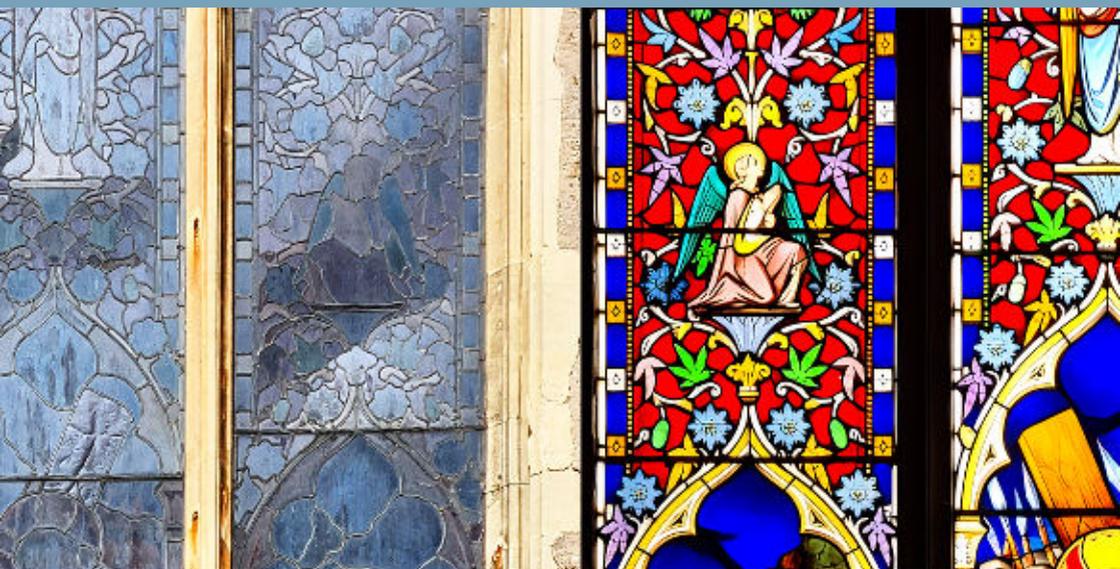




# DEDHAM Parish Magazine



July/August 2025

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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 **Tel: 322 598.**

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***If you need any further support, please contact the Parishes Office Tel: 322 136 and your call will be returned.***

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

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP) Ardleigh  
 9.30am Cafe Church Ardleigh  
 9.30am Rise N Shine Dedham\*  
 5.00pm Evensong Dedham\*

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh  
 11.00am Holy Communion Dedham\*

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh  
 9.30am Morning Praise Dedham\*  
 5.00pm Revive@5 Dedham\*

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Morning Praise Ardleigh  
 9.30am Holy Communion Dedham\*

\* = Services are possibly live streamed.

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



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 Parishes.**



**Follow us on Facebook,  
 search - Dedham and  
 Ardleigh 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month: Meeting at Ardleigh Church from 10am to 12 noon. Please contact Ardleigh Churchwarden if you are interested in joining the group.**

**Little Steps Pre-School Group: every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month: 9.30am in Ardleigh Church.**

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9am** - Breakfast, Bacon, Buns and Bible.

**Monday Lunch Club – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms.**  
 Phone 322192 to reserve a place.

**Walk and Talk - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am or 11am, Dedham Arts and Craft Centre.** 10am for a walk, or at 11am for just a chat.

**FROM THE REGISTERS.**

**WEDDINGS:**

Adam Pullin and Emily Bride, 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Sean Dillon and Charlotte Walters, 6<sup>th</sup> June

**FUNERALS:**

Fyl Ridgewell, Memorial Service, 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Pamela and Roy Paris, Interment of Ashes, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Ardleigh  
 9.30am Café Church Ardleigh  
 9.30am Rise N Shine Dedham\*

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh  
 11.00am Holy Communion Dedham\*

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh  
 9.30am Matins Dedham\*

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am Morning Praise Ardleigh  
 9.30am Holy Communion Dedham\*

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 walk. 10am for a walk, or at 11am, same  
 venue, for just a chat.

**Mission Bake Sale: Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
 August 10am-4pm,** Dedham Church

**MISSIONS BAKE SALES**



The remaining dates for the 2025  
 Mission Stall are as follows:

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 10-12 noon**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10-4pm,** bank  
 holiday.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 noon.**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 noon.**

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

**The funeral of Pamela Tanner will  
 take place on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at  
 2.30pm in Dedham Church.**



**Open Gardens  
 this summer**

AT THE VICARAGE (DEDHAM, CO7 6DE)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 2-4 O'CLOCK

## RURAL MISSIONER

Dear Friends

I hope this finds you well – on the cusp of summer holidays and time enjoying God's good creation with family, friends and loved ones.

At the end of this month, the Church of England remembers William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson and their efforts to abolish the slave trade in the then British Empire.



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Olaudah Equiano is possibly the least well known of the three, but he grew up abroad (likely in southern Nigeria) and was himself a slave and traded several times before buying his freedom and ending up in London,

where he became one of the leading figures of the abolitionist movement at the end of the 18th century.

Thomas Clarkson was the son of a clergyman who grew up in Cambridgeshire. After his undergraduate studies in Cambridge, he met many abolitionists who were Quakers and Nonconformists (Protestants other than Anglicans). He began lobbying parliament in aid of the abolitionist cause and, through this, came in contact with William Wilberforce.

Wilberforce was an independent MP for Yorkshire and an Anglican, one of the first Anglicans to take up the abolitionist cause. He was driven by his evangelical faith to do so and was blessed, three days before his death, to witness the fruit of all the abolitionists' labour as Parliament passed the Slavery Abolition Act 1833.

Christian opposition to slavery originates from the teaching found right at the opening of the Bible in Genesis

1:27: "God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." The argument is that if God has endowed each and every human being with the immense dignity of bearing His image, then we should not denigrate fellow image-bearers by treating them as 'property'.

It would be easy to think that slavery and human trafficking are issues of the past, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Today, organisations like Stop the Traffik (<https://stopthetraffik.org/>) continue the legacy of Wilberforce, Equiano and Clarkson in highlighting the magnitude of the present evil and seeking, like these leading lights of former days, to bring it to an end. I commend their work to you!

Best wishes,  
*Phillip*

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## IN YOUR MAGAZINE

This month's issue is the Summer edition which covers both July and August.

Following on from the May organ concert you can watch another YouTube video of Jonathan Scott playing a piece on our new organ

You can watch the video produced by the Scott brothers, called, HOLST - 'FINALE' (THE DARGASON) ST. PAUL'S SUITE - ORGAN SOLO - JONATHAN SCOTT by following this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaj8f8Eqqh&pp=0gcjCdgAo7VqN5tD>

*John Goldsbrough*



## PARISHES ADMINISTRATOR based at St Mary's Church, Dedham

We are seeking a friendly and organised parishes administrator to provide vital support to the church and its ministry, ensuring the smooth running of the parishes office.

We need someone who is:

- Well organised
- Comfortable with technology
- A good communicator
- Available to work around 20 hours a week on a hybrid basis (to be negotiated) in the parishes office in Dedham, providing administrative support to our two ministers and the parishes.

For more information and a full job description please visit:

<https://www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk/>

email: [churchwardendedham@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardendedham@gmail.com)

**Closing date :- 31st July 2025**

Scan the QR Code to create an email.



## FOOD BANK

The food bank has temporarily been suspended so we don't need any more items. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

## DO YOU LIKE ACTING AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE OPEN THE BOOK TEAM IN DEDHAM?

Open the Book is an interactive, storytelling way of sharing bible stories with children in primary schools. Currently the Dedham Open the Book team are looking for new volunteers and would love to hear from you.

The team visit Dedham Primary school once every half term. All you need to do is commit an hour's preparation meeting the week before the actual Open the Book Assembly which will be up to an hour and a half on the day. It's such a fun way to volunteer and there's even costumes too!

If you're interested, contact Fiona Taylor by email: [fiona.t.dedham@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.t.dedham@gmail.com)

Scan the QR Code to create an email.





Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

## July 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the I Iam Communion service. The choir will sing 'Hymn to the Trinity' by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky'.

We continue to support St George's, Great Bromley on the second Sunday of each month.

## August 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the I Iam Communion service. The choir will sing 'Almighty and everlasting God' by Orlando Gibbons.

## August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at St Nicholas Church, Harwich CO12 3DR

at the 6.30pm Choral evensong. The Anthem that they will be singing is 'The Fair Chivalry' by Robert Ashfield. Robert James Ashfield (1911-2006) born at Chipstead, Surrey.

*Graham Bell*

## A THANK YOU

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the loving support which Antony and I have received from our Church Family over recent weeks.

As many of you may know, I have been unable to carry out my usual duties in my role as Verger and Caretaker at St Mary's Church Dedham, both leading up to and after my major surgery.

I am pleased to inform you that the operation was successful and I am making good progress, and look forward to easing back into my roles in due course.

How blessed we are to be part of such a loving and caring church family and community. Thank you, and God bless you all.

*Gabbie Watson*



## THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 8.30am - 11:30am

**FULL THREE COURSE BREAKFAST, CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.**

*Entry by donation, all proceeds going to the church.*

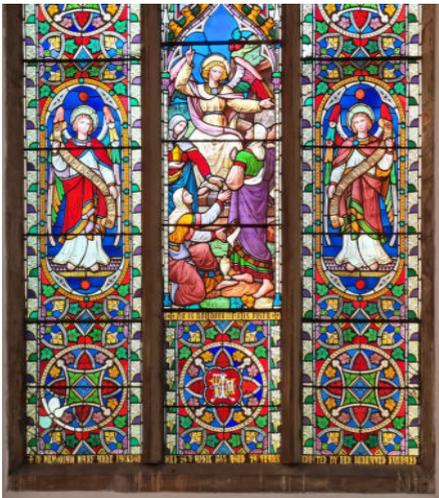
## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Many of the church's windows are deteriorating and require extensive and costly restoration, estimated to exceed £160,000. While the chancel windows have been recently restored, the remaining work still demands significant funding.

The Parochial Church Council is actively fundraising, with support from the Friends of Dedham Church and potential grants, but additional donations from parishioners and visitors are urgently needed. We hope that you will wish to donate.



East window in the south aisle showing damage, only really visible from the outside.



Another south aisle window showing multiple sites of bowing in the window.

## “OUR MAGAZINE”

As the last of the magazines are sorted and delivered by hard-working volunteers, it feels right to say a thank you to them, and to all those who give of their time to entertain us and inform us through these regular monthly magazines about life in Dedham and the surrounding villages.

Contributions from the Horticultural society inspire us all to have a go at gardening projects, whilst news from the Parish Council, the Surgery and local school inform us about what is happening in our village.

In our Church news either the Reverend Phillip or John supply us with monthly newsletters telling us about God's message to us all, and there are often items that seek to further the Christian message of Love, Hope and Forgiveness through the contributors' own experiences or related directly to Biblical verse.

A recent series about our Stained Glass Windows in the church has both encouraged us to look more carefully at these masterpieces, or focused our attention on the stories behind the creations. Recently however we have been alerted to the poor condition of many of these windows which will shortly require us all to help fund the upkeep of these windows for future generations who visit or worship at St. Mary's.

So much is recorded for us all in this well-presented monthly magazine, put together by our editor, who does such a great professional job for us all, alongside the printers who give such a good service, enabling us all to receive a magazine that is well worth reading.

Where would we be without the advertisements that help us to locate a local professional when we need one, and

our advertising administrator regularly finds a variety of trades and businesses to assist us all.

We, the readers are indebted to all the magazine's contributors who give time and effort to make our magazine such a great read, enabling us to keep abreast of what is happening in our busy village.

There are magazines left in our church and visitors encouraged to take one, and we like to feel that they will enjoy learning about Dedham life and feel uplifted by the words they find in our articles.

“The magazine” will enjoy a well-deserved break in August, but the Editor will need us to be willing to supply him with articles, whether about Church or Village life, so please can we all be willing to contribute articles that help us to share experiences with each other, making our magazine well worth reading each month.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS APPEAL.

Please make donations to:

**A/c Name: Dedham Parochial  
Church Council**

**S/code: 20 22 67**

**A/c no. 00297870**

**Reference: Windows**



Member Editor 2025  
Association for Church Editors

## OLD SPECTACLES FROM DEDHAM HELPING PEOPLE IN SIERRA LEONE

Thank you to the many Dedham residents who have left old spectacles in the Church porch. Two batches have now been shipped to a church run Eye Hospital in the town of Lunsar, Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. You will rarely see anyone in Sierra Leone wearing glasses because they cannot afford them.



This lady was a maid at Andy Higginson's hotel in Sierra Leone. A pair of appropriate reading glasses was found from a collection brought over from the UK. She is so happy she can read now. She could not afford to buy glasses. The second photo is of Andy and Dr Laurel Spooner visiting the Eye Hospital in Lunsar.

The glasses are sent to the Eye Hospital where they are sorted by type.

The prescriptions are read on a machine. The Hospital then dispenses the glasses to local residents of Lunsar and the surrounding areas free of charge. People often queue at the Hospital for hours and days to receive their spectacles.

Dr Laurel Spooner, who runs the scheme, has sent this message to the Dedham donors. The doctor in charge of the Eye Hospital in Lunsar, Sierra Leone, where all the glasses go, has asked me to thank you "with all his heart". He says they find a use for everything. "Usually there is a patient to suit the simple lenses or if the lenses are multifocal we reuse the frames. If not reusable we take apart for spares. God Bless you." Every time we can't find our glasses we experience what life without them would be like.

Many recipients at the Hospital are receiving their first pair. After years of blurred vision they see the world clearly again.



Please donate any glasses you no longer use to citizens of Sierra Leone. Declutter your home at the same time! The collection box is in the Church porch.

*Ruth Higginson*

## ARDLEIGH SURGERY: PARISH NEWSLETTER – JULY 2025

We hope that you are having a pleasant summer so far. Sister Harrison is on maternity leave now. Receptionist Mrs Pike has retired, we wish her a happy retirement. We are currently recruiting a GP assistant, a care coordinator and of course a receptionist.

### Appointment System Updates

We are still using the ANIMA system and learning. Mondays are extremely busy with twice the number of ANIMA requests. Followed by Friday, then Thursday, so Tuesdays and Wednesday are the days with least demand in comparison. Please put in your requests as soon as the portal opens at 0800hrs. As mentioned before if you are not able to use ANIMA call the surgery and one of the receptionist will help you.

### July Practice Shutdown will be on the 29th of July.

A quick reminder that the surgery will be closing at 12:00 PM for our monthly mandatory staff training session. Please make sure to submit any prescription requests in advance, and if you need an appointment, kindly put in your ANIMA request early. As always, the Out of Hours GP service will be available for urgent care during this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the months ahead!

Kind regards,

*The Team at Ardleigh Surgery*



SCAN ME

# MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM

**A Long Glittering Line:  
Picture fit for a Queen**  
21<sup>st</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025

A new exhibition at in the historic former home of Sir Alfred Munnings affords a rare chance to see pictures from the Royal Collection and Tate a century on from when they were commissioned by Queen Mary.

In 1925, rising star of the art world, Alfred Munnings was commissioned by Queen Mary to paint the Royal Family arriving at Ascot by horse and carriage for the racing in June.

Excited by the challenge, Munnings was also enthralled by the pomp and colour of the State Procession which he described later in his autobiography as “a long glittering line”.



The State Procession to Ascot, 1925, by Sir Alfred Munnings, Royal Collection Enterprises Limited 2025 Royal Collection Trust.



## **Dedham Parish Council - Report of Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

### **Visitor's Report from Councillor Barber**

The results of the parking survey were noted.

Concerns were raised regarding delays to Education, Health, and Care certificates for pupils at the primary school, impacting their education.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour by Young People**

The Council noted evidence of young people gathering in Dedham for parties by the river and on playing fields.

A special meeting will be convened with interested parties to develop a strategy to address these issues.

### **Trading on Pavements in the High Street**

This continues to be a problem, particularly for residents requiring wider pavements due to disability or with young children.

The Council will contact traders and seek legal clarification.

### **Terms of Reference for Groups**

These will be finalised at the next meeting.

### **Parish Plan**

The Council is commencing the development of a new Parish Plan. A consultation day for residents is planned for **July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 4 pm, at the Duchy Barn.**

### **Planning**

The planning group now meets prior to each Council meeting (6:00 pm - 6:30 pm). The first meeting discussed recent planning applications.

A comment will be made on the proposed Birchwood Road Starbucks drive-through development.

The planned housing development off Long Road West will be monitored in partnership with local residents.

### **Parking Update**

Meetings are scheduled with NEPP to discuss camper van parking, disabled bay usage, main car park tidying, and yellow line repainting.

The Council will raise with Stratford St. Mary Parish Council and Babergh Council the need for uninterrupted yellow lines over the bridge.

### **Children's Play Area**

Urgent repairs to the climbing frame were approved.

### **Consultation on Bus Service Re-routing (80/81A - Mill Road and Turner Road)**

It was noted that proposed changes to serve Olympic Boulevard and Northern Approach in Colchester could negatively impact residents relying on the bus for Colchester Hospital, as the new stop would be distant from the main entrance.

## Contracts for Playing Field Cutting

The existing cutting contract will be renewed.

Additional work requested by sports clubs will be put out to tender.

## Communications

A progress report was given on the planned new website and new email addresses for councillors.

## Date and Time of Next Meeting

**Monday, July 7th**

Planning meeting: 6:00 pm

Dedham Parish Council meeting: 6:30 pm

*Cllr Douglas Bourn*

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Scan for DPC Annual Reports page.



## PARISH PLAN DROP-IN SESSION – DUCHY BARN – SATURDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Dedham's Parish Plan sets out a vision for the future of Dedham and outlines how that can be achieved. Our current Parish Plan was published in 2011 so is now in need of updating. The content of the Parish Plan is led by the community and the process of updating it will involve extensive public engagement to identify areas of concern and highlight what needs to be improved or conserved, to guide plans for future Parish Council projects.

To get the process of updating our Parish Plan underway, an initial drop-in session will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, 19th July at the Duchy Barn. The purpose of this initial event is to start to gather information about local concerns and to sign up volunteers to help take the process forward.

This will just be the start of community engagement and there will be many other events and opportunities for participation in the Parish Plan process, but we would love to see you there.

We are particularly interested in your views on Dedham's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats based on the following three questions:

- **What is special?**
- **What are the problems?**
- **What ideas do you have for improvements?**

*Cllr Andrew McLaughlin for Dedham Parish Council*

## WHAT A YEAR!

The longest day is behind us and the garden is full of flower with a second flush of roses and lilies, daylilies and dahlias in bloom. We'll sow biennial seeds like foxgloves, honesty, forget-me-nots and wallflowers and – at the end of August – hardy annuals seeds from cornflowers and larkspur to pot marigolds or some poppies. They'll all make it through winter to flower next summer.

Much of the gardening, however, will be about keeping on top of the weeds, watering (yes, even with the British weather), feeding and deadheading to keep as much of the garden as productive as possible.

Dedham Horticultural Society meanwhile takes a bit of a breather and some space to look back on the year that's been and prepare for the programme to come.

This year, it was a pleasure to be able to learn more about designing and building a show garden at Chelsea Flower Show from the designer of the Panathlon Joy Garden, Penelope Walker, and landscaper Mark Richardson of Stewart Landscape Construction. They were able to take us through the year (or more) of planning the design and the landscaping a show garden requires, to the challenges of finding those perfect trees - and what to do when what you get doesn't match up to expectations or requirements! Penelope gave us insights into how to make a garden accessible for people with different abilities and how to plant for biodiversity.

Our annual Zoom meeting welcomed Ben Pope, Head Gardener for the private garden of Grayshott Manor in West Sussex. He shared his knowledge of how to create and manage beds and borders filled with herbaceous perennials and gave us plenty of tips to apply in our own gardens.

We learnt how Tim Smit developed the Eden Project, turning it from an old china clay pit into one of the most visited tourist attractions in the UK, and the plants and flowers from this country and around the world that can be found beneath its famous domes. We gained insight into how the attraction has evolved over the years to continue to appeal to people, and about Tim's other project; reclaiming the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

We welcomed the Ipswich Bonsai Society to give us an introduction to this fascinating hobby and artform. David brought some stunning miniature trees from his own collection and talked about how to turn a sapling found in the garden or hedge into your first bonsai tree. There were tips on care and plenty of questions from the audience.

Brenda Eyes gave two excellent talks on flower arranging, providing demonstrations and letting us put the finished results into our raffle. There were plenty of extra tickets sold on those occasions! She gave us tips for how we could create our own arrangements and the different styles to think about.



If you know someone who gives a great talk on gardening (even just a slight connection to gardening), we'd love to hear from you (contact details on our

website). We'd also love to know what might encourage you and others to come along. What kind of garden do you have? How do you use it? What kind of plants do you like?

If you have a general gardening question, why not email that to us too and we'll try to dig up an answer based on local knowledge (you never know, it might be something the internet and AI hasn't discovered yet). Maybe we'll address your question in a future article in the Parish Magazine.

Although our seven speaker evenings took up a significant part of our annual programme, we also held two open shows when anyone can exhibit their home-grown produce and plants for free. It's very much a village show and we'd encourage anyone who has a plant or two or a small veg patch to have a go. Maybe you've a knack for cookery or love taking photos – we have classes for that too. Every show welcomes some people who have never exhibited before and – although it can seem very formal – we're happy to offer tips to anyone unsure what to do or what makes a good entry.



Our annual plant sale outside Dedham Church in May proved once again that everyone likes a bargain and we sold more than half our stock while we were still setting up! We had plenty of lovely donations from members and

other people who had spare plants and vegetable seedlings, for which we are very grateful. Soon after our final speaker evening in June, most of our members joined us for a relaxed morning of coffee, cake and plant talk in a local garden – the weather just about held after the rain and wind.

Our members also get first refusal of tickets to our annual Christmas Supper and Quiz, and our day trip by coach to a great garden attraction – both subsidised by the Society for its members. We went 'all out' for Christmas last year with lights, table decorations, music and silly hats for the committee, complementing the three-course curry supper and entertaining quiz – maybe we'll drag a tree in for 2025 (maybe).

We've just returned from Penshurst Place and Gardens in Kent, where our discounted package included a hugely interesting garden tour, lunch and access to the historic house as well as the gardens.

We work hard to put on such a varied programme of events that is enjoyed by so many Dedham residents and people from further afield. We'd welcome anyone new who'd like to come and learn a bit more about gardening and horticulture (even if you only have a balcony or the odd container or two). If you have a bit more time, we're also looking for new committee members to ensure we can keep the programme going.

Let us know what you think or what you'd like to see by emailing us at [dedhamgardening@gmail.com](mailto:dedhamgardening@gmail.com).

Visit our website [www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com](http://www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com) for more information and to sign up for regular updates.



## ROMAN RIVER FESTIVAL

### Roman River 25th Anniversary Festival 2025: A Daring Season of Sound. 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September

Roman River Festival returns with purpose in celebration of its quarter century of world-class chamber music in beautiful and unusual venues, proving once again that culture in East Anglia is thriving!

Welcoming, unstuffy, and joyful, every concert is a headliner: Norway's Engegård Quartet with Grieg, Mozart, and folk melodies; Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time—a profound work of 20th-century music, performed by exceptional young musicians; pianist Martin James Bartlett bringing fearless artistry to Fordham; Armonico Consort with the spiritual uplift and emotional intensity of Rachmaninov's Vespers in a candlelit Victorian Gothic church; candlelit too, an intimate evening of song in Wivenhoe with superb mezzo-soprano Marta Fontanals-Simmons, harpist Olivia Jageurs, and flautist Chloë Vincent.

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RR Artistic Director Orlando Jopling with solo cello works in three small spaces; Jordan Ashman, BBC Young Musician winner, displays his virtuosic percussion talent, while creative genius Jamie Catto (Faithless and I Giant Leap) blends storytelling and music to launch his magical children's book, *The Old Forest Path*, at CODA.

Children are also invited to run wild with *Bach to Baby* or take part in a family concert, plus violinist Sijie Chen leads a masterclass for emerging string players, fostering the next generation of talent.

For a spine-tingling finale worthy of the great concert halls of Europe: Mahler's First Symphony and Beethoven's Triple Concerto performed by internationally acclaimed soloists Tom Poster, Elena Urioste, and Laura van der Heijden with the Wild Arts Ensemble. If ever there was a year to join this much-loved festival, this Anniversary year is it.



## LOCAL EVENTS

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September - 8:00 pm - St Mary's Church, Dedham:

Messiaen's masterpiece, *Quartet for the End of Time*, performed by Sacha Rattle (clarinet), Sijie Chen (violin), Sam Haywood (piano) and Bart LaFollette (cello). Tickets from £15.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September - 6:00 pm - St Mary's Church, Ardleigh:

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## MESSAIEN'S QUARTET FOR THE END OF TIME

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 8:00pm - 9:00pm. St Mary's Church, Dedham, CO7 6HJ

### PROGRAMME

Oliver Messaien The Quartet for the End of Time

Duration: approx. 1 hour

Doors open from 7.30 for an 8pm start. Please allow ample time for parking.

Sijie Chen | violin  
Sacha Rattle | clarinet  
Sam Haywood | piano  
Bartholomew LaFollette | cello

Tickets £20 – £40 (£15 for under 30s)

## CONSTABLE COUNTRY PILGRIMAGE OF SONG

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

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At the beginning of June, we were delighted to welcome into school, three volunteers from the Dedham Art Society who supported us with creating work for an exhibition and art trail which we are planning to have up in the community during August.

This project is one of a number which the school has planned as part of its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

'Faces of Dedham: A Portrait of Community' invites children to create portraits of one another, fostering trust and connection through a shared spiritual experience.

These artworks will then create a public portrait trail through the town as well as in the grounds of Munnings Museum. We are delighted that the children's work will also be exhibited alongside some contributions from the residents of Blackbrook Care Home and members of the Dedham Art Society.

Together, these portraits will weave a living tapestry of Dedham's past, present, and future - honouring its enduring spirit and sense of community.

This summer, we invite members of our local community and visitors to Dedham, to journey through the town to experience Faces of Dedham.

We hope that these artworks will inspire you, make you smile and remind you of the beauty found in seeing – and being seen – by one another. We hope you enjoy the trail!





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The Trustees invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St. Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

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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](mailto:dedhamefclerk@gmail.com) or 07752201441.

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## DEDHAM SPORTS CLUB

Dedham Sports Club enjoys an enviable position in the corner of the Duchy field, but how many people from the village actually use it? The answer sadly is very few!

The club is home to Dedham Cricket Club, Dedham Old Boys Football Club, Dedham Table Tennis Club, and enjoys a friendly arrangement with Dedham Tennis Club just over the way. Until very recently the club was also used by the very successful Dedham Bowls club, but sadly their numbers dwindled so much that they were forced to close. We also host the weekly Dedham baby and toddlers group.

In order for these clubs to run successfully, providing varied activities for Dedham residents of all ages, they rely on the club building being run by a voluntary committee.

The building is available for private hire and we have seen an increase in the number of children's birthday parties recently. We have a fully stocked bar (for over 18s!) and modern kitchen facilities. We even have showers if things get very messy!

However, we have also seen significant increases in various costs over the past couple of years so we are actively exploring ways to increase our income, and we need your support.

We would love it if the sports club became a real community hub for Dedham people. To try to kick start this we are offering social membership of Dedham Sports Club for a cost of £25 per annum or £35 for family membership.

We hope that you will consider supporting us as we work to develop the club as a community destination.

To kick start this, from July 4th the club bar will be open on a Friday evening. Members will be able to enjoy a quiet drink in a beautiful location at very competitive prices. Please come along and join the club as a social member. If you can make it on either Friday July 4th or Friday July 11th, the first drink is on us! The bar will be open from 5pm.

If you can't make either of those dates, please get in touch and we can sign you up as a new member.

We would also like to start a discussion about what services and facilities you think we could offer.

*Nicola Baker*

*Chair, Dedham Sports Club*

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Formed in 1993, Dedham Carpet Bowls Club has had to close owing to the lack of members. How different to the early days when the club had over 30

members, nearly all of them from the village. When the club closed in May there were only seven members from the village and of those, only four of the original members remained.

Originally the club just had one long mat, but subsequently it acquired two short (30 feet) mats which allowed the club to take part in Essex County Carpet Bowls Association (ECCBA) leagues and competitions.



Dedham Sports Club set out for Bowls

The club also held internal competitions, one of the first was a club pairs competition which took place over the summer of 1994, 12 pairs took part.

Once the club was affiliated to ECCBA, members took part in various County wide competition such as Singles, Pairs and Triples events.

It enjoyed a very successful run in the Winter and Summer leagues, as the following selection of trophies shows.  
2002 ECCBA Summer Singles Winners  
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2015 ECCBA Summer Singles Winners  
2016 ECCBA Summer Singles Winners  
2019 Essex Ferris Cup Winner  
2022-23 Colchester Winter league Winners. (The last league win.)

It also ran a very successful Annual Competition from 2002 in memory of Peggy Brooks one of the founder members of the club. A Rose Bowl trophy for the competition winners was supplied by an anonymous donor.

The competition ran for 18 years until the 2019, originally at the Assembly rooms and then at Nayland village hall which was more suitable, as it had all the equipment to hand. The competitions raised in excess of £5,000 for local charities as well as funds for the club.



2019 competition underway at Nayland

In 2020, Covid struck and had a major impact on Carpet Bowls generally and a number of local clubs didn't survive. Dedham managed to keep going but numbers dwindled until unfortunately it was no longer possible to carry on.

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*John Goldsbrough*

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Monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6TP. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4.

Our speaker on 9<sup>th</sup> July is Eleanor Jenkins giving a talk on "The Life of a Tudor Housekeeper.". There is no talk in August as we have a Summer lunch instead. On 10<sup>th</sup> September Bryan Thurlow will talk on "Murder at the Red Barn."

Please take a look at our website for more information and contact details.

[www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley)

## DEDHAM ART SOCIETY

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 the Dedham Art Society please contact us by email at

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or visit our website at

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

Here are the sessions for July and Augua, if you are interested in attending please call 07872334729.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Members' painting together session  
– Light and Shade

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Mistley (Saturday morning plein air group)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Painting outside, 10am - The Munnings Museum, Dedham. This week we will spend the day plein air painting in the grounds of the Munnings Museum. (Optional tour)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Painting outside 10am (full day)- Flatford

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
Goldhanger (Saturday morning plein air group)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm  
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## JULY 2025

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Dedham Sports Club open evening.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Rise N Shine.  
5.00pm, Dedham Church - Evensong.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - 12.30pm, Monday Lunch Club, Essex Rose Tea Room.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - The Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm. Dedham Art Society.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Dedham Sports Club open evening.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - 11am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am - 12pm Digital Access, Duchy Barn.
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 4pm Duchy Barn, Parish Plan Drop-in session.
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Morning Praise.  
5.00pm, Dedham Church - Revive@5
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, BLACK BAG.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - 2pm - 4pm Dedham Vicarage open garden

## AUGUST 2025

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Rise N Shine.

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - 11am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Matins.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - 2pm - 4pm Dedham Vicarage open garden
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm Members' Painting together Session – Dry Media

## 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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

- Dedham Youth Club - The Duchy Barn, 7.30pm to 9.15pm.



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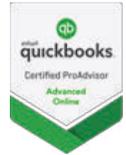
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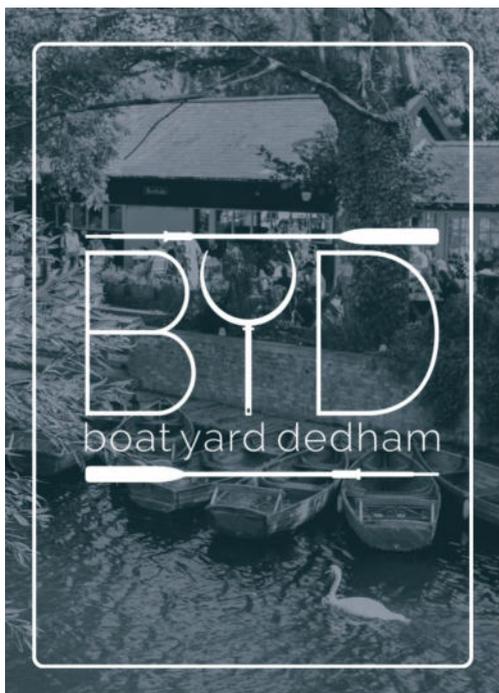
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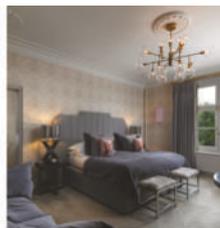
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