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Can we help?

Sometimes things in life can just get too much to cope with on your own... **Psalm 34:18:** *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* If you would like some support or know of any one who would, please contact: Ruth Higginson
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Throughout the magazine local telephone numbers omit the 01206 area code unless otherwise stated.

Sunday, 6th October

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
 9.30am Café Church
 9.30am Rise N Shine
 3.00pm Guide Dog Service
 5.00pm Evensong

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Sunday, 13th October

9.30am Morning Praise and Baptism
 11.00am Holy Communion

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Sunday, 20th October

9.30am Morning Praise and Baptism
 9.30am Morning Praise

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Sunday, 27th October

9.30am Morning Praise
 9.30am Holy Communion

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* = Services which are live streamed.

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



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 Parishes.**



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

**Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1st and 3rd
 Tuesday of the month: Meeting at
 Ardleigh Church from 10am to 12 noon.**

**Little Steps Pre-School Group: every
 2nd and 4th Friday of the month:
 9.30am-11.30am in Ardleigh Church.**

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 7th
 October 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.
 Phone 322192 to reserve a place
 indicating it is for the Lunch Club.**

**Men’s Breakfast - Saturday 5th
 October 9am - venue tba. For bacon
 butties, tea, coffee and chat.**

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 10th October
 - Dedham Arts and Craft Centre for a
 walk. 10am for a walk, or at 11am, same
 venue, for just a chat.**

**Mission Bake Sale: Saturday 26th
 October 10am-12pm, Dedham Church.**

FROM THE REGISTERS.

Baptism:

1st September - Elize Maestrani,

Wedding:

15th August - Adam Ball and Sonya
 Wooldridge,

Funeral:

30th August - Interment of Ashes for
 Gillian Emeny,

*Opinions expressed in contributed articles
 are those of the contributor and do not
 necessarily represent the position or opinions
 of the PCC or the Editorial team.*

Dear Friends

With the summer becoming a distant memory and the leaves beginning to turn, it is traditionally the time of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Church.

The cereal crops are gathered and stored safely by now, but the farming work carries on tilling the fields and sowing winter crops, repairing boundaries, servicing farm equipment and no doubt many other things those outside of the farming community know nothing about. Life is always busy – but it should never be too busy to say thank you and show appreciation.

Just as Harvest Thanksgiving Services are planned as part of the pattern of agricultural services through out the year, (Plough Sunday, Rogation and Lammas) planning to say thank you is a good thing.

I remember being taught the discipline of writing 'Thank You' notes as a child after Christmas and Birthdays, but whether by text or a phone call or in person, receiving a thank you is always welcomed.

Saying 'Thank You' for special gifts or nice surprises perhaps comes naturally. It takes more discipline to say thank you for the good things we regularly take for granted. Saying a prayer of grace at mealtimes is one way of doing this.

Another way is to have a moment of quiet and reflection towards the end of the day looking back at what has happened. It is surprising how many things there are to be thankful for that may have gone unnoticed.

The Apostle Paul was always giving thanks, especially for the people he had met on his journeys around Asia Minor – nowadays the Eastern Mediterranean.

Read the first few verses of his letters to the Ephesians and Colossians in the New Testament. He recognised the good in others and their work to help others and make things better (1 Colossians; 3,4).

I wonder if we could begin to notice the positives in our relationships and interactions more, and importantly, show and speak our thankfulness and appreciation. How would that change our lives and society for the better.

I thank God for my friends and family and for all the good things in my life. I hope I don't take these for granted. How about you?

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Revd John Saxon

FROM THE EDITOR

Please contact the editor if you have an event that you would like to appear in the calendar page.

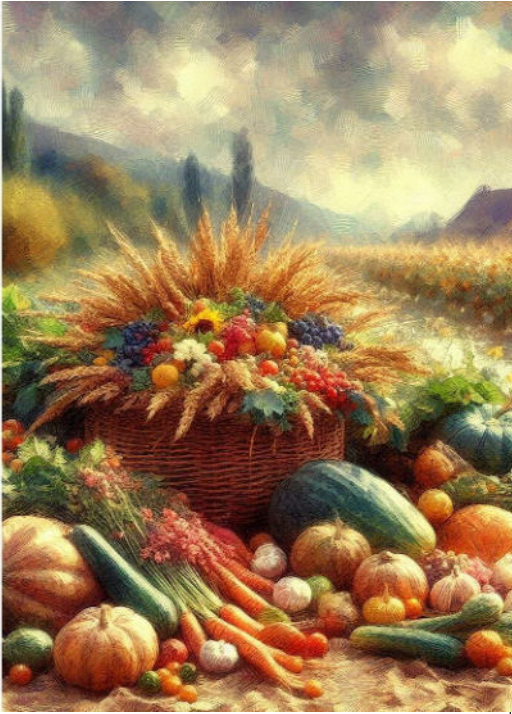
Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques are finding their way into everyday life including our magazine. See David Watson's Bible verse commentary and the image for the Harvest Thanks poem.

There are some new adverts this month so don't forget the advertising section in the second half of the magazine.

Remember the cut-off date for submitting articles for publication is normally the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication, we would love to hear from you via

dedhameditor@gmail.com





Harvest Thanks

Each season yields its gifts sublime,
But none quite like the autumntime.
Sweet, tangy smell of orchards ripe
Can't help but bring the heart delight.

The country mart now overflows
With bounty that God's hand bestows.
Vegetables, fruits and grain heaped high,
Fat pumpkins for a special pie.

The garden patch is bedded down,
Chestnuts are carpeting the ground.
The cider's cooling, sweet as wine,
Lush grapes are purpling on the vine.

Come, let us thank our caring God
Who gives the seed, the fertile sod,
Who sends the rain, the sun to shine
And once again, the harvest time.

Kay Hoffman

THE PASTORAL TEAM

We have been asked to give an overview of what St Mary's Pastoral Team aims to achieve as well as its background.

The Church of England has always prioritised looking outside of its doors to offer help or comfort to people in the community.

For many years the natural person to do this would have been the parish vicar. Nowadays the church family recognises that this is something that others can offer to do and we have many church members who practice good neighbourliness in various ways.

A few years ago, one of our vicars suggested getting a team together to reach out to our parishioners at specific milestones in their lives and so the Pastoral Team was born.

Initially, the focus was on welcoming new members including those recently

baptised, recognising the anniversary after a wedding and in particular keeping in touch with people after bereavement.

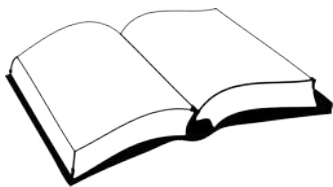
This has spilled over into friendship groups such as Walk and Talk and a monthly lunch at the Essex Rose as well as support for the Duchy Barn coffee mornings. Some members of the team also visit people in their homes.

During the Covid pandemic the Pastoral team led by Revd Antony initiated the Helpline.

We encourage donations to our Food Bank in the church porch which is there for anyone's use

In November each year all are warmly welcomed to a quiet benefice service for bereaved people to remember those we have loved.

Ann Shaw and Vee Drutt



BIBLE QUOTE COMMENTARY

The story of David and Goliath, found in 1 Samuel 17, is one of the most iconic narratives in the Bible.

It is a tale of faith, courage, and divine intervention that has inspired countless generations. David's encounter with Goliath is a testament to the power of faith. Despite Goliath's intimidating size and strength, David's unwavering faith in God gave him the courage to face the giant.

Goliath relied on his physical prowess and weaponry, while David trusted in God's strength.

This contrast underscores a central biblical theme: true power and victory come from God, not from human abilities or resources. David's victory with a simple sling and stone illustrates that God's power can work through the most humble means.

David's humility and obedience to God's will are evident throughout the story. Unlike King Saul and the Israelite soldiers who were paralysed by fear, David stepped forward in humble obedience to God's call.

His willingness to serve and his confidence in God's plan set him apart as a leader chosen by God.

The story of David and Goliath teaches us that no challenge is too great when we rely on God. David's victory over Goliath symbolises the triumph of divine support and moral conviction over seemingly insurmountable obstacles. It reminds us that with God's help, we can overcome any adversity.

David's rise from a shepherd boy to a national hero and future king of Israel illustrates the role of divine providence in our lives.

God's hand was evident in David's life, guiding and preparing him for his future role. This story encourages believers to trust in God's plan and timing, even when faced with daunting challenges.

The story of David and Goliath is a profound reminder of the power of faith, the importance of humility, and the assurance of God's presence in our lives.

It calls us to trust in God's strength, honour His name, and face our giants with courage and confidence.

David Watson

This quote was originally produced using AI, however it has been adapted by David.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BENTLEY

Prayer Breakfasts are resuming on Saturday 12th October at 8.30am

We would like to invite anyone from our nine Parishes and beyond to join us on the second Saturday of every month, Rev John Saxon will be leading us.

We start with Hot Croissants & Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and tea at 8.30am in the Church Hall. We then have a short period of informal prayer and fellowship. We usually finish between 9.15 and 9.30am.

If you would like to come along and join us, call Wendy Dyson (Tel 01206 250622) and let her know a couple of days in advance so that she can purchase additional Croissants and Bacon.

All are welcome.



ON WAKING by John O'Donohue

I give thanks for arriving
Safely in a new dawn,
For the gift of eyes
To see the world,
The gift of mind
To feel at home
In my life,
The waves of possibility
Breaking on the shore of dawn,
The harvest of the past
That awaits my hunger,
And all the furtherings
This new day will bring.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

October 13th

The Deanery choir will be singing at St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 11.00am communion service. They will be singing the anthem 'Prevent us, O Lord' by William Byrd, which was sung at the Coronation of H.M. King Charles 3rd. William Byrd (born c. 1539) London, England - died July 4th 1623, was an English organist and composer of the Shakespearean age who is best known for his development of the English madrigal. He also wrote virginal and organ music that elevated the English keyboard style.

Of Byrd's origins and early life in London little is known. He was a pupil and protege of the organist and the composer Thomas Tallis and his first authenticated appointment was as

organist at Lincoln Cathedral (1563). In 1572 he returned to London to take up his post as a gentleman of the Chapel Royal, where he shared the duties of organist with Tallis.

October 27th.

The Deanery choir will be supporting the 'Choral Evensong' service at 3.00pm at All Saints Church, Wrabness. CO11 2TQ.

The choir will sing an anthem by William Byrd and the William Smith evensong setting along with a Magnificat and Nune Dimities by C.V. Stanford William Smith (c1603-1645), an English Composer from the city of Durham. He is chiefly known for his set of choral pieces and responses for the Anglican liturgy of Evening Prayer.

*Graham Bell
Deanery Choir Organiser*

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER

At a recent friend's licensing service, I heard Bishop Roger mention how September is more like the beginning of the year rather than January and I can't help but agree with him. New academic terms, bringing fresh beginnings for students but also staff.

Now into October, we think of those who have just gone off to University, or started new apprenticeships or jobs, or those tirelessly applying for jobs, having graduated or finished college.

Sometimes life can really feel like a hard slog but hang on in there, it will be worth it. The same is true of any of us experiencing any difficulty in our lives. As Jesus comforted his disciples in John 14:1, so he said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me" As we blessed the bags at our Rise and Shine Service on Sunday, 1st September, we continue to pray for those we know embarking on new journeys this month.

Scripture plays such an important part in teaching and guiding us through daily ups and downs and I am very excited to announce a new teaching series with the young people in our Church youth group (DJB) this Autumn term. It will focus on scripture but also bring alive the teaching into our young people's everyday lives and experiences.

Topics such as money, love, faith, music, fair trade and many more. DJB provides a safe space for young people to speak without being judged and to meet new people. Please do get in contact if you would like more information.

October is set for some exciting woodland, outdoor goings on together with the start of our new teaching series! Next session, Sunday, 20th October 6.15pm.

So what other (Children and Young

People) stuff is going on?

Junior Church continues with its amazing Biggest Story series which the young people love. Currently focusing on "Histories", I so enjoy seeing their eyes widen as they follow the stories such as David and Goliath – with one little boy desperately wanting to be 'the giant' in the game we played.

Current discussions are in place with a reintroduction of Open the Book into Dedham Primary School and take a look at our children and young people's corner in the Church – some of our lovely CYP volunteers had a tidy up and there is more to come but as there will be a few weeks where part of the church is out of action for the organ project, the corner will be unavailable until after the project is complete.

I leave you with some useful website resources.

Faith In Kids (activities and ideas)
<https://www.faithinkids.org>

Family, Couple, Parent, Bereavement Support
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

Want to join our CYP team? Take a look at this inspirational video and get in contact – whether is just once a month or once every two months, we would love to have you JOIN us.

Claire Arculus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXlu37GKmG0>



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

You may have seen articles previously in the Parish magazine about a charity called Korban so I wanted to give you a 'behind the scenes' view of this wonderful charity which I've gleaned through my work as a volunteer in their office.

The charity helps young homeless adults in Colchester. It started in 2008 and has been headed up by Mark Wood for over 7 years.

The charity runs two houses, the first of which has places for 5 residents with the second operating as a move-on house for 3.

The first, the hub house called Bethany Place provides a greater level of support for residents, and for those who still need a bit of help to make the transition to independent living so that they can move on to Bethel House.

Bethany Place offers residents the genuine feeling of being in a caring family home; this may be a new experience for them. A Christian ethos underlies all that Korban does. There are friendly chats in the kitchen, social events and weekly one to ones where all manner of topics are discussed to help the residents move forward.

The house also provides an environment where they can learn life skills such as financial management, cooking, cleaning and getting on with others. The warmth and care given is obvious, as is the need for boundaries and sometimes tough love.

A team spirit of working for the greater good is always encouraged, which may be a new way of operating for some, and is a good way to prepare them for the world of work.

I have had the privilege of meeting some of the residents and have been impressed by the way that they respond to living in the house.

Some have become much more open and less cautious in relatively short periods of time and one has recently got a part time job alongside her volunteering.

A lovely card from one of our residents who went to university last year.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Korban is planning to buy its hub house which is currently rented from the Diocese of Chelmsford, and has plans to expand the number of places available, so that more young people can be supported.

Korban really values the significant financial support which comes from individuals, and regular contributions really help it to plan ahead. If you would like to support the work it is doing, please go to the 'Support Us' page at www.korban.org.uk.

Helen Sims



SCAN ME



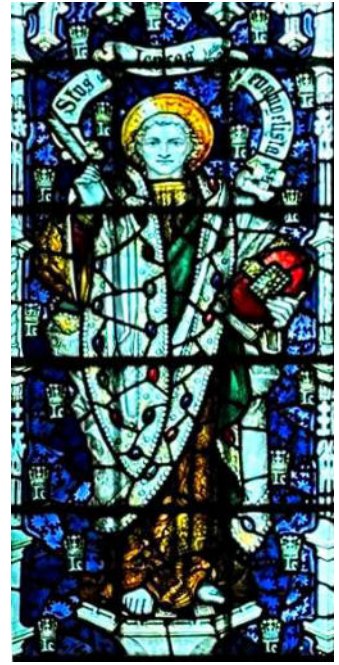
Breaking the cycle of homelessness for young people in Colchester



Middle window, South side of the chancel, left panel
St. Stephen.



Middle window, South side of the chancel, centre panel
St. Paul.



Middle window, South side of the chancel, right panel
St. Luke.

This month we are going to look at windows depicting Saints. These windows do not show a pictorial narrative but instead show the Saints holding various symbolic items which represent their story. The use of symbolism in art was almost universal in Medieval and Renaissance art and was continued in religious stained glass served as a reminder to worshippers of the lives and deaths of Christian Saints and Martyrs.

Three Saints are depicted in the middle window on the South side of the chancel. In the left hand panel we see the Latin "S'tus Stephanus proto martyr" (Saint Stephen the first martyr). St Stephen was an early member of the Christian Church and one of its first appointed deacons. He enraged many Jews by his teachings and was accused of blasphemy by false witnesses and stoned to death, thus becoming the first Christian Martyr. (Acts 6 and 7).

In this window St Stephen is shown carrying a palm frond in his left hand. A palm frond, from ancient times in Mesopotamia and Egypt, held religious significance as a symbol of victory, triumph and eternal life. This tradition continued with the Jews and Christians. Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday along a road strewn with palm leaves, a triumphal entry but also predicting his victory over evil and his promise of eternal life to those that followed him. It became the symbol of Christian martyrdom which is why St Stephen is usually depicted holding such a palm frond. His right hand is obscured by the rocks he is holding, signifying his stoning to death.

In the central panel we see “S’tus Paulus Apostolus” (Saint Paul the Apostle). St Paul is included amongst the Apostles as although he was not one of the original twelve disciples chosen by Jesus, the Bible tells us that he met Jesus on the road to Damascus and was converted by this experience, and then chosen by Jesus to preach His word. St Paul is often depicted with a sword and a scroll or book, as in this case. The sword, because according to tradition, he was beheaded with a sword, and the book, representing Scripture because he is attributed with writing more books of the Bible than any other single author.

The writing picked out on the open book is somewhat obscured by the lead of the window but is probably the Latin phrase, ‘Caritas Christi urget nos’ and translates as ‘the love of Christ compels us’. This phrase is taken from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians (2Cor. 5:14).

In the right hand panel we see “S’tus Lucas evangelista” (Saint Luke the Evangelist). St Luke is shown carrying a pen and a book, signifying that St Luke, of course, wrote one of the four gospels, ostensibly to someone called Theophilus but undoubtedly for more general consumption by both Jews and Gentiles. He set out “to write an orderly account so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught” – “of the things that have been fulfilled” (by Jesus) (Luke. 1: 1 – 4)



St. Patrick

Next month we will look at some more of the bible's inspirational figures. All of the six Saints depicted individually in the Chancel windows of Dedham Church are mentioned in the bible, if only briefly, but later Saints are often depicted, more commonly in Catholic churches but also in Anglican churches.

For example, in the Anglican church in Porto, in Portugal, is a lovely depiction of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. Here also symbols abound; by his left foot is a toad and wrapped around the base of his shepherd's crook is a snake and in his left hand he carries a bible. Signifying how he brought the Christian Gospel to his “flock” of Christian followers, conquering witchcraft represented by toads, and evil represented by snakes. This harks back to “the serpent” who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden and thus led to “the fall of Man.” This perpetuates the myth that St Patrick banished both toads and snakes from Ireland.

Adrian Beckingsale



Dedham Parish Council September 2024 Meeting Notes

It was agreed to appoint Carol Harbach as the new Clerk for the Council. Within the public open forum discussion a number of issues were raised. These included:

Lots of sewage smells at the west end of the village. It was agreed to make sure relevant authorities such as environmental health had been informed.

Concern was raised about obstacles on the pavements on the high street particularly where the retail outlets have outside tables and chairs. Council will follow this up with relevant retail outlets.

Signage at Long Road crossroads which has been reported to the Highways department..

Ongoing concerns about developments at Petalo Lodge were noted and it was suggested a meeting with appropriate residents, local councillors and members of the parish council be organised, and what actions had taken place.

It was noted that the planned blue plaque on the Essex Rose and the memorial bench for Iris Hindley were still to be completed. Council agreed to progress this.

Pylons Campaign.

The Parish Council's response followed similar lines to those of Dedham Vale Society and Colchester City Councils and the link to this is on the website Home page.

Planning Applications.

The Council had no concerns about the planned planning applications in the village.

Traffic and Parking

It was reported that several signs had been erected around the village using the paintings from the children at the primary school.

River Management

The terms of reference for the group were approved. It was suggested a meeting is held with Anglian Water at the sewage farm.

It was agreed to progress in preparation for next year signage on the bridge regarding river water quality.

A joint meeting had been held with Stratford St. Mary Parish Council and it was agreed to hold another in the autumn.

Dedham Youth Club

The Council welcomed the proposal to re-establish the youth club and it was agreed to seek further information about working with East Anglia Youth Clubs before agreeing to specific funding requests.

Resignation of Councillor Mole as Chair. Due to family reasons Councillor Mole informed the Council that he would be stepping down as chair but would remain on the Council.

Date of next meeting **Monday 7th October 2024 at 6:30pm** in the Duchy Barn.

*Councillor Douglas Bourn
on behalf of the Parish Council.*

<https://www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk/>



GREENER DEDHAM, HARVEST TIME

Harvest time is known for an abundance of food, but an abundance of food can also pose challenges for how to store it, and how to keep it all fresh. Here are some tips on how to store and preserve your food so that it doesn't go to waste - saving you money, and of course, doing the planet some good, too.

1. Do you have more herbs than you know what to do with? Try preserving them by chopping them up finely and place them in an ice cube tray. Top up the rest of the ice cube tray with water and freeze. Not only have you saved your herbs from going to waste, you now have nice, neat little cubes ready for cooking with.

2. Store your leafy greens and herbs upright in air-tight containers (you could even wash out and re-use old coffee tubs or jam jars), with a couple of inches of water at the bottom to keep them crisp and fresh. You can also pop in a paper towel into opened bags of salad leaves to help them last longer, too.

3. Wash berries in a solution of 3 cups of water mixed with 1 cup of white vinegar, and dry before storing. Store in an air-tight container with paper towel (to soak up an excess moisture)

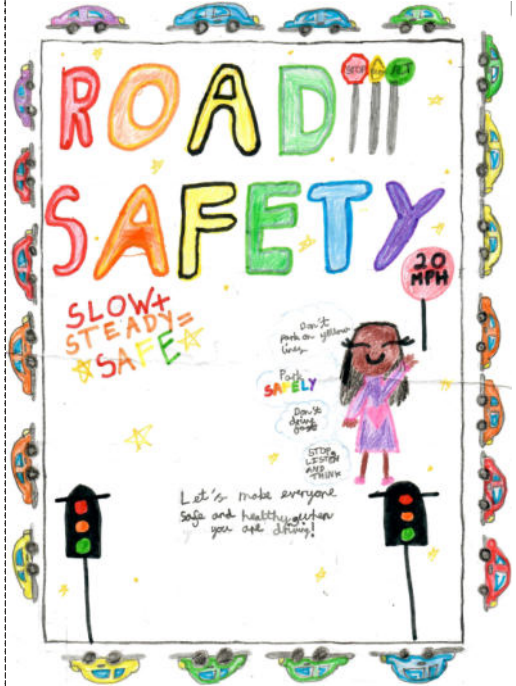
4. Keep apples and plums by slicing them, shaking them gently with lemon and sugar, and freezing

5. Have you had a particularly bountiful courgette harvest? Slice them, blanch in boiling water for about a minute, dry and freeze

Greener Dedham
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ROAD SAFETY

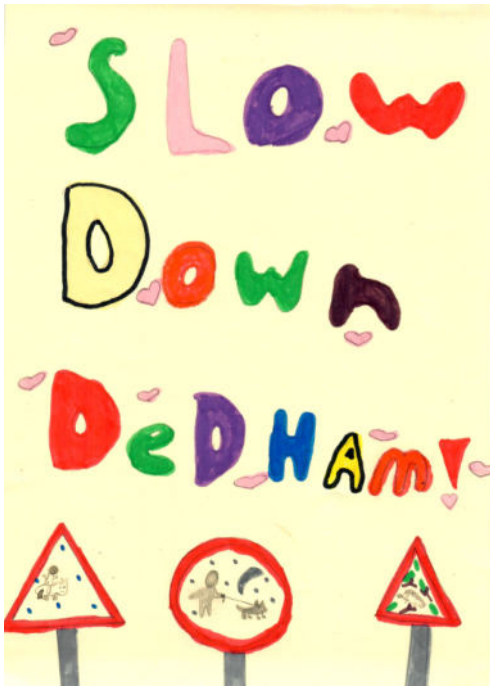
Well done to the pupils and especially the winners from Dedham Primary School who worked so hard to produce our latest edition of anti-speeding competition posters.



Thank you to those residents who have responded with such enthusiasm. The village's children are our future and they deserve to be able to walk our streets and lanes in safety. A word about how this competition came about.

Dedham has a major speeding problem and this has been proven by expensive ATCs (automatic traffic counters) laid by Essex Highways and data from SpeedWatch.

Three years ago DPC submitted a Traffic Management Plan to EH (available on DPC website) and the response to this has been absolutely nothing.



So the posters are a result of frustration at the lack of action and it seems that we as a village need to help ourselves! Hence the poster competition. We also provided heart shaped 30mph bin stickers to residents on our "rat runs" to represent what the majority want for the village.

One of the biggest complaints DPC have is about the missing 30mph signs that EH have failed to replace, and so they were also placed on posts with missing signs-unfortunately some have been removed. If we hope to achieve anything, we as a community, need to work together. With this in mind if you would like to

receive bin stickers please email us and we will get them to you as soon as possible.



They can also be placed on gate posts etc (but may need to be stapled/ screwed to wood). We would also be pleased to hear about any residents innovative (and legal) solutions to the issues we face. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to thank local business Palmer & Partners for supporting our efforts

Gill Neville

gill.neville@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk



Have you ever considered playing short mat bowls?

We hold regular practice nights on a Tuesday evening in the Sports Pavilion from 7pm to 9pm. We have two mats in operation and Carpet Bowls are provided.

So if you would like to give it a try, just ring Ron Hill on 01206 322916.





With the 2024 season drawing to a close it's a great time for the Club to reflect on what has been another enjoyable season, and share with readers

information about new opportunities to join in and support your local cricket club, whether playing the game or helping out behind the scenes.

Villagers may recall some years ago that there was once a thriving youth section, with club representatives leading sessions for youngsters on regular occasions throughout the Summer. In 2024 we were delighted to get those sessions going once again, having engaged a local, qualified Coach to offer Saturday morning sessions for juniors (9-9.45am Ages 7-11 and 10.30-11.30am Ages 11-15).

It's been fantastic to see young, aspiring cricketers attending on a regular basis and even working together to design a new logo and playing kit for the junior section! We're indebted to Dedham Parish Council for their amazing support that's also enabled us to purchase training and playing equipment for our youngsters, to help us achieve our ambition of having junior teams enjoying competitive cricket in the Summer of 2025.

Our juniors will now spend the winter playing indoor cricket and further honing their skills ready for their competitive debuts next Summer.

2024 has seen our 1st (and only, for now!) XI experience our most successful season for some time, with a first double over Leavenheath for many years a particular highlight, and as ever some enjoyable trips to beautiful grounds across Essex and Suffolk, and even Kent (Hartley Country Club CC) and Norfolk (as part of our annual cricket tour).

Building upon this success, we've submitted an application to re-enter the Saturday league system in 2025 after a number of years away and so, once again, local residents will get to watch league action at our beautiful ground in the heart of the village, maybe even with a cold beer or glass of wine from the Sports Club!

We'll run a social XI too next year, with occasional Sunday and midweek fixtures for those that just can't get enough of the game. Our Committee has plans to improve its fundraising and promotional efforts, after a first and successful stab for some time at a mini Cricket Festival in July of this year.

We're indebted to our sponsors – The Spa Pavillion in Felixstowe and IAS – for their generous and continued support to the Club and plan to offer more opportunities for local businesses to get involved in 2025. We're seeking to improve our diversity too, and hope to gather interest from local residents who might be keen to get involved.

So here's to another fabulous year in 2025 for all connected to Dedham Cricket Club. If you or someone close to you would like to get involved in some way – whether playing, assisting our Groundsman, helping organise or sponsoring the team – then get in touch at info@dedhamcricket.club. We'd love to hear from you!



WINTER IS COMING; LET'S GO!

Well summer is well and truly over, and the days are getting cooler and shorter, but there is still plenty to do in the garden before wetter and more wintry weather makes it harder to be on or working the soil.

I still have some dahlias flowering and with continued deadheading they may carry on into November, before the first proper frosts blackens them and I have to cut them down and decide which ones to lift.



Euonymous dahlia and astroemeria

Plumes of Miscanthus grasses glow red and silver in the sun, alongside asters and sedums giving bees the last of the nectar to turn into winter stores.

Although the chill may be ending some perennial flowers, it's also turning my Euonymous alatus – the winged spindle or burning bush – shades of deep pink and red. Last year, I even had some grapes on a vine in the middle of the month.

You can be getting ready for a colourful spring by getting your bulbs in now. Get daffodils in as soon as you can but tulips will be better off if you plant in November as the colder weather will provide some protection from tulip fire (which sounds very dramatic and means brown spots on flowers with withered

and distorted leaves).

Plant bulbs to three times their own depth: the deeper you plant the better protected they are and the more likely they are to return.

The planners among you may be looking ahead to our Spring Show in April and thinking about what daffodils to exhibit. Search 'daffodil' on our website for a brief article on key classes so you can buy bulbs to match.



Grasses and dahlia

I'll start preparing my pelargoniums for overwintering indoors, which basically means protecting from frost, reducing watering as the plants go dormant, and maximising the amount of light they get. Botrytis cinerea can be the biggest problem as winter plants need good air circulation to prevent this grey mould, so I avoid wrapping them against frost, spacing plants well apart instead. As things are never certain, I'll also take some cuttings and bring them on in a heated propagator.

If you have a fruit and veg patch, you might be cutting back the fruited canes of summer raspberries and tying in the green canes that grew this year for harvest next. I've several clumps of rhubarb in the garden and on the allotment and I'll check to see if any are congested and need dividing by digging them up and splitting them with a sharp spade. Chuck any that look past it and replant the rest.



Autumn Colour

I start raising the blades on the lawnmower this month and will trim when the weather is drier. I also run my electric scarifier over it to lift the thatch and dead grass that has accumulated from the summer months.

I've really reduced my lawn to expand my borders, so it's more likely that I'll get round to spiking it with a fork to loosen any compaction and improve drainage. When rain is forecast, I'll spread some autumn lawn feed and maybe some seed mixed with a bit of compost to revive it a bit.

There's plenty to do this month – so let's go!

Our 2024/25 speaker programme kicks off on Wednesday 9th October – a change from the usual date – with Mark Richardson and multi award-winning garden designer Penelope Walker (the Panathlon Joy Garden, Chelsea 2024) who will take us 'behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show'. They'll give us a fascinating insight into balancing planting with hard landscaping in show

gardens and how the principles might be applied in our own. Join us from 7.15pm: it's free for members, while guests are always welcome for just £2 including refreshments. See you there!



Hear from Mark and Penelope on 9th October.

Elliott Frisby

dedhamgardening.wordpress.com - QR code



DEDHAM YOUTH CLUB

Dedham Youth Club is back!

Initially we held a Youth Club taster session on the 21st August, at the Duchy Barn & field. Our youths, plus a couple of older teenage helpers came along on a hot, sunny afternoon to take part in our mini Olympics sports activities, table tennis, volleyball, and long jump.



Our tuck shop opened for a pit stop, and we finished with an Olympics quiz. It was a relaxed, fun session with enthusiasm for more.

Now in partnership with our Children and Young People's Worker & East Anglia Youth Clubs we are able to open a weekly Friday evening session, term time, at the Duchy Barn.

This partnership has offered the opportunity to re-shape our Youth Club. Initial changes will be, during the winter months hire of the Assembly Rooms or the Sports Club, allowing us more space for our activities.

We plan to overhaul our existing equipment, to purchase new or second hand games, and plan our termly sessions in advance. Suggestions from our youths will be key to offering new and interesting activities.

East Anglia Youth Clubs committee are affiliated to the Essex Boys and Girls Club, this will give us access to a wide

range of activities, and support.

Our Youth Club sessions will be lead by two permanent Youth Workers, so the need for parent volunteers is unlikely, however we would like to raise a team of parents to form a fundraising group.

We hope to fundraise at two regular events in Dedham a year, with a possibility of a third in May. So if you have time to help, with no commitment to do every event, please get in contact.

Helen Main

helen.main@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk

DUNTONS ALMSHOUSES

A vacancy has arisen in our Almshouses in Crown Street, Dedham, available from 1st January 2025.

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If you are interested in the vacant property please email the Clerk at clerk.duntons@gmail.com for further information.

Closing date for applications Friday 8th November 2024.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The church will be closed on Tuesday 1st October for the erection of scaffolding and then on Monday 7th October Nicholson & Co will be delivering the new organ in an extremely large removal van, it will take up the 4 parking bays nearest to the Church, and once again the Church will be closed this day for the unloading of the organ components.



My name is Arin Andrews, and I am the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Organizer for Dedham.

Last year was a fantastic success with Dedham raising just over six thousand pounds. This would not have been possible without the help of an army of volunteers, local businesses, Dedham Primary School, and Dedham Church. Thank you all.

This year the Poppy Appeal runs from Thursday the 24th of October to Remembrance Sunday, the 10th of November. We will once again have a stall on the Royal Square during this time and there will also be volunteers carrying out house to house collections.

We are also keen to identify new volunteers to continue the invaluable work of the Royal British Legion and any local businesses that would like to get involved and have a collecting tin during the Poppy Appeal Campaign.

Also, if anyone requires Poppies or other Remembrance items, and you are not able to attend the stall, please feel free to make contact. I am more than happy to deliver items around the village. I can be contacted on 07941 952125.

Many thanks, Arin





The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is open for public consultation, giving everyone the chance to share their feedback.

With our county's wildlife and habitats facing increasing threats, the Essex LNRS provides a unique opportunity for all residents to have their say in shaping a thriving future for Essex, where nature is given the opportunity to recover.

Introduced under the Environment Act in 2021, the Essex LNRS is a collaborative strategy involving input from farmers, landowners, environmental NGOs, charities, local authorities and members of the public.

The strategy aims to identify key locations for habitat creation, focusing on areas which will provide the most significant benefits for nature and the wider environment.

The draft strategy outlines biodiversity priorities and proposes actions to enhance our natural landscape, wildlife and habitats. It includes detailed maps highlighting nature recovery opportunities and key actions necessary for achieving these goals.

The consultation period is open, and we invite everyone in Essex to review the draft and share their thoughts. Your feedback is an essential element to refine and improve the strategy.

By participating, you can help shape a robust strategy which ensures the preservation and enhancement of our county's diverse landscapes and habitats, from ancient woodlands and farmlands to wetlands, coastlines and urban spaces, all for the benefit of generations to come.

Your voice can make a valuable contribution towards protecting and enhancing our natural environment and participating in the consultation is simple. Visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/c-e/lnrs-public-consultation> and have your say today. Everyone's voice matters

Scan the QR code to take part and provide your feedback and input.



For more information visit www.essexnaturepartnership.co.uk



OCTOBER

Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds during cold winter nights.

Prepare to support more birds next year, with more tips at arocha.org.uk/give-abird-a-home.

As you observe the local birds reflect on this verse, 'I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.' Psalm 50:11.



KEW GARDENS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Sunday, 17th November 2024

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This year the Friends of Dedham Church are organising a trip to Kew Gardens Christmas Lights.

The coach will leave Royal Square, Dedham at 2.00pm to travel to Kew Gardens for our 5.00pm entry slot and will leave Kew Gardens at 8.00pm to be back in Dedham around 10.00pm.

The cost of the trip will be £50.00 per person for members, £55.00 per person for non-members and £35.00 per child.

To book, please contact Maria Johnston on info@friendsofdedhamchurch.org.uk by 10th October 2024.

Stour Valley Arts & Music 2024-25 SEASON

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 4pm, Stratford St Mary Church – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 4pm at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

Martin Roscoe Piano: Beethoven -

Schubert - Szymanowski - Wagner - Liszt

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 4pm at the

Constable Hall, East Bergholt

Illustrated Talk by Paul Campion:

Kathleen Ferrier – her Life and Legacy

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 4pm at the Constable Hall, East Bergholt

Young Musicians Concert and afternoon

tea
SUNDAY 9th MARCH at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

Kammerphilharmonie Europa: Vivaldi -

Grieg - Ponchiello - Bach - Fauré -

Mozart

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 4pm at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

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

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

October 9th - Our speaker is Roger Hance "Nature through the Seasons – Spring /Summer “

November 13th - Edward Vipond "Life as a Suffolk Farmer – food producer or conservationist?"

In December we have a Christmas lunch instead of a lecture.

Please take a look at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for more information and contact details

DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

Come and join our friendly art group. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend our sessions in the Assembly Rooms. Your first 'taster' visit is free where indicated. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We are an amateur group who enjoy painting regularly.

Occasionally we have guest tutors, the rest of the time we help each other, 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

or visit our website at

<http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk>

Thursday 10th October 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional theme is to produce an ink drawing for Inktober.

Thursday 24th October 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional theme is to hand paint Christmas cards.

Thursday 14th November 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional painting theme is birds and nature.

Thursday 28th November 2024

Assembly Rooms - 2pm-4.30pm

Painting together session

This week's optional painting theme is interiors.

First session free to non members.
Phone 07872 334729 to book

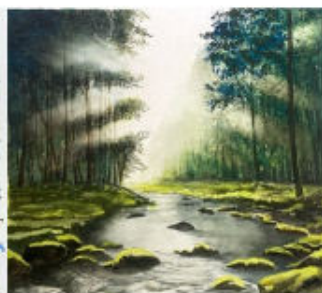
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For an application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation, Mrs. Claire Arculus, at dedhamefclerk@gmail.com or 07752201441.

Closing date for applications:- **31st October 2024.**

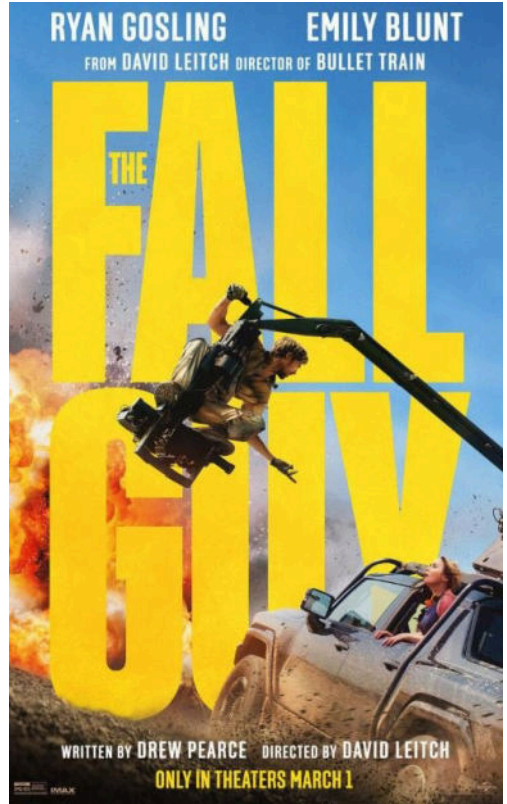


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OCTOBER 2024

- Monday 1st, all day. Church closed for erection of scaffolding.
- Sunday 6th at 9.30 am - Dedham Church - Rise and Shine.
- Sunday 6th at 5.00 pm - Evensong.
- Monday 7th - all day. Church closed for the delivery of the components for the new organ.
- Monday 7th - 12.30pm, Monday Lunch Club, Essex Rose Tea Room.
- Monday 7th - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn.
- Thursday 10th - 2pm - 4.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, Dedham Art Society, Painting together session.
- Sunday 13th - 11:00am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **THE FALL GUY** directed by David Leach (12A) 2024.
- Sunday 20th at 9.30am, Dedham Church - Morning Praise.
- Thursday 24th - 2pm - 4.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, Dedham Art Society, Painting together session.
- Saturday 26th - Mission Bake Sale at Dedham Church, 10am to 12noon.
- Sunday 27th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

- Meet up Mondays - The Sun Inn, 11am to 12pm.
- Social Table Tennis - Dedham Sports Club, 10:30am to 12:30pm.
- Watercolour Painting Group, Duchy Barn, 10am to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 13:30 to 15:30.

Tuesday

- Coffee morning - The Duchy Barn, 10:30 to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 09:00 to 11:00.
- Dedham Baby and Toddler Group Dedham Sports Club, 10am to 12pm (Term time only)
- Dedham Carpet Bowls Club - Dedham Sports Club, 7pm to 9pm.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

MISSIONS BAKE SALES



This years final date for the Mission Stall is as follows:

Saturday 26th October 10am to 12 noon at Dedham Church.



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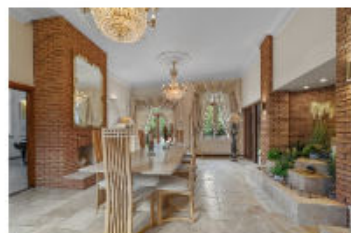
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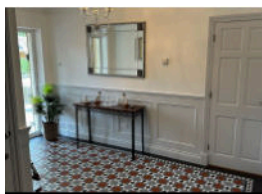
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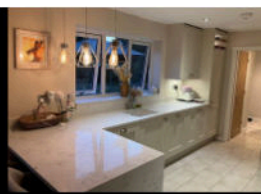
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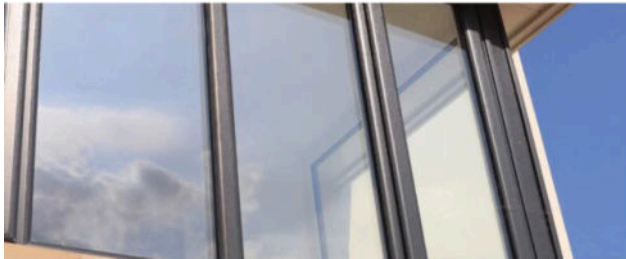
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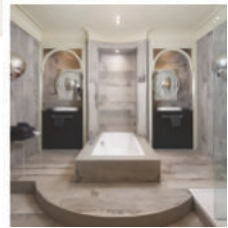
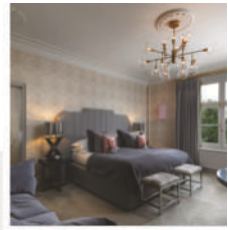
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