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SERVICES & Events February 2021

Sunday, 6th February

9.30am	Rise N' Shine	Dedham*
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Ardleigh
5.00pm	Evensong	Dedham

Sunday, 13th February

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Ardleigh*
11.00am	Holy Communion CW	Dedham*

Sunday, 20th February

9.30am	Matins	Dedham*
11.00am	Eucharist	Ardleigh

Sunday 27th February

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

Our services are on Search Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

*= services which are live-streamed

Morning Prayer Every Tuesday, 10.30am, Dedham Church

Online Prayer Monday Morning at 7am and Friday at 6pm

Ardleigh Friendship Group Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 10am to 12 noon in Ardleigh Church, outside when weather allows

ACTS Living Stones Prayer Group Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 6.25pm in Ardleigh Church

Men's Breakfast Saturday, 5th February 9am at Dedham Vicarage. For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

Walk and Talk 10am and 11am Thursday 10th February - Meet at Dedham Arts Centre-10am for the walk and 11am for the talk.



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All Change in the Church

Well, the one thing we can be certain about is that we are in a time of great change in the Church.

The Harwich Deanery, of which the Dedham and Ardleigh Benefice is a part, comprises 15 Parishes and following Rev'd Antony's departure, which coincided with that of the Rev'd Liz Barnes who was Vicar of the Moze Benefice (Beaumont-cum-Moze, Great Oakley, Tendring, Wrabness and Wix) as well as being Area Dean, 10 of these Parishes were "in vacancy".

The Harwich Peninsula Team Ministry, covering the Parishes of Dovercourt, Harwich and Ramsey, had a Vicar as did the Mistley with Manningtree Benefice which includes the Church in Bradfield. During 2021 the Deanery Synod Standing Committee, of which I am a member, commenced work on a new 5-year Deanery Plan and following discussions with the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Colchester it was agreed that 5 Stipendiary (full time paid) posts covering all the Parishes in the Deanery could be afforded.

Following confirmation of this number it was agreed that the Harwich Team Ministry, with the largest population in the Deanery, needed 2 of the posts and the fast-growing area around Manningtree, including the new Lawford Green estate, needed 1 of the posts leaving 2 stipendiary posts for the large rural area comprising Ardleigh,

Beaumont-cum-Moze, The Bromleys, Dedham, Great Oakley, Little Bentley, Tendring, Wix, and Wrabness

The Bishop and the Archdeacon have held meetings with the Churchwardens and PCCs of all Parishes "in vacancy" and from those meetings they clearly discerned that little enthusiasm existed for pouring over maps in order to carve up the territory and create new legal structures (benefices) serving this rural area and they therefore proposed to leave the existing deanery structures as they are for the time being.

The following proposals were presented by them to the Deanery Standing Committee and then to the full Deanery Synod in mid January:

- To licence Revd Dom Turner as 'Curate in Charge' of Lawford to allow the continued development of links between Lawford and Manningtree, Mistley and Bradfield.
- To appoint two "Rural Missioners" to work across the 9 rural parishes
- To develop the Revd Kirsty Emerson's deanery-wide role to support and foster pioneer ministry, and her on-going work to meet the needs of children, young people and schools. Kirsty is the 2nd Stipendiary Minister in the Harwich Team Ministry.

The majority of the full Deanery Synod agreed with these proposals, and it is now up to a Steering or Oversight Group that has been established by the Standing Committee to produce appropriate Job Descriptions and person specifications for the 2 Rural Missioners and oversee the recruitment process.

It is understood that the 2 Rural Missioners will have the normal oversight responsibilities of a Parish Priest and they will be licensed to work across all 9 Parishes. It should be noted however that the concept of using Rural Missioners in this way has not been used in the Church of England before and we are therefore moving into uncharted territory which will make for interesting times ahead.

Whilst there will not be someone called the Vicar of Dedham and Ardleigh, one of the roles of the Rural Missioners is to oversee the ministry in our Parishes and to ensure that the needs of all Parishioners are met. Our churches will still be holding services and be a place for marriages, baptisms and funerals along with pastoral care and engagement with the community.

I am very conscious that this article probably raises more questions than it answers. I have however been asked to be a member of the Steering/Oversight Group and hence I might be in a better position in due course to try and answer your questions and I will write further articles in future editions of our Parish Magazine as things progress.

David Drutt



ECO CHURCH

Do you like lighting a candle in church?

If so, you're not alone. For many visitors to our churches, lighting a candle is important. Even if they say that they are 'not religious.' Every month, hundreds of tealights are lit – for loved ones, in reflection, in prayer and petition to God. We now have an opportunity to recycle the candle holders and any wax that is left over in them. This will help us avoid

waste, making our votive candle stands more sustainable from an environmental point of view.

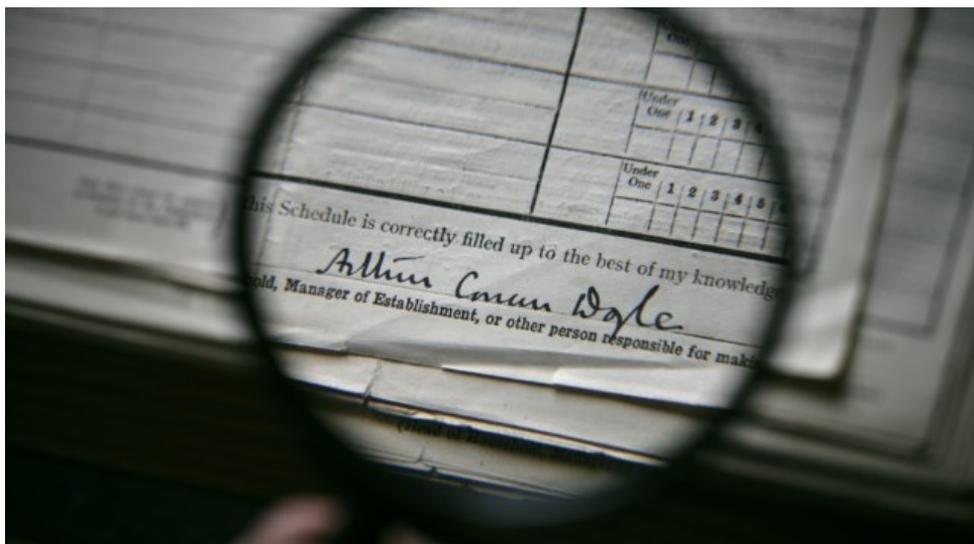
In order to participate in the recycling scheme, we need to separate the leftover wax from the tealight holder.

We're looking for a volunteer to do just this. Might this be you? Or do you know someone who is able to help? Perhaps your child or your grandchild? Or someone who is house-bound?

Time commitment: A couple of hours each month. Full training will be provided.

If you can help, please get in touch with Deb (stmary@gmail.com) or call Christina on 01206 820479. Thank you! Your help makes our churches more environmentally friendly.

Christina Volkmann



The 1921 Census

The first sermon preached in 2022 by the Reverend Merv McKinney had as it's theme "Names we were born with and why".

Why his parents gave him the name Mervyn had always baffled him, as it was not a name borne by any of his immediate family, but when researching his family tree, he found a witness on a marriage certificate with the relatively unusual name of Mervyn.

This story was a natural link into the Christmas celebration of the birth of the new baby, and the divine guidance of the angel Gabriel instructing Joseph and Mary that he should be called Jesus.

On 6th January 2022, those interested in family history also excitedly await an important family event, the release by

the National Archives of the 38 million names who were recorded in the 1921 Census for England and Wales. The statutory 100 years has now passed, and this Census is regarded as being very important, because in the 10 year period between 1911 and 1921 the world experienced a cataclysmic Great War and a devastating influenza epidemic which together claimed over 50 million lives worldwide, and changed the way people lived and worked forever. Those who survived, in many cases, moved location, changed jobs, got married and had more children, so this is why I am impatient to at last get access to these hidden family records. This Census will also have much more detailed information about my relatives than in previous releases, such as marital status, places of employment etc.

It is also likely to be the last formal Census many of us will ever live to see, as the 1931 Census records were completely destroyed in a fire, and the 1941 Census was not held due to the Second World War. There is already a 1939 Census available, but not entirely reliable, and has all people still living redacted. So 2051 will see the release of the 1951 Census, and who can tell what technology will be available by then !

The task of digitising the Census records was given by TNA to the Findmypast genealogical organisation, and hundreds of transcribers took nearly 3 years to accomplish the monumental task, involving the complicated conversion of 30,000 bound volumes which covered 1.6Kms of shelving.

Naturally, this task cost a vast amount of money, and consequently unless one makes a journey to TNA at Kew for free view, there will be a pay-per-view charge to gain access to the Census records via findmypast.co.uk Each record transcript will cost £2.50 to view and £3.50 for the original record images, and for 3 years this is the only place where people are going to be able to access the 1921 Census. I have had a personal fascination in my family history for decades, and have now amassed an enormous amount of information. Not just dates and names, but by exploring the social history of my ancestors back into the 18th Century it builds a wonderful ongoing

story. Finding distant relatives also currently researching these families is an added bonus, and I have been privileged to be in touch with some very interesting people with whom I share a bit of DNA.

The first rather basic Census was in 1841, and I have a record of all 16 of my Great- Great Grandparents from that version, and then located their heirs for all the subsequent Censuses up to 1911. So you can probably imagine, why I am really looking forward to see what has happened to them all in this latest Census.

By the time this Parish Magazine is published, along with thousands of other researchers, I will no doubt have discovered something surprising that add more branches to the tree. Who knows, I might even find I am related to another Merv !

John Reed

The Co-op and the Essex Rose

I am greatly indebted to building surveyor Phil Chatfield for information relating to the history of this building during the restoration of the Dedham Co-op shop in 2018 and to the extensive research carried out at that time for the East of England Co-operative by the Colchester Archaeological Trust and architectural historian, Leigh Alston MA (Oxon). I am also very grateful for their recollections to Del and Mandy Bower and Sally Gotelee.

The Co-op and the Essex Rose together occupy a building which was once a prosperous merchant's house dating from c.1520. Its origins were recently clarified when a meticulous restoration of the Co-op took place following a ram raid in December 2017, which caused such major damage to the entire structure that even the roof needed replacement. The shop had to be vacated for a nearly a year, making it possible to carry out a thorough archaeological survey. Finds under the floor of the shop included pottery of all periods from medieval to modern. There were also two prehistoric sherds dating from the Middle Bronze Age to Iron Age, which may have a possible connection to a Bronze Age barrow cemetery which was excavated in 1959 along the Manningtree Road near Lower Barn.

The architectural investigation of the property also covered the Essex Rose Tea Room next door and it emerged

that while the present grocery shop was originally the hall of a large L-shaped Tudor house, the later tea room to its east occupies the site of its former parlour. This part of the building was rebuilt in the mid seventeenth century but the rest of its sixteenth-century jettied rear range, fronting Mill Lane, has survived with its original over-hanging upper storey. The entire building originally had jetties along both its frontages but the others were subsequently under-built. The much later extensions which fill the yard at the back were added before 1875.

The building now occupied by the Co-op shop was originally a single space as it is now, though partitions were inserted at various times by later occupants. Findings during the restoration included traces of a chimney backing on to a cross passage at the western end of the hall, evidence that there was an internal, draught-excluding porch and surviving ceiling beams with roll mouldings of unusually high quality. All these sophisticated features show that this was the house of a high-status member of the community. Its later history shows divided ownership. In the 1838 tithe survey the building which is now the Co-op is described as a house and baker's shop; in White's directory of 1848 the baker was William Fitch. A nineteenth-century brick cellar under the Essex Rose with access to the Co-op suggests a link in the ownership of the two properties after 1830 but in the mid nineteenth century the Essex Rose's building belonged to Samuel Barker



W.H.Smith's shop in the late 19th century; note the simple front window at the corner before its place was taken by the much more elaborate shop window installed by Major Ray c.1900.



W. H. Smith's shop c.1902-3. There appears to be a separate shop to its left . Major Ray's Dedham Bazaar is on the right.

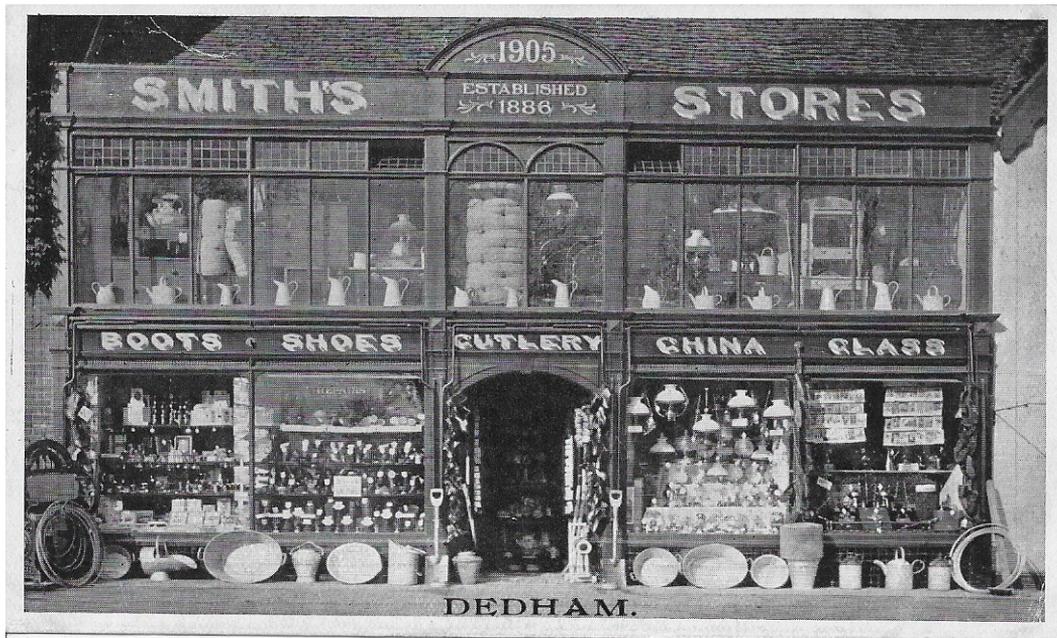
(who in 1862 founded six almshouses in East Lane, which were sold in 1982 to provide the funds for building those in School Lane) and contained the shop of William Booth, a grocer, draper, tallow chandler and insurance agent. An Ordnance Survey map of 1902 appears to show it as the post office.

In 1886 William Henry Smith, recorded in Kelly's Directory of 1912 as a "house furnisher", established his W.H.Smith business where the Co-op is now. The name is just coincidence and has no connection with the present W.H.Smith stationery chain. By 1905 his original small shop had become Smiths Stores, "Complete House Furnishers", with a showy full-height new front. It sold a vast range of goods including furniture, china and glass, household ironmongery, oil lamps, boots and shoes, fancy goods, toys, stationery and patent medicines. The business was bought by the Co-op in 1945 and became a grocery. I remember the grand shopfront which survived until it was replaced by a more modest facade with Georgian-style sash windows in the late 1950s. This was reinstated with practical improvements, including sliding doors, during the restoration in 2018. Dedham now enjoys a very special shopping experience beneath the distinctive Tudor moulded beams, which have been left exposed to view where they have survived in the front part of the ceiling.

The building which is now the front part of the Essex Rose replaced the parlour of the Tudor house. It was constructed

with re-used timber which is now out of sight beneath the plaster but a diagonal "dragon" beam which can be seen on the ceiling at the corner of the ground-floor room facing the High Street shows that it was jettied on both its frontages. From c.1900 until it closed on the outbreak of war in 1939 it was Major Ray's Bazaar, a business founded in 1810, selling domestic ironmongery and a wide range of other merchandise. In the front room on the first floor there is a rare and beautiful seventeenth-century plaster ceiling. I remember sitting underneath it when I started in the kindergarten at Littlegarth in 1944 and we used to go down to the Corner Café, as everyone called it, for our school lunches. By that time the building was the Corner Cottage teashop but I do not know who owned it or did the catering. In 1959 it was bought by Mary Loe who gave it its present name, though she would have chosen to call it the Suffolk Rose if it had not been outside the county. Still living locally, she attended the re-opening of the tea room after its renovation in 2002.

1971 the business was bought from her successor, Mrs Davies by Del and Peggy Bower, who came from Kent where they had already had experience of running a teashop. They ran the Essex Rose with tremendous success for nearly thirty years, at first living in the upstairs rooms with their son David and their daughter Mandy, who helped in the tearoom from a very early age. Del always got up at dawn to do the day's baking and after they moved their home



Smith's Stores postcard showing the new front installed in 1905.



A view of the High Street c.1910, showing the new front put up by Smith's Stores in 1905 with Major Ray's Dedham Bazaar to its right.

FEATURE The Co-Op and The Essex Rose

to Whitmore Place seven years later, Peggy could be seen every day making her way across the recreation ground to the Essex Rose, always very smartly dressed and accompanied by her pair of Yorkshire terriers, Fortnum and Mason. These endearing little dogs used to sit in the first floor window above the teashop enjoying a bird's eye view of the

comings and goings in the village street. When the Bowers retired in 2000 they were delighted to sell the business to Wilkin and Sons Ltd of Tiptree, who continue to run the teashop on the same traditional lines and have kept the appearance of the building unchanged.

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Detail of the fine seventeenth-century plaster ceiling on first floor above the Essex Rose Tea Room



Postcard showing The Corner Cottage café, probably 1950s



The Co-op c.1960, showing its new front with sash windows, and the Essex Rose to its right.

DEDHAM PLAYERS

The Dedham Players have not staged any productions at The Assembly Rooms since October 2019. The pandemic prevented any attempt at staging a show during 2020 and 2021. Following the shutdown of last year it has become apparent to the members of the Dedham Players committee that there is a need to reflect on the future of the group. We feel we are at something of a crossroads in considering the way forward and in our ability to stage further productions at Dedham.

When the Dedham Players was formed (more than 50 years ago in its present format) there was a wide pool of talent residing in and around Dedham enthusiastic to join in activities both on the stage and behind the scenes.

In the past we have been able to recruit Dedham residents to help out in meaningful ways, not just on the production being staged, but also the running of the group. However, as the years have gone by there has remained only a small core group of people to keep the Dedham Players going. Sadly, there are no longer any Dedham residents on the Dedham Players committee and very few local people actively involved in our productions.

The Dedham Players committee is continuing to meet and reflect on whether we can successfully mount a production in the future.

We now have to admit that unless there is meaningful involvement from persons willing to join and help to shape the future of this once vibrant group then the task will become increasingly more difficult and ultimately unworkable.

The Dedham Players is at risk of disappearing if we are unable to recruit new members to help us run our club.

The current committee believes Dedham wants to continue to have a drama group, but we do not know if you do. The question has to be asked - does Dedham want a drama group in the village?

If the answer is 'yes' then we need willing new participants to step forward. Could you be one of those?

If it is 'no', then we will ultimately have no choice but to roll up our stage curtain and close.

We would like to hear your views.
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Kelvin Hastings Smith



A Candle for 2022

Hope bursts forth with a bright radiance
It pierces the darkness of pandemic years
The Advent Candles glowed with soft flames
And herald the one true light
Promised through the prophets; a Saviour to redeem the world
His kingdom not of this land
It is a heavenly realm between God and man
In lockdown we found our own Edens
Our gardens, poems to nature
Through the seasons the new birth in spring
Carpets of snow drops, fragrant daffodils
Fruit trees garlanded with pink white blossom
The country air unpolluted by noisy traffic
The bird song greeting the dawn of a new day
In silent prayer we heard the still small voice of God.
We thought of the servant king
To pause a while to know the needs of others
A friendly voice and companionship
We are a blest people for another year
The digital age brings live-stream worship
From our church to our homes
Our prayers each day forge friendships on our way.

Geraldine Watson
January 2022

Beekeeping at the bottom of the garden

About four years ago, I decided I needed a hobby and – inspired by what, I don't know – decided to take up beekeeping at the bottom of the garden. Since then, it's been a fascinating – and sometimes frustrating – journey into the keeping of these vital creatures.

I've learnt a lot and will surely learn more, but one of the earliest lessons was that bees are suicidal. Turn your back for five minutes (or a few weeks over winter) and they will turn their toes up. The little blighters are determined to die and there's a host of gruesome diseases just waiting to help them along. Although my first year was filled with plenty of questions, enormous uncertainty and yes, loss, today I feel able to call myself 'slightly beyond novice' in the beekeeping league.

Right now, in winter, the theory is that bees cluster together for warmth and save energy at a time when there is less food available. However, milder weather means they are often flying which expends energy. Although they will sometimes bring in pollen (who knows from what), I take the precaution of feeding them with sugar fondant so they don't starve. (For anyone playing possible-causes-of-bee-death bingo, you can tick starved bees off your card.)

Although I take a peak at the hives occasionally over winter to make sure they have enough food (you can get some brilliant Perspex viewing screens to check without disturbing the colony), my beekeeping year properly starts when temperatures warm up to about 15 degrees. Although bees will occasionally fly in lower temperatures, opening the hive's brood box (where the queen and her colony lives) if it's too cold and the queen is laying brings the danger of chilled brood (that's the larval bit between egg and bee). (Chilled brood anyone? Tick.)



The first inspection is always exciting; checking if the colony has made it through the winter and how well. It's about looking for death and the potential for death, and checking how many frames the bees are covering so we can measure the increasing size of the colony over the coming weeks.

The aim is to get bees on as many of the 11 frames in the brood box as possible. The bigger the colony, the more honey they'll make. Yum.



Frames are checked to see that the queen is laying well (a duff queen will quickly see a colony fail – anyone got colony collapse in death-bingo?) and the sooner you spot a problem the sooner you can replace her. This sounds easy and it is if you have a marked queen. It's less easy if you've captured a swarm or the bees have deliberately rubbed the mark off just to spite you. In this case, you spend a lot of time staring at frames of hundreds of almost identical insects in the hope of spotting one that's half a centimetre longer and a bit fatter. Not a longer, fatter non-queen (i.e. a male drone).

Often, you just settle for checking whether there is BIAS (Bees In All Stages) – that's eggs, uncapped and capped brood – which indicates whether the colony is expanding as

expected. Once the colony has filled most of the brood box, I start adding supers; smaller frames that the bees pack honey into and are harvested at the end of the summer.

Inspections also make sure that the colony isn't running out of room. As soon as the queen thinks her family has outgrown their home, she'll start preparing them to find somewhere new and take all the honey you think is yours with them. Controlling this desire to swarm keeps you on your toes and presents a minefield of options – Snelgroves! Demareeing! Shook Swarms! – and, I think, makes the hobby especially interesting.



If you're interested in keeping bees, I promise you won't be bored. It's a fascinating and rewarding hobby and I totally recommend it. Initial outlay can be quite costly but it needn't break the bank and you can often save money through links with your local beekeeping association. We joined Colchester Beekeepers, which offered a beginners' course and tips from experienced people, and can sometimes help you get your first colony of bees too.

***Elliott Frisby
sometime – and sometimes
successful – beekeeper***

Paving the Way for Spring

February is a great month in the garden. Although it's still cold, a poke about soon reveals the early signs of a new season, especially if it's mild as our winters seem to be recently. The days are definitely getting longer; crocus, iris reticulata, hellebores and winter honeysuckle are offering nectar and pollen to early-rising bees; while other bulbs are pushing their way above ground and there's new growth on the peonies, roses and fruit trees.

Work in the garden right now is about making the most of the time before March is upon us.

I've some beautiful Miscanthus Malepartus and last year moved a clump into a bed that's closer to the house. This partly obscures the rear of the garden, apparently creating 'intrigue' and encouraging the desire to explore deeper into the garden.

Miscanthus is a deciduous grass, so the advice is to cut them right down to the ground ready for new growth in spring. You can just shear them off if you like and I know some take a hedge trimmer to them, but my clumps are small enough that I can prune them stalk by stalk, looking for early growth that is already coming through to avoid cutting it off.

If you grow evergreen grasses like Pennisetum or Stipa, just remove dead material to make space for the new growth.



Miscanthus in September

Last year, I bought my first lemon tree with a vision of growing my own G&T lemons. When the weather warms enough I can think about bringing them outdoors again. A gentle prune first can encourage bushier plants when growth starts, so cut back congested branches by two thirds.

This is a greedy plant, so it's also a good idea to refresh the top few inches of old compost and replace it with fresh. While there are specially formulated composts for citrus plants, you really just need something nutrient-rich and well-draining, so John Innes No 2 with 20 percent sharp sand or grit will do fine.

Provided it's mild, late February is a good time to prune 'group 3' clematis which flower from mid to late summer.



Winter Honeysuckle in bloom



& Peony growth

This is just before the plants start active growth in the spring. Group 3 Clematis include late-flowering species which will be in bloom from summer to late autumn, flowering on stems grown in the same year. Group 3 in my garden include Clematis Rooguchi with purple bell-like flowers, yellow Lambton Park and Clematis texensis Princess Kate and Prince William.

I also know someone with clematis Alionushka, who lets the beautiful deep mauve-pink flowers get tangled into a seething mass of stems and leaves instead of neatly trained to the lovely tripod they should be attached to. You know who you are.

You can afford to cut away a large amount of last year's growth, back to healthy buds about 30cm from the base. Once pruned, spread the stems that are left and tie them into a frame or tripod so they don't all clump together as they grow – and they'll grow fast.

The end of the month is also time to start the fertilising and pruning regime that worked so well for my roses last year. Prune bush roses – hybrid teas and floribundas (the latter carrying several blooms in tight clusters) – which flower freely on this year's growth and can be cut down hard. Whether they get a pruning or not, I'll fertilise all my roses now with a sprinkling of fertiliser like Growmore (or if you prefer, organic blood, fish and bone), which will give them a good boost as they get going. A layer of mulch will keep the moisture in too.

Finally, turn your compost heap – or heaps, I have 7 – and get anything you can onto your beds. While manure is useful for retaining moisture and adding structure to very heavy or light soils, garden compost still retains plenty of nutrients that will help your plants grow. You can fork it in, but I tend to leave it and let the worms and grubs work it into the soil. So make the most of February, fellow gardeners, and the signs of coming spring.

Elliott Frisby



Dedham Horticultural Society

Check our website,
www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com
for updates on our regular events.



BELL RINGING

In this New Year, why not try something new? You may have noticed that our church bells have remained silent since before Christmas this is because we are urgently seeking new recruits to our rota of ringers.

Since the fifth century, some Christian churches have been ringing bells for spiritual and practical purposes such as calling the faithful to worship.

In Dedham this is done by a 25 minute peel of bells followed by 30 peels of the base bell.

of the base bell which indicates the service is due to start.

The bells are also chimed as a celebration after a wedding, before a funeral when the base bell is tolled slowly, and depicts the years of the person who has passed away.

Bell ringing is a very important part of the life of the church and also of our village community.

Eight bells are rung by 4 people who control 2 ropes each, these can be rung by anyone from early teens and upwards. It is very easy to learn, just a matter of timing. The only requirement is an ability to climb the narrow steps to the bell ringing chamber in the church tower..

Bell ringing also counts as part of the Duke of Edinburgh for community service and it is FUN!

We would welcome your help so if you are interested please contact

Lou Davison, Bell Captain
0771 244 6198

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE**

Thank you to all our readers and advertisers for all your continued support to the magazine over the last year, and now moving forward into 2022

We have found a new, local printer, this being the first month we are using them for our printing



**Deadline for Magazine entries:
10th of the month**

Anything received after that date will not be included in the magazine as it has an impact on the lead time for printing

Charlotte, Sara & the brilliant Parish Magazine Team

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021



I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave so generously both in time and contributions to this year's Poppy collection

Following the success of the sales table in Royal Square last year, I arranged to do this again this year. It was manned by volunteers from the village, and the licence ran for the 8 days prior to Remembrance Sunday. Although the table was there throughout the week, rain on two days made a significant difference because the number of visitors was much lower on the wet days. This year, for the first time, we had the use of a credit card reader, and this together with the normal collection **raised a total of £1482**. I hope to arrange this again next year as it was very successful.

The total amount raised in the Dedham area was nearly £4500 including the collection from the Remembrance Service. This was about 20% more than last year. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and especially the Dedham Primary School who provided enthusiasm, space and security for the collection boxes.

The total excludes the contribution from "Gift Aid" which could add a further £166. Gift Aid can make a real contribution. Please remember that it costs you, the donor, nothing! The additional 25% comes from the Government as the Legion recovers the tax you paid. Gift Aid returns showed that many contributors were visitors to the village.

The Memorial service was especially memorable this year, and was enhanced by the Bugler and the school children's readings. We even were mentioned on BBC Look East.

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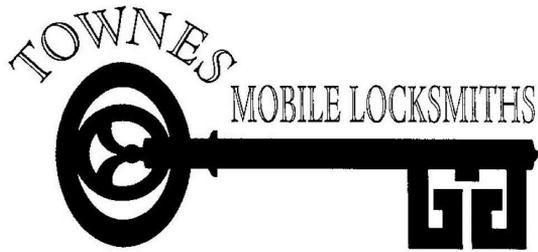


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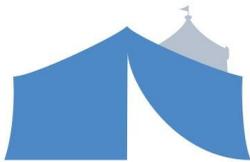
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