrict the from booking a slot online, there are alternative options to book. In the first instance, bookings can be made on behalf of other residents. Residents may also phone the Essex County Council contact centre on 0345 743 0430 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm who will make the booking on their behalf.

## ARDLEIGH SURGERY

This is a summary from the recent newsletter from Ardleigh Surgery.

### Appointments.

We still offer both telephone and face to face appointments every day with our clinicians. To book please call the surgery from 0800hrs. The same day appointments are usually all booked by 0900hrs. Routine appointments can be booked up to 4 weeks in advance and lastly emergency appointments can be booked with a GP after suitable triage by the duty doctor.

### Surgery news.

Dr Gladwin will be off for the next 3 months at least. Sister Harrison has retired, and we are in the process of recruiting a new advance nurse practitioner. We have a new staff member, Sam Taylor, she is a GP assistant. We have two new receptionists who replaced seasoned staff who left.

Compulsory Surgery Training Days:  
 The next compulsory Northeast Essex Surgery training afternoon will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The surgery will be closed from 1230hrs and the dispensary from 1200hrs. Other dates are

- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Flu vaccinations are still available at the surgery for those over 50 years of age until the end of March 2023.

*Ardleigh Surgery*



This will enable you to find out more, including:

- Whether elections are taking place in your area in May
- The full list of accepted forms of photo ID
- How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if you need one)
- What will happen at the polling station



## March 12th

The Deanery Choir will be singing at St George's church at Great Bromley, CO7 7HZ at the 10.30am Communion service. The anthem that they are singing is the motet: Ave verum corpus by Mozart. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed this motet in 1791. It is a setting of the Latin hymn Ave verum corpus. Mozart wrote it for Anton Stoll, a friend who was the church musician of St. Stephen in Baden bei Wien. The motet was composed for the feast of Corpus Christi; the autograph is dated 17th June 1791 and scored for SATB and organ

## April 7th (Good Friday)

The Deanery Choir will be singing Faure's Requiem at 6.30pm at St Mary's Little Bentley. This wonderful work will be performed with soloists Patrick McCarthy (Baritone) and Shirley Davison (Soprano), conducted by Sally Pudney with Peter Clayton on organ.

*Graham Bell, Deanery Choir*

## The Electoral Commission

### Voter ID: A summary

On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place across 230 councils in England. At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID), call 0800 328 0280, or scan the QR code.







Eastern Angles make medieval plays modern this spring. After 40 years of touring theatre across the East of England, this spring Eastern Angles is reigniting the region's buzzing 15th century theatre scene with Medieval Miracles.

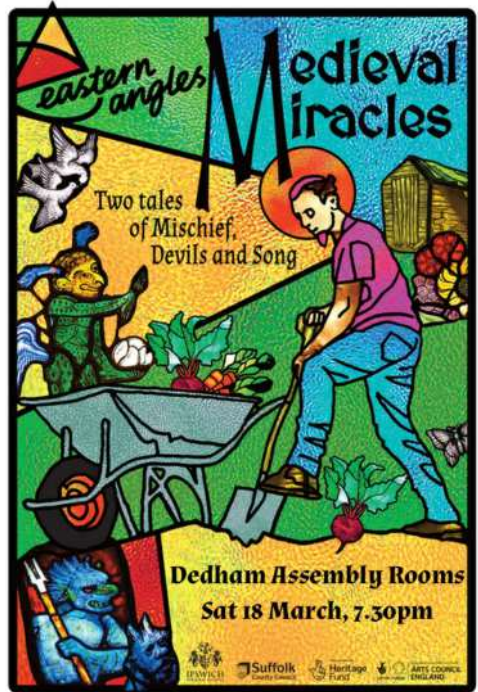
This double bill of one-act plays promises to bring double the devils, double the tricks, and double the fun to Dedham on Saturday 18th March. "East Anglia was the Broadway or West End of the 15th Century English theatre" once said a stage historian, and Eastern Angles have picked two of its biggest hits to stand centre stage in their 2023 spring tour.

Speaking about the show, co-writer and Director Ivan Cutting said: "This was popular theatre at its best when people watched and laughed at sometimes quite shocking tales of contemporary scandal and daring new versions of traditional biblical myths".

First up, *The Trails of Mary & Joseph*, it's the Nativity story but not as you know it. And then there's *Mankind*, the country's most popular comedy of the 1490's, retold as a boisterous story of a climate conscious young man tempted by three mischievous devils to leave his allotment and behave very badly.

With live music, comic twists and a sense of ridiculous, Eastern Angles bring two very old plays right up to date.

Medieval Miracles is visiting the **Dedham Assembly Rooms on Saturday 18th March for a 7.30pm performance.** To find out more and book your tickets visit [www.easternangles.co.uk](http://www.easternangles.co.uk) or phone the Eastern Angles Box Office on 01473 211498.



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Korngold, Trio in D major op 1

The Mithras Trio is fast growing a reputation as one of the next generation's most exciting piano trios. They are members of the prestigious BBC New Generation Artists scheme, broadcasting regularly on BBC Radio 3, and won first prize at the 10th Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition, 67th Royal Over-Seas League Music Competition among others, and in 2019 were recipients of the Royal Philharmonic Society Henderson Award.

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**Friday 7th April 2023**

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- Bridge Group -Wednesday afternoon 2pm
- Wednesday 1st March 7.30pm - Dedham Horticultural society meeting.
- Saturday 4th March - Wedding Preparation Day.
- Sunday 5th March 10am to 4pm - Antiques Fair.
- Thursday 9th and 23rd March 2.30pm - Dedham Art Society meetings.
- Saturday 11th March 10am - 4pm - Dolls House Fair.
- Wednesday 15th March - Dedham Films, Where the Crawdads Sing.
- Saturday 18th March 7pm - Medieval Miracles, Eastern Angles production.
- Friday 24th March pm - Wine Tasting Sun Hotel.

## DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

Guests and visitors are welcome to attend our sessions in the Assembly Rooms. If you are considering joining the society and would like to try out one of our sessions in our programme, your first 'taster' visit is free. Beginners welcome. If you require any information about our activities or joining the Dedham Art Society please contact us by email at [dedhamartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dedhamartsociety@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk](http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm-4.30pm**  
at the Assembly Rooms.

Members' painting session. This is an optional life study session. Members to pose and sketch each other for 10-15 minutes.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2pm-4.30pm**  
at the Assembly Rooms.

Members' painting session. This week's optional theme is to work with limited palette colours using the Zorn palette in your choice of medium. It consists of just 4 colours yellow ochre, ivory black, vermilion or light red, and titanium white. Whilst this may seem like an extremely limited range of colours, Zorn



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