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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,

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## Services & Events NOVEMBER 2021

### Sunday 7th

9.30am	Rise n Shine	Dedham*
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Ardleigh
4.00pm	Remembering Your Loved Ones	Ardleigh

### Saturday 13th November

8am-11.30am	The Big Breakfast	Assembly Rooms
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### Sunday 14th Remembrance Sunday

8am	Holy Communion	Ardleigh*
10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Outside Dedham
10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Outside Ardleigh

### Sunday 21st

9.30am	Matins	Dedham*
11.00am	Eucharist	Ardleigh

### Wednesday 24th

6.30pm	Prayer Vigil for the Persecuted Church	Ardleigh
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### Sunday 28th

8.00am	Holy Communion, BCP	Ardleigh*
9.30am	Morning Praise and Baptism	Dedham*
5.00pm	Revive @ 5	Dedham*

Our services are on Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

\* = services which are live-streamed

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

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, 6th November 9am

**Monday Lunch Club** - Monday, 1st November at 12.30pm at the Essex Rose Tea Rooms. Bookings are not possible so please arrive promptly.



I was interested to read in the newspapers recently that the Queen “was irritated” by those people who “talk a lot but do very little.” Her comments were made in regard to the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow, but her comments can equally apply to so many situations.

I am sure we can all think of many things that need changing or improving in our lives or our communities, but what part are we prepared to play to bring about the changes? As our current pandemic continues, we hear constant reports of failings and things that need to happen or change, and usually the finger of blame points at the government. Perhaps rightly so in many instances, but do we look at ourselves and ask “what can I do to make things better?”

Covid has forced most of us to re-evaluate what we do, how we do it, why we do it; in many instances we have changed many of our habits. As an example, we looked locally to see what we could buy in our village without going to super markets; we looked at how we could enjoy ourselves locally

without travelling great distances or going abroad. We thought more about how we could help and support our neighbours and those who could not cope on their own. As we learn to live with the uncertain direction that the pandemic may take, we need to continue to think of how we can improve not just our lives but wider issues and particularly our environment.

This is also true of our church life: we now find ourselves in an interregnum when we have to manage without a minister and we find out all the things which were done by him apart from preaching on Sundays! What is to be our reaction? Talk about it or do something about it? This is a test of our collective will to not “just make do,” but to demonstrate our faith and commitment to not just maintain our standards of church life but also to work together to improve our ministry and role in our village life.

Please let us know if you have ideas that you think would help us to work together towards this aim.

*Peter Wilson*

*Remembering your loved ones*

Special services to remember those who have died  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm, St Mary's Ardleigh**

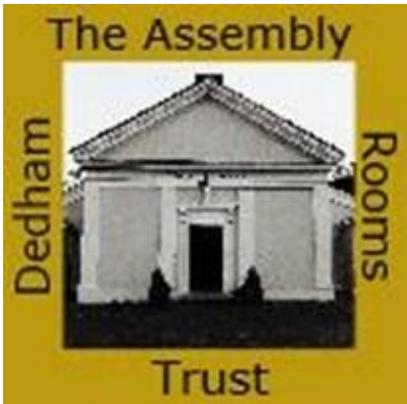


Please contact the Parishes Office if you would like to attend  
and/or have the name of your loved one read out  
01206 322 136 / stmaryda@gmail.com

If there is any other way that we can be of help please do get in touch  
*We hope to see you on 7<sup>th</sup> November*  
*With our warmest wishes and prayers*  
*Dedham and Ardleigh Churches*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

**10.45am, Act of Remembrance**  
**Outside Dedham & Ardleigh Churches**



## What's on November

### **Victoria Baker Pilates**

Monday and Tuesday  
Weekly am & pm

### **Bridge in Dedham**

Wednesday, Weekly, 1.45-4.45pm  
Thursday, Weekly, 7pm-10pm

### **Dedham Horticultural Society**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November,  
7pm

### **Antiques Fair**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 9am-4pm

### **Big Breakfast**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
8am-11.30am

### **Dolls House Fair**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
10am-5pm

### **Dedham Vale Society**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm  
Winter Lecture

### **Dedham Art Society**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

*To make a booking please see our  
booking link on the website*

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*Bridge in Dedham has for many years been part of the Duchy Barn's regular users but was brought to a halt by the pandemic. We are delighted to be returning on Wednesday 13th October and Thursday 14th October but in future we will be in the Assembly Rooms. Starting on Wednesday 13th October **Bridge in Dedham** is in the Assembly Rooms every Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. We play duplicate bridge, all are welcome and you do not need a partner. For information please telephone Judith on 01206 322 938*



Dedham Films is pleased to announce monthly screenings will be resumed commencing on Wednesday 15 December at 7.30 pm with the critically acclaimed 2019 comedy/drama **The Personal History of David Copperfield**

starring Dev Patel, a wonderful cast including Hugh Lawrie, Tilda Swinton, Peter Capaldi, Ben Whishaw and Paul Whitehouse. The film puts a fresh, funny, and charming spin on Dickens' classic.

We are aware of the ongoing issues with Covid and mindful of the need for our audience to feel comfortable. With this in mind ticket numbers will be limited to 60 and only available from our website [www.dedhamfilms.co.uk](http://www.dedhamfilms.co.uk), refreshments will not be served and there will be no interval. We will keep all these things under review as time goes on.

Rising costs affect us all and the ticket price will increase to £5, having remained unchanged since January 2014.

We look forward to welcoming our audience again in December.

**Assembly Rooms – Dedham**  
**The Personal History of David Copperfield PG**  
**Wednesday 15 December**  
**7.30pm, Doors open 7.00 pm**



**Tickets £5.00**  
**from [www.dedhamfilms.co.uk](http://www.dedhamfilms.co.uk)**

# BIG BREAKFAST



**The Assembly Rooms**  
**Saturday 13th November, 8-11.30am**  
***Price by donation***

The arrangements will be slightly different this year:

- \* There will be socially distanced tables.
- \* Waitress service throughout.
- \* All helpers will be masked.

*We ask all our customers to wear masks  
until they are seated”*

***thank you***

# WALK & TALK



THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 10AM  
MEET OUTSIDE DEDHAM ARTS CENTRE  
OR JOIN US AT THE ARTS CENTRE CAFÉ AT 11AM

## *Monday Lunch Club*



First Monday of the month **12.30** at **The Essex Rose**  
Phone **323101** to reserve a place,  
indicating it is for the Lunch Club.



## **RISE N SHINE**

all-together worship

1st Sunday each month

Dedham Church, 9.30 to 10.15am

***hymns-songs-bible stories-refreshments***

***Dedham-and-Ardleigh-parishes.org.uk***

## Dedham's Lost Pubs

Some of Dedham's many former inns are recorded in the names of streets such as Anchor Lane, Crown Street and Gun Hill or houses like the Compasses in the High Street. There were already several inns in the late sixteenth century when Dedham was a prosperous market town and until the twentieth century there would have been one nearby, wherever one lived in the parish. Many publicans had other sources of income as well. In 1855 *Kelly's Directory* tells us that Samuel Osborne at the Sun was a poulterer, Nathaniel Saunders at the Crown a builder and farmer, George Sowter at the Sun a harness maker and Henry White at the Marlborough Head a livery stable-keeper.

Some lost pubs have left no trace that I can discover. The Shiers, described in the *Ipswich Journal* in 1830 as "a well accustomed inn on Dedham Hill for upwards of 40 years", was near the Stratford Turnpike Gate at the bottom of Gun Hill. It is said to have opened c.1690. The Admiral Vernon (named after the national hero who captured Portobello from the Spanish in 1739) is recorded in 1743 and 1762. In 1754 there is a mention of a traveler lodging at "the Admiral's Head in Dedham" but I have found no further indication as to its locality.

The other six pubs listed as trading in the mid eighteenth century were the Marlborough Head, the Sun, the Three Compasses, the Rose and Crown, the Anchor and the Gun.

Dedham farmer Roger Freeman (1928-2005) who grew up in the village remembered that there were still eleven pubs in the parish at the beginning of the twentieth century. Around a hundred years later there were just three, the Rose and Crown in Crown Street, (the only one he called a "local") and our two remaining pubs in the High Street, the Sun Inn and the Marlborough Head.

In 1947 A.S. Waller reminisced about two pubs on Dedham Heath. I have been unable to discover anything about the Beehive but the Anchor at the top of Castle Hill was recorded as an alehouse as early as 1759, when it was kept by a victualler named Launcelot Feather. Mr Waller said that that the original pub stood well back from the road but that it had been rebuilt c.1858-60 using recycled material from the Weeley Barracks (put up during the Napoleonic Wars), when they were pulled down. Many residents will still remember this partly weatherboarded pub, which survived throughout the twentieth century. It was refurbished by a new owner in 1997 but closed down in 2004, when it was sold to a property company and then left empty, prey to vandalism. It was demolished in 2007 and the present Blackmore House and Pentworth House were built on the site.

Near the corner of Cooper's Lane at the bottom of Castle Hill was the Prince of Wales, whose name reflects the enormous popularity of Queen Victoria's eldest son Albert (Bertie) during the period of almost sixty years before he became King Edward VII in



*The Anchor on Dedham Heath in the 1950s. It was demolished in 2007.*



*The Prince of Wales on the corner of Cooper's Lane in the 1930s. Peggy Bullet is the child on the right. The pub was demolished in 1954.*



*A scene at the old Rose and Crown in the early twentieth century.*



*The Rose and Crown as rebuilt in the 1930s. It closed down in 2009 and was demolished.*

1901. It occupied a fifteenth century house with a central hall and a cross wing with a projecting upper storey at the west end and it had its original moulded ceiling beams and king post roof trusses. The pub had closed by the time Peggy Bullett was born there in 1926, when her parents were living with her grandparents Charlie and Emily Eleanor Plumber who occupied the building until 1933. They had moved to Dedham from Ipswich and her grandfather who was a wheelwright had a builder's yard near the Rose and Crown in Crown Street. The former pub, which belonged to Mr Bird next door, was empty by then but it still had its skittle alley at a higher level behind the house. The inn was pulled down in 1954 and made way for new houses.

The Rose and Crown as a pub name dates from the end of the Wars of the Roses, after King Henry VII married Elizabeth of York in 1486 to reconcile the long-feuding houses of Lancaster and York. Its inn sign would show a red and white rose, combining their colours, and a crown to symbolise their union under the Tudor Dynasty. Writing in 1951 the painter Sir Alfred Munnings who lived at Castle House remembered the former Rose and Crown in Crown Street as "*an old thatched inn like a George Morland picture*" but said "*it has long been superseded by a building which is an insult to its predecessor.*" This larger pub must have been built in response to the considerable increase in the population of Crown Street when the Crownfields and Kiln Cottages council houses were built between the Wars. It became one

of the centres of social life in the village; so it was a sad loss when it closed down in 2009 and was subsequently demolished. Its place was taken by three new homes, Malt House, Porter House and Barley House, built in 2013.

The building in the High Street which became the Three Compasses dates from the late sixteenth century with a seventeenth century addition at the back. Its name presumably derives from the three compasses depicted on the Arms of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters, a livery company of the City of London. This pub seems to have attracted bad company in the mid nineteenth century. The *Essex Standard* reported in 1855 that "*two men armed with loaded pistols, passers of forged bank notes were captured in bed at the Compasses*" and the following year it described the "*seizure of contraband tobacco in the Compasses yard*". There were double gates across the entrance to the pub yard to the right of the building where carts were driven in from the High Street. Ted Eley told me that the horses at the pub were pastured on Bridges Farm.

After the inn closed in 1912 it was bought by the shopkeeper Major Charles Ray who owned all the buildings on the east side of Princel Lane down as far as Little Netherhall. The yard gates were removed and replaced by an attached single-storey building, which I remember in the 1940s as Mr Jarvis's barber's shop. A photograph taken in 1921 shows his striped barber's pole displayed at the front.

The elaborate and beautiful wrought-iron frame of the pub's early eighteenth century inn sign survived into the twentieth century. It was recorded by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments in 1926 but by the time Canon Rendall wrote his book *Dedham Described and Deciphered* in 1937 he was lamenting its loss. "It was an ornament to the village street", he wrote "but at a level inconvenient to the two-decker motor bus". The pub later became the Compasses Bookshop started by Veronica Webber in the 1970s and then owned by Pat and Shaun Arnold until it closed in 2007.

One of the earliest buildings in the parish which later became a tavern is the thatched Lamb Inn (now Lamb House) which dates from the Tudor period. It is recorded as a pub before 1841. The Lamb is a symbol of Christ, the Redeemer and in this case the pub's name is thought to derive from the Lamb and Banner or Flag, emblem of John the Baptist the patron saint of the guilds of weavers and clothiers. The innkeeper in 1851 was Robert Osborne who was also a cattle dealer. In the 1930s the small bar with its ancient beams still had the rack above the fire which was used for curing hams. The Lamb closed in 1998 and became a private house.

The Live and Let Live was on the Ardleigh Road not far from Lamb Corner, beyond the junction with Long Road West. A widow aged 59 named Sarah Death is recorded as the Beer House Keeper at this inn in the 1871 Census and in 1881 it was kept by 38-

year-old Thomas White who lived here with his wife, three sons and two daughters. I have been unable to find a photograph of this building while it was still a pub. It closed in 1920 and is now in residential use as The Old Ale House.

The earliest mention of the Gun in the Dedham Church records is in 1697/8 when "John Harvey at the Gun was buried". The baptism of Thomas Elliot or Elliot "born at ye Gun" appears in 1756. The site of the "Dedham Gun", which belonged to the Manor of Overhall and Netherhall, is shown on Chapman and André's Map of 1777, by which time it was an established posting inn. Hamilton's new Post Coach from Halesworth to London called at the Gun daily in 1785 when William Weatherby was host. After motor traffic replaced horses in the twentieth century the importance of such taverns was drastically reduced. The ancient inn was partially rebuilt in the early 1900s and it finally closed down in 1967.

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Next time:  
The Marlborough Head and the Sun



*The Three Compasses in the early twentieth century. Note the inn sign and the gate into the pub yard. This pub ceased trading in 1912.*



*The Lamb c. 1900. It closed in 1998.*



*The Gun in the early twentieth century. It closed in 1967.*



*A nineteenth century picture showing the Gun as a coaching inn.*

## Dedham Sports Club (DSC)

Is located in a lovely position on the corner of the Duchy Field. You may have seen it as you walk down the Drift and wondered what goes on inside!

The club pavilion acts as a home for a number of Dedham based clubs. These include Dedham Cricket Club, Dedham Old Boys Football Club , Dedham Lawn Tennis Club, Dedham Table Tennis Club, and Dedham Carpet Bowls Club.

DSC is administered by a committee of representatives drawn from each club and for the first time we now welcome social members.

During the pandemic when no organised sport was possible we took the opportunity to upgrade some of the fixtures and fittings. The showers have been replaced, a new boiler and hot water system installed and the dated kitchen has been replaced by a modern catering version. The club is very grateful to a number of organisations which have provided funding. These include the Football Foundation which has invested significantly in the building and in improvements to the football pitch, Essex County Council/ The Essex Association of Local Councils and Dedham Parish Council.

All of the sports would welcome new members and we would also love to hear from you if you would like to

become a social member of the club.

In addition, the club building is available for private hire and is particularly suitable for family parties. Facilities include a kitchen, fully stocked bar, changing rooms, toilets and two rooms which can be opened up to make one large space. Tables and chairs are available and there is an outside veranda overlooking the Duchy Field. There is some parking available outside the club building or alternatively it is just a short walk along the Drift from Royal Square.

Please get in touch if you would like to become a member or to hire the building.

**Nicola Baker**  
**Secretary, Dedham Sports Club**

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### Eulogy

**Margaret Ethel Turner 1924-2021**  
**Late of 24 Dedham Mill Dedham**



My mother Margaret was born Margaret Ethel Hamilton Barr on the 9th April 1924 in Scotland, to Gertrude and George Barr, their second child and only daughter. She had an elder brother George and a younger brother Ian.

When Margaret was 8 years old the family left Scotland and moved to Kidderminster in Worcestershire in order for her Father to take up a new position as a Pharmacist.

In 1938 when Margaret was 14 years old the family moved to Seven Kings, which turned out to be a bad move as the Second World War rapidly followed placing them in the heart of the London bombing.

Margaret worked first of all in administration in the London Docks but as the War gained rapid pace she pleaded, unsuccessfully, with her parents to allow her to join the Land Army. She then settled on becoming a nurse which she greatly enjoyed as it allowed her to use her caring ways to good effect.

In 1941 her elder brother, George, came home on leave from the Army accompanied by a dashing young soldier named Ernie. A romance ensued and Margaret and Ernie were married in 1942. As my mother often said "You couldn't hang around in those days and tomorrow was very uncertain."

In 1944 Margaret received a message from Ernie telling her to "get herself down to Portsmouth ASAP as something big was about to happen." That of course was the D day invasion in which Ernie played a significant part in a Churchill tank. It was obviously a successful meeting as nine months later Margaret at the age of 20 gave birth to a daughter, Carole, who was joined three years later by a son, Ian.

After the War had ended Ernie returned home injured but happy to have survived, and Margaret and Ernie settled into married life.

Post war Britain was very challenging and although money was far from plentiful my parents made a very happy home for my brother Ian and I to grow up in. It was a childhood full of happiness and fun and we were fortunate to share a house with my cousins Anne and Susan

and enjoyed many visits from Mary and her sister Eileen.

Margaret was an accomplished needle woman. As a teenager I could show her a dress I admired but couldn't possibly afford. This was in the morning and by the evening she had bought a remnant of material, cut out a pattern from newspaper and the dress was ready for me to wear at a local dance or Youth Club that evening!

In 1964 the family moved to Wickford and in 1976 to Dedham. Margaret quickly settled into Dedham life, enjoying the Church, Church flowers, Mother's Union, WI etc and her outgoing friendly nature meant that she quickly made many friends. Even at the age of 90 she was still working at the Munnings.

Margaret and Ernie were very happy together in Dedham and their grandchildren Nichola, James, Neil, Matthew and Christopher were at the centre of their lives.

In 1996 Ernie died followed the next year by Margaret's son-in-law Ray. Margaret was devastated after 53 years of marriage. However, her stoicism shone through and in spite of her own grief she was a great support to her daughter Carole which enabled Carole to meet and marry Nigel.

So the next phase of Margaret's life began. Soon the family started to grow with Margaret eventually having 14 great grandchildren.

Margaret loved living at the Mill and made many friends. Up until a few years ago she was enjoying holidays to Scotland and going on Cruises with her niece, Beryl and with friends. She also enjoyed trips to Wales to visit Ian and her daughter-in-law Carole and later on to Sussex.

Sadly her health deteriorated over the last two years and Margaret did her best to cope with the cruel dementia which took over her life.

My Mother was an intelligent, sometimes feisty, lady with a kind and caring nature who loved spending time with her family and the many friends she made throughout her life.

Margaret's answer to any problem which you might consult her on was "Let's just have a nice cup of tea and talk about it" or better still a glass of wine or her favourite tippie a glass of whisky. Obviously a good remedy. After all, she did manage to make it to the grand age of 97.

*Carole Clark*  
*Margaret's daughter*

## Winter is coming

It's the end of Autumn and, as the nights get darker, the last of summer's warmth is fading from the soil. But don't let it get you down, there's plenty to do in the garden to take your mind off it.

Get your tulips in this month as the chill will help ward off tulip fire (*Botrytis tulipae*) which causes ugly brown blotches and distorted leaves. While you're at that, cut back the faded or mushy foliage of perennials. Think about leaving any that will look good with a coating of frost, have hollow stems to hide overwintering pollinators and the creepy crawlies that will eat garden pests, or provide seeds for birds. You can also fill gaps with bareroot plants and trees as they come on sale this month.

Lift pots and containers off the ground with tiles, bricks or pot feet to help rainwater drain away and prevent your plants getting waterlogged. Insulate pots if it looks like the weather is going to be especially harsh – bubble wrap, though ugly, works well.

It got a bit blowy in October, so I need to prune back some of my roses, which thanks to feeding all summer have reached 8 or 9 feet in some cases. Windrock could loosen their roots or snap stems, so I'll take the tallest ones back by about a third – I can tidy them up in early spring with their first proper prune.

If you want to help control blight, you can also gather up fallen rose leaves, but

I tend to believe roses are pretty but diseased things and that's just the way they are – it's too much effort to keep picking, spraying and managing them in this way.

Decide whether to lift your dahlia tubers – if you've read a previous column you know I won't be – though I am going to lift my canna rhizomes this year as the cold May meant they haven't reached a good enough height to flower (I've heard 6 or 7 feet is necessary for the bigger ones I have, like red *Canna* 'Roi Humbert' and firey 'Lethoso Lil').

In the mini-orchard, I've been slapping sticky grease around the trunks of trees to try and control winter moths from laying eggs (that lead to maggots in fruit). I wear disposable gloves to wipe it on with my hand, but you can use an old paint brush (you won't be able to paint with it after though) or tie grease bands around it (slightly more expensive and I think uglier than the grease which weathers in quickly).



## Speakers corner

With Covid restrictions lifted and the Assembly Rooms open for events, in October we hosted the return of our regular speaker programme. At short notice, Fiona Edmond from Green Island Gardens (just round the corner in Ardleigh) gave a presentation on 'Planting for Autumn Colour'.

There were some beautiful photos from her gardens as she shared examples of trees, shrubs and plants that met her criteria of three or four positive attributes such as autumn colour, scent or flowers, and so helped extend the season of interest in the garden.

A lot of us were interested in her insight into autumn-flowering *Camellia sasanqua* and her recommendation that training a shrub against a wall could have the same effect as a climber without the risks to roof tiles and guttering. She had plenty of tips and inspiration to share, as well as some great plants for autumn colour to sell.

It was great to see so many of you turn out and we hope we'll see you again. Free to members and just £2 for guests, our speaker evenings are held on the first Wednesday of most months through autumn, winter and early spring. Do check the website first though as this year some may be held online.

[www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com)

*Elliott Frisby*  
*Dedham Horticultural Society*





**BRILLIANT IDEAS NEEDED**  
Many of you will be aware that there is an old red telephone box in the village.

The Parish Council is looking for innovative ideas as to what could be done with it, if it were suitably refurbished. Ideas to Councillor Steve Mole please.

[steve.mole@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:steve.mole@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **2022 Village Quiz**

We very much hope that the annual Village Quiz for organisations or groups based in Dedham will be able to be held once again and the date for your diaries is: **Saturday 29<sup>TH</sup> January 2022**

in the Assembly Rooms, 7:00 for 7:30 start

with SIX people per team and a maximum of 20 teams

Tickets will cost £12.50 per person and will include a light supper.

There will be a bar and a raffle.

All proceeds will be donated to the **Colchester Korban Project**

[www.korban.org.uk](http://www.korban.org.uk)

a Charity founded to provide supported housing for 16 to 25 year olds

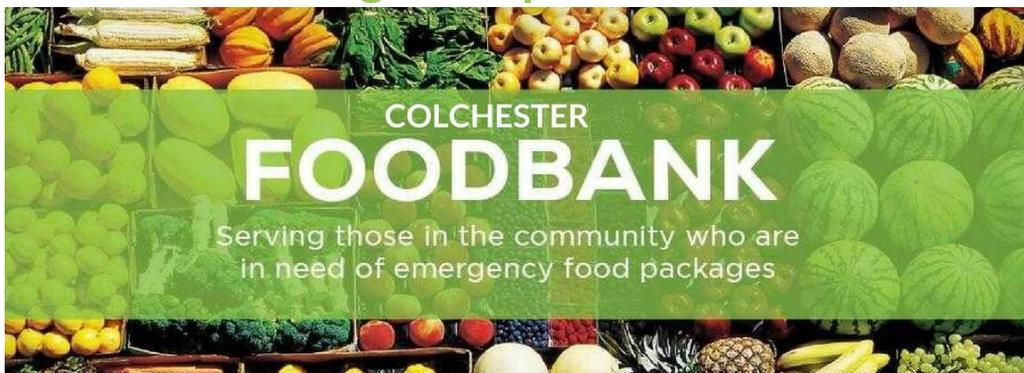
*As this event is run to raise money for a very worthwhile charity we respectfully request that only drink purchased at the bar is consumed on the night*

To enter a team please contact **David Druitt 01206 322000**

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**We are collecting in the porches of our churches**



**Please do support the Foodbank**

### **Clacton Choral Society**

Clacton Choral Society, under the baton of their new Musical Director Peter Dyson, are delighted to return to concert singing.

You are invited to be part of their Christmas theme presentation with over 50 singers for specially chosen harmonised carols, short light-hearted readings, and of course with audience participation.

To honour the occasion at St James' Church, Clacton,  
on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December,  
there is no admission charge, and donations if desired on leaving  
will be a gift to the fabric of the Church.

The Concert begins at 6.30 pm  
for the 75-minute continuous Christmas celebration.

*Due to the expectation of a capacity audience  
please contact John Kedge on [johnkedge@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:johnkedge@tiscali.co.uk)  
and 01255 424568 to reserve your numbered ticket.*

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## Late night shopping at our Dedham shop



**Thursday 18th November  
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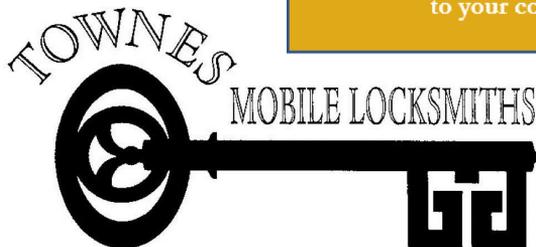
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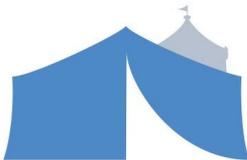


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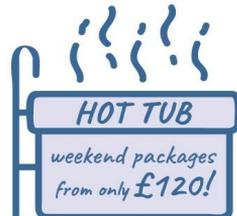


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