

CLUBS & SOCIETIES



Martin Broom writes

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 4th December

Meet at Langham Community Centre (but don't park there) at 10.30am for a four-mile walk. The leader will be Margaret Smith ☎822797.

Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day), meet at the War Memorial at 10.30am. The leader will be Alan Bridges ☎323901. Please note from January 2017, we will meet at 10.30am on the first Sunday of each month. Details in the Parish Magazine and the website.

Elliott Frisby writes

THE DEDHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Dedham and District Horticultural Society's next speaker evening is on Wednesday, 7th December in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham High Street at 7.30 pm. Our Christmas event, members and non-members alike can enjoy wine and mince pies as we get a demonstration of Christmas decorations. Free to members, non-members pay just £2. Come and see what it's all about!



Graeme Forsyth writes

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Future Meetings Diary Dates

Our December meetings are:
7th ~ Robin Finch "Entertains"

21st ~ Paul Oliver "Christmas Quiz"

We are also holding our popular Christmas Lunch at The Venture Centre, Lawford on Sunday 11th December.

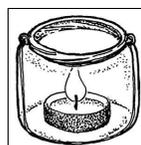
Our only January meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January when Dr J Knight will talk on the life and works of Sir John Betjeman CBE, who was an English poet, writer, and broadcaster who described himself in Who's Who as a "poet and hack". He was Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom from 1972 until his death in 1984.

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members

New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10.30am. Please contact Secretary Brian Rolfe on ☎393665 for further details.



Betty Callaghan writes

THE GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Another enjoyable afternoon with the added attraction of Val Blaker confirming our outing to the theatre in Clacton and our festive lunch in Mistley. Our next meeting will be Friday, 9th December when Mr Mark Pearce will show a film on village life in Dedham in times gone by.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP
4th Dec & 1st Jan

10.30 a.m.

Family Service
4th Dec

Joint Parishes Family
Service

1st Jan (Ardleigh)
29th Jan (Dedham)

Morning Worship CW
11th Dec & 8th Jan

Holy Communion CW
18th Dec & 15th Jan

Morning Prayer BCP
22nd Jan

5 p.m.

Evening Prayer BCP
4th Dec

Re:Vive @5
22nd Jan

For Christmas Services
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13 January 2017



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016 DEDHAM & ARDLEIGH

Christmas starts with Christ

◆ **SUNDAY before CHRISTMAS** ◆
18 December
6 p.m. **CAROL SERVICE (Dedham)**
6.30 p.m. **CAROL SERVICE (Ardleigh)**

◆ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ◆
4 p.m. **MESSY CHURCH CRIB SERVICE (Ardleigh)**
6 p.m. **CRIB SERVICE (Dedham)**
11 p.m. **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (Dedham)**
11.30 p.m. **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (Ardleigh)**



◆ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ◆
8.30 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION BCP (Dedham)**
10 a.m. **FAMILY COMMUNION (Dedham)**

◆ **EPIPHANY 1 January** ◆
8.30 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION (Dedham)**
10.30 a.m. **JOINT PARISHES MORNING WORSHIP (Ardleigh)**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Tower Flag Days of the
Month
Christmas Day—25th December 2016**

From the Registers
FUNERALS & INTERMENTS



JONATHAN RANAULPH ALLSOPP—30TH OCTOBER 2016 (AGED 54)
NORAH ELIZABETH MACWILLIAM—8TH NOVEMBER 2016 (AGED 98)
DR ROBIN PRISCOTT MBE—14TH NOVEMBER 2016 (AGED 79)

'HE GAVE US EYES TO SEE THEM' – THE CHURCH BUILDING

Each month we have been following in the footsteps of George Herbert and making our way through the church building from the entrance door to the altar - pausing at the font, by kneelers, candlesticks, windows, monuments, pulpit, ceiling, bells and choir stalls. They all form part of the church building: a witness to its history and tradition. They speak to us of beauty and craftsmanship, of art and skill, of dedication and faith. We look around. We find our hearts raised to heaven in praise for all we see, and remember Jesus talking about the stones speaking out on that first Palm Sunday.



And when people enter the church building, they become the living stones – filling the air with hymn and psalm, pulling the ropes for the bells to ring out, lighting candles to shine in the dark, kneeling in prayer, and going to the altar to feed on the Bread of life. A church building is an offering, and we, as we worship, make our offering. We set aside time and attention, and bring to God our lives in His service.

All Saints Church in Brockhampton, just south of Hereford, is a wonderful example of the Arts and Crafts movement. Outside and within there is much to admire - including a frontal, hymn book covers and embroidered seat covers that were left on the altar in 1960 by an anonymous donor. They were a thank offering for that church being there and open. It is a reminder of the journey called of us as we become living stones, offering our love and faith and service for the Kingdom.

Churches up and down the land invite us all to enter and make that journey, both physically and in faith. As Herbert's poem 'The Invitation' expresses it:

'Come ye hither all, whose love
Is your dove,
And exalts you to the sky:
Here is love, which having breath
Ev'n in death,
After death can never die.'



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Rev Antony Wilson, Quinlan Terry, Suzanne Woods, Be Burleigh, Antony Watson, Gabbie Watson, Ruth Higginson, Jo Hole, David Jewell, Brian Moore, Tim Sarson, Sue Vinter and Claire Arculus.

PASTORAL TEAM

Ann Shaw, Lynne Al Sad, Ruth Higginson, Ian Sutherland, Sue Vinter
 Anyone requiring lift to church please contact Ann Shaw on telephone ☎ **322192** or Ruth Higginson on ☎ **322598**. Also if you are new to the village, or know of someone who would appreciate a visit from the pastoral team, please contact Ann Shaw on ☎ **322192**.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM

Vee Druitt, Pam Tanner, Ruth Higginson, Tony Hughes

If you know of anyone who has been bereaved in the parish who would like a visit from one of our team please contact Vee Druitt on ☎ **322000** or Ruth Higginson on ☎ **322598**.

MISSION TEAM

Lynne Al Sad, Ruth Higginson, Sue Vinter

We are always looking for volunteers to bake or to help on the stall . If you would like to volunteer to help contact Ruth on ☎ **322598**.

RE:VIVE@5

This service in the Church will be on the 4th Sunday of the month at 5 pm unless otherwise indicated.

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS NOW MOVED TO THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS. ACCESS IS VIA THE SIDE DOOR AND POST SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE WHITE POST BOX ON THE WALL

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Great things can grow from a small decision...
 Please Remember
DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH
 in your Will



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



occasion. It's great to be here!

Do you like parties? Christmas is a party.

Specifically, it's a birthday party — for Jesus — and birthdays are meant to be celebrated. It's why we say "Merry Christmas!" What are you going to celebrate this Christmas? That you've made it through another year.... that you will be at home with family.....that you'll be getting an extra bonus.....that you've still got a job and a home..... or maybe you'll find it hard to celebrate because you are just managing to survive. Preparing for Christmas can be a lot of work, especially for parents. With the pressure of buying gifts, sending greeting cards, decorating our homes, putting up lights, cooking, attending parties, and cleaning up afterward, we may have little time to actually enjoy the meaning of Christmas.

The first purpose of Christmas is celebration! We learn this from the angel's opening statement to the shepherds of Bethlehem in the Christmas story. God had wonderful news for us that would cause us all to rejoice, celebrate, and throw a party:

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." The good news of Christmas is worth celebrating for three reasons. It is personal: "I bring YOU." It is positive: "GOOD news of great joy." And it is universal: "for ALL the people." It doesn't matter who you are, what you've done, where you've been, or where you're headed — this news is for you. It's the best news in the world:

God loves you! God is with you!
God is for you!
Christmas is a time to celebrate that God loves you!

The most famous statement in the Bible is Jesus' explanation of why God sent him to earth: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

The entire reason for Christmas is the love of God. God loves you so much that he came to earth as a human so you could get to know him and learn to trust him and love him back.

Theologians call this the Incarnation. God became one of us, a human being, so we could understand what he is really like. Come and join us at any of the services over the Christmas period, both here and in our sister parish of Ardleigh - there's something for everyone and for all ages.

You are most welcome.

Rev Antony Wilson

WHAT'S ON: FILM

In the Assembly Rooms Dedham



Wednesday
21 December
2016



Dedham's Christmas Family Film Event THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

Doors open at 6.30pm — Screening starts at 7pm Tickets £11
from Shakespeare House Gallery or online at www.dedhamfilms.co.uk
Season Tickets valid for this screening



Admission 7pm—Film begins 7.30pm
Tickets £4 available from
Shakespeare House Gallery
or online at www.dedhamfilms.co.uk

Wednesday 18 January 2017 Cafe Society (12A) 2016 Directed by Woody Allen



Bobby - Jesse Eisenberg - goes to work for his successful film producer Uncle, and falls in love with his secretary. Unbeknown to Bobby is that this new love is also his uncle's mistress! Allen uses the dynamics of the relationships, and the choices of these intertwined characters to make a clever film that leaves one's emotions oscillating. Great casting, brilliant acting and lots of

Refreshments available before the Films & Screenings and in the intervals

Contacts: Jax Horswill 322328 or dedhamfilms@gmail.com
To find out more about Dedham Films visit www.dedhamfilms.co.uk

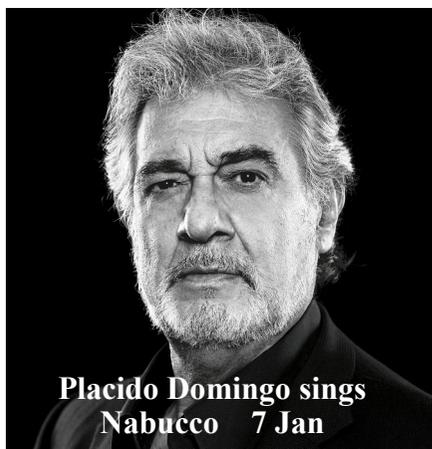
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WHAT'S ON: MUSIC, OPERA, MUSICAL

MUSIC continued

- ❖ **Sat 21 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Chamber Music Society:** Doric String Quartet; Ipswich School.
- ❖ **Sun 22 Jan:** 4 pm **Stour Valley Arts and Music:** Clare Hammond, piano; Beethoven Fauré, Stravinsky; Constable Hall East Bergholt.
- ❖ **Fri 27 Jan:** 8 pm **Studio Music** Brightlingsea: Marmen Quartet.

OPERA/MUSICAL



Plácido Domingo sings
Nabucco 7 Jan

- ❖ **Wed 23 Nov to 26 Nov:** 7.45 pm **Platform Musicals:** *On The Twentieth Century*; Headgate Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 26 Nov:** 7 pm **Jubilee Opera:** *Winter Star* an opera for children; Aldeburgh Church and at Southwold church on 3 Dec.
- ❖ **Wed 30 Nov:** 7.30 pm: *Aida* by Verdi ; The Regent, Ipswich.
- ❖ **Thu 1 Dec:** 7 pm **NT - LL:** *The Threepenny Opera* by Bertold Brecht and Kurt Weill; Lakeside Colchester.

- ❖ **Sat 10 Dec:** 5.55 pm **Metropolitan Opera New York - LL:** *L'Amour de Loin* by the Finnish composer, Kaija Saariaho; Firstsite Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 7 Jan:** 5.55 pm **The Met - LL:** *Nabucco* by Verdi, with Plácido Domingo; Firstsite.
- ❖ **Wed 18 to 28 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Operatic Society:** *Jekyll and Hyde*; Mercury Colchester.
- ❖ **Sat 21 Jan:** 5.55 pm **The Met - LL:** *Roméo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod; Firstsite.
- ❖ **Tue 31 Jan:** 7.15 pm **Royal Opera House - LL:** Verdi's *Il Trovatore*; Odeon Colchester.

BALLET

- ❖ **Thu 8 Dec:** 7.15 pm **Royal Ballet - LL:** Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*; Odeon Colchester.
- ❖ **Fri 23 Dec:** 3 pm **Bolshoi Ballet - LL:** *The Nutcracker*; Firstsite.
- ❖ **Sun 22 Jan:** 3 pm **Bolshoi - LL:** *The Sleeping Beauty*; Firstsite and Odeon Colchester.
- ❖ **Sun 5 Feb:** 2 pm **Bolshoi - LL:** Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*; Firstsite and Odeon Colchester. 3 pm **Bolshoi - LL:** *Swan Lake*; Firstsite Colchester.

TALK

Sun 22 Jan: 3 pm : David Branson, *Ten Most Beautiful Villages in France in the Aveyron*; St Botolph's Colchester.

For details: www.eamaa.org

LL = live link by satellite

PARISH COUNCIL

Christine Frost writes:

The Parish Council held a very well attended 'Business Breakfast' at the Boathouse Restaurant in November and would like to thank the Boathouse for their hospitality and other local businesses that provided refreshments. The speakers were Pam Donnelly from Colchester Borough Council, in her role as Chair of the Safety Partnership, Karen Turnbull, CBC's Economic Growth Development Manager, Inspector Danielle Booth, who is responsible for local community policing and Angie Pearson, Crime Prevention Tactical Advisor. We were also pleased to welcome Rev. Antony Wilson on his first full day in Dedham. Pam spoke about the benefits of partnership working and encouraged local business to form a business association. Karen discussed the changes affecting trade on the high streets of towns and villages. She spoke of possible ways to encourage tourism in Dedham, including the suggestion of creating an annual festival. She also said that CBC are still following a policy which was first implemented around 20 years ago to actively avoid promoting Dedham as a tourist venue because of perceived overcrowding. This met with some surprise in the room and will be discussed in full by DPC at a forthcoming meeting. Danielle Booth talked about the changes in police priorities, explaining she had two Sergeants, 10 Constables, 10 Police Community Support Officers and four special Constables to police her area.

She spoke about the concerns about local repeat crimes, which had affected the Essex Rose Tea rooms.

Angie Pearson talked about Business Watch, also informal networks that could keep businesses in touch with one another and gave advice about business security. She agreed to speak to the Essex Rose representatives at the end of the meeting.

During the question and answer session the following topics were discussed:

- *The apparent conflict between the aims of the Dedham Vale Society and the environment lobby to keep the car driving visitors out of the Dedham Vale, which has impacted on Dedham village and the aims of the businesses to provide a service to village residents throughout the year.*
- *Street lighting, especially in the High Street, Mill Lane and the Drift.*
- *Car parking – charges and the need to find additional car parking capacity.*
- *The possible formation of a business association or village partnership.*
- *The refurbishment of the business notice board in the car park and the value of reissuing the visitor leaflet.*
- *Mobile phone coverage was highlighted as needing improvement in the village.*
- *DPC website and the use of social media.*

Future meeting dates:

Monday 5 December 2016, 7.30pm
Monday 9 January 2017, 7.30pm both in the Duchy Barn

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Dedham Christmas Market

ON THE HIGH STREET
SAT 3rd DECEMBER
3PM - 6PM



MERRY AND ROUND

Hot Food Home made Cakes
Santa's Grotto in the Duchy Barn
Wreaths Games Craft stalls
Spectacular Hamper Raffle

HOLY CHRISTMAS

Shops open & Much More!

Spaces can be booked through

Kim Spencer ☎322773

All Proceeds to Dedham (C of E) Primary School

THEATRE continued

❖ **Wed 14 to 17 Dec:** 7.30 pm
Seckford Theatre Woodbridge: a staged version of *Miracle On 34th Street*.
❖ **11 Jan:** 6.30 pm **RSC - LL:** Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; Lakeside Colchester and 7 pm at The Odeon Colchester and on 12 Jan at Firstsite.
❖ **Thu 12 Jan:** 7 pm **NT- LL:** Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land*; Lakeside.
❖ **Mon 30 Jan to 4 Feb:** 7.30 pm **The Mercury:** *The Play That Goes Wrong* West End comedy.
❖ **Thu 2 Feb:** 7 pm **NT - LL:** *Amadeus* by Peter Shaffer; Lakeside.

MUSIC

❖ **Sat 26 Nov:**
Tiptree Choral Society: Handel's *Messiah*; St Luke's church Tiptree. 7.30 pm **Eye Bach Choir:** Duruflé and Fauré Requiems; Eye Church.
7.30 pm **Ipswich Orchestral Society:** With Steven Osborne (piano) - Weber, Brahms, Beethoven; Corn Exchange.
7.30 pm **Nayland Choir:** Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*; Nayland Church. 7.30 pm **Stour Choral Society:** J S Bach's *Sleepers, Awake!*; Mistley Church.
❖ **Sun 27 Nov:** 2 pm **Headgate** Colchester: Andrey Lebedev, classical guitar workshop, concert 4.45 pm.

7.30 pm **Kingfisher Sinfonietta:** Schumann, Brahms, Tchaikovsky; St Mary's Woodbridge.
❖ **Sat 3 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Symphony Orchestra (CSO);** St Botolph's Colchester.
7.30 pm **Woodbridge Choral Society:** Britten, Schubert; St Mary's Woodbridge.
❖ **Sun 4 Dec:** 2.45 pm **Kingfisher Sinfonietta;** Lion Walk Church Colchester. 3 pm **Coggeshall Church:** Michael Frith organ, Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*.
❖ **Thu 8 Dec:** 1 pm **Trianon;** Museum St. Methodist Church Ipswich.
❖ **Sat 10 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Ipswich Bach Choir:** *The Messiah* by Handel (part I) & Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*; Ipswich School.
7.30 pm **Phoenix Singers:** Monteverdi's *Vespers*; Framlingham Church.



Handel's Messiah:
26 Nov and 10 & 16 Dec

Sun 11 Dec: 6 pm **Suffolk Villages Festival:** Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit*; Dedham Church

7.30 pm **Pimlott Foundation** with Janus Ensemble, London: Berlioz's *L'enfance du Christ*; St Peter's Colchester.
❖ **Fri 16 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Aldeburgh:** Handel's *Messiah*; Snape. 8 pm **Studio Music** Brightlingsea: Goldcrest Ensemble.
❖ **Sat 14 Jan:** 7.30 pm **CSO:** J Strauss, Lehar, Tchaikovsky; St Botolph's Colchester.
❖ **Fri 20 Jan:** 7 pm **Aldeburgh:** Matthew Rose sings Schubert's *Winterreise*; Snape.

WHAT'S ON CHRISTMAS SHOWS & MUSIC, THEATRE

Christmas shows, pantos

❖ **Thu 24 Nov to 28**

Jan: New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich: *Sinbad.*

❖ **Sat 26 Nov to 8 Jan:** **Mercury Theatre Colchester:** *Dick Whittington.*

❖ **Fri 2 Dec: Snape Aldeburgh:** *The Snow Queen* Christmas spectacular - Co-op Juniors, to 11 Dec. 7.30 pm **Theatre Royal Bury:** *Beauty and the Beast* to 15 Jan.



Snow Queen: 2 Dec

❖ **Wed 7 to 11 Dec:** 7 pm **Headgate Theatre Colchester:** *Father Christmas*

❖ **Mon 12 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Headgate Colchester:** Robert MacCall presents *Mr Pickwick's Christmas.*

❖ **Wed 14 to 16 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Lakeside Theatre Colchester:** *Peter Panto* University of Essex Theatre Arts Soc.

❖ **Sat 17 Dec:** 3.30 pm **Aldeburgh:** *Father Christmas Arrives* by Thames Barge. **Regent Theatre Ipswich:** *Sleeping Beauty* to 2 Jan.

Christmas and carol concerts

❖ **Sat 10 Dec:** **Tiptree Choral Society;** United Reform Church. 7.30 pm: **West Bergholt**



Concert Band; Coggeshall Church. 7.30 pm **Hadleigh Choral Society;** Hadleigh Church. 7.30 pm **St Botolph's Music Society:** Haydn, Telemann, Vivaldi & carols.

❖ **Sun 11 Dec:** 4 pm **Colchester Choral Society;** Moot Hall .

❖ **Fri 16 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Eye Bach Choir;** Eye Town Hall

❖ **Sat 17 Dec:** 7.30 pm **Aldeburgh Music:** BBC Big Band festive favourites with a touch of swing; Snape. 7.30 pm **Bury Bach Choir:** Lavenham Church.

❖ **Sun 18 Dec:** 2 pm and 4 pm **Aldeburgh:** *The Snowman*, film with live orchestra; Snape. 7.30 pm **Sudbury Choral Society;** St Peter's Sudbury

FILM

❖ **Wed 18 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Dedham Films:** *Café Society*, dir. Woody Allen; Assembly Rooms

THEATRE

❖ **Thu 15 Dec:** 7 pm **Dedham Films:** *The Railway Children* Live performance from York Railway Museum; Assembly Rooms.

NOTICEBOARD

Stephanie Durrant writes

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

October and November are traditionally very busy months in general practice and this year has been no different. Our flu campaign has been and gone and we will (hopefully!) achieve our target of vaccinating 75% of those who are eligible. This year has seen a rise in the number of patients who don't qualify for an NHS vaccination trying to obtain one at the surgery. Unfortunately we are unable to vaccinate anyone who is outside the NHS flu programme, but many of the local pharmacies and supermarkets offer immunisation at around £5. Those of you who are eligible, please make a note in your 2017 diaries to contact the surgery in September next year to book your flu jab.

Those of you who visited the surgery in late October, you will know that we had a Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection on 1st November. The visit seemed to go well and the inspectors talked at length to our staff, our patients and the doctors. The report into their visit will be published around Christmas time and copies of it will be available at the practice and on our website. The report will also include our rating. Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be having a meeting to discuss the CQC findings and you would be more than welcome to come along, see how the PPG works and discuss the findings with members of the practice. Details of the date and time will be advertised later.

When Dr Owens retired in June, Dr Emily Foster joined us, working three days a week. She has now decided that Ardleigh Surgery is not the practice for her and she is leaving during November. Everyone, I am sure, wishes her well in her new practice. We will be joined during the first week of December by Dr Rebecca Thompson, who comes to us from a practice in Suffolk. Dr Thompson lives locally and will be working three days a week with us, and one day a week at St Helena Hospice in Colchester. We are aware that there has been a shortage of appointments during October and November. This has been partly due to a large demand for appointments, GP sickness and holidays. Rest assured that we are aware of the problems and are planning small changes to the appointment system to ensure a greater availability of appointments. Over Christmas, the surgery will only be closed at weekends (as normal) and on the bank holidays (26th & 27th December and 2nd January). We will be open as normal on all other days. When we are closed, the I I I service will be available for medical advice. There is no need to order your medication early specifically, unless you would be due to run out, or collect it, when we are closed. All that remains is for me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year from everyone at Ardleigh Surgery.

NOTICEBOARD



2017 VILLAGE QUIZ

The annual Village Quiz for organisations or groups based in Dedham will be held on **Saturday, 28th January 2017** in the Assembly Rooms.

7:00 for 7:30 p.m. start with 6 people per team and a maximum of 20 teams. Tickets will cost £8:00 per person and will include a light supper. There will be a bar and a raffle. All proceeds to be donated to the Colchester Hospitals Charity Cancer Centre Campaign.

To enter a team please contact Vee Druitt ☎322000 or Jill Strangward ☎322006.



FRIENDS OF DEDHAM CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Friends of Dedham Church have commissioned a talented local artist, Ella Sambrook, to design a Christmas card for 2016. The cards are in packs of 10 and will cost £4.00 per pack.

They are on sale from the Resource Centre at the back of the Church or they can be obtained from Beth Mitchell ☎323949, David Druitt ☎322000 or Maria Johnston ☎322913.

All proceeds will go towards the Friends support of the fabric of Dedham Parish Church.



Run for MS-UK

Join the MS-UK Colchester Half marathon team and be part of this amazing event on Sunday, 12 March 2017.

Every penny you raise will help MS-UK offer our vital services to local people in Essex living with multiple Sclerosis. Plus you will get all the support and encouragement that you will need to take part and your very own MS-UK running top!

For more information contact Mark today on mark@ms-uk.org or 01206 226500.

Christmas Tree Entry Form

Entry category (delete as appropriate)	Individual (individuals/families)/ Group(clubs/business) / Child
Your name	
Address	
Telephone number	
Mobile telephone number	
Email address	
Name of tree entry	
Approx height of tree	
LED battery lights (delete as appropriate)	Yes / No



DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Entries are invited from all!

Entry fee: £3 per tree

Completed trees to be delivered to the church on:

Friday, 2nd December between: 3pm-5pm

Trees to be collected by participants on:

Sunday, 4th December by 4pm

Tree specifications:

No taller than 5ft

LED battery operated lights only - to be provided by participants

Trees can be on any theme or subject

(remember they're not to include toxic substances or be offensive)

FORM ON OPPOSITE PAGE (13)

**If you wish to enter a tree, please call Briony Lawton on
01206 321224**

DEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Laura Valentine writes:

We're all comfortably aboard the Christmas train at Dedham Primary School and it's now full steam ahead until we break up for Christmas. Two nativity plays are currently being rehearsed and songs for the Christmas carol service are also being learned. Each year, the nativity performed by KS1 tells the story of Christmas from a different angle and this year, a school caretaker secretly makes baubles to hang around his school to teach the children the story of Jesus' birth. Excitement is certainly in the air!



A huge amount of sport has been taking place in school over the past couple of months. A dance taster day, gymnastics coaching, tag rugby coaching, a karate taster day by Dedham Karate Club and a dance competition for Class 1 have all proved incredibly motivating for the children. Competitions don't stop at sport however, because

children have also been participating in music, cookery and science competitions! Congratulations to the science teams for achieving 3rd place in a local heat and narrowly missing out on progressing to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations also to the KS2 Choir who have made it to the final of the Rotary Club Junior Choir Competition – good luck for the final! Thank you to everyone who supported our Farmers' Market in November and to everyone who voted in the

Class 6 'Cake Pop Competition'! On the day, teams of children competed to get the most votes for their cake pops and well done to The Big Cake Tings and Fawkes Fireworks teams who finished joint-first.

Finally, from everyone at Dedham C of E Primary, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to sharing more of our news with you in 2017.

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave so generously to this year's Poppy collection. A special thanks to those who gave so generously of their time helping with the door to door and in other ways to ensure the success of this important charity. The amount raised so far in the Dedham area was £3,067, an increase of £209 from last year. About £1.86 per poppy! This amount includes the contribution from "Gift Aid" about £66.

I should be grateful for more help next year and if you would like to assist, please telephone me, the number is 321241.

By Richard Brown, Poppy Area Organiser

NOTICEBOARD

Dedham Players Spring 2017 Production - "God of Carnage"

Another fine production, a clever black comedy to be staged at Dedham on 26th to 29th April 2017.

Adults can often be far more childish than their offspring!

When two very different couples meet for the first time to discuss their respective sons' playground brawl, it should be civilized enough.

Shouldn't it? Don't you believe it. As their manners start to disintegrate with, at one point, a jaw-dropping episode, chaos ensues!

This is another must for your diaries. Look out for our main advert nearer the time (tickets when available from www.dedhamplayers.org or Shakespeare House Gallery, Dedham).

Claire Nicholson, a supremely talented actress, will be directing God of Carnage.

Award winning both as a stage play and a film, God of Carnage will enthral and captivate you. Book as soon as tickets become available.

DON'T MISS IT!

St Helena Hospice Christmas Tree-Cycle 2017

St Helena Hospice is pleased to be partnering with Colchester Borough Council again this year to offer its Christmas Tree-Cycle for Jan 2017.

On the 7th January 2016, St Helena Hospice will be out with a team of volunteers collecting your real Christmas Trees to be recycled. For those who live in postcode areas CO1 to CO7 and would like to take advantage of this service, you can simply register online in return for a donation to the hospice. The more that you can give, the more you are helping to support patients and their families in your local area when they need it most. Register your interest in this year's collection please visit sthelenahospice.org.uk/treecollect17 or call the fundraising team on ☎931468.



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STOUR VALLEY ARTS & MUSIC

Clare Hammond, piano recital

Sunday 22 January 2017 at 4pm

Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP

Admission/price

Standard £14, students £7, children 16yrs & under with paying adult(s) Free

Contact details/booking contact, email and website

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Tickets now available from the website or contact Doreen Weatherall by email or telephone.

Acclaimed as a pianist of "amazing power and panache" (The Telegraph), Clare Hammond, returning to East Bergholt for the second time, is recognised for the virtuosity and authority of her performances and has developed a "reputation for brilliantly imaginative concert programmes" (BBC Music Magazine, 'Rising Star').

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Mel Willis writes

FIDUCIA WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Did you know we recently won a national award for our Investment Advice? Please see more information at www.fiduciawealth.co.uk/ Also, we will be sponsoring the Dedham Run again next year, which will be on Sunday, 17th September 2017 starting at 11am so please put this date in your diaries (434 people took part in the run in this year). More information can be found at www.dedhamrun.co.uk.

Ruth Higginson writes

MISSION TEAM

Thank you to all those people who have helped and supported the monthly cake stall in front of the church. This year we have raised a total of £739.73, which will be split evenly between Beacon House and our

Missionary family in Africa. We will be in the church selling hot crumble and custard at the Dedham Christmas Market. There will also be hot drinks at the back of the church. There will also be a jewellery stall.

WEA DEDHAM BRANCH

The spring term will commence on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at Munnings Museum at 10 am. There will be a series of nine lectures on "Shakespeare's Women" by Ron Marks. The lectures are an exploration of some of the extraordinary and powerful female characters Shakespeare invented for Boys and men to act: companions lovers, mothers, daughters, viragos at war and victims of jealousy. If you are interested in this course please contact either Colin Biggins ☎322565 or Ruth Higginson ☎322598.