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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.

Sunday, 7th April

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
 9.30am Café Church
 9.30am Rise N Shine
 5.00pm Evensong

Ardleigh
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Sunday, 14th April

9.30am Morning Prayer
 11.00am Holy Communion

Ardleigh
 Dedham*

Sunday, 21st April

9.30am Holy Communion
 9.30am Morning Praise
 5.00pm ReVive@5

Ardleigh
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Sunday, 28th April

9.30am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Holy Communion

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* = Services which are live streamed.

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



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 Parishes.**



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

Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month: Meeting at Susan's until the weather is warmer. Ring her on 0793 201 4735 if you would like to come.

Little Steps Pre-School Group: every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month: 1.00-3.00pm in Ardleigh Church.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 6th April 9am - venue tbc. For bacon butties, tea, coffee and chat.

Monday Lunch Club – Monday 8th April 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms. Phone 322192 to reserve a place indicating it is for the Lunch Club.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS.

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5th March. Christopher Wheeler.



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 Church Editors**

Member editor 2024



Dear Friends

Spring is in the air – at least I hope it will be as you read this. As I write, there are an abundance of snow drops in the churchyard and signs the daffodils are beginning to show their glory. But the days of warmer spring sunshine are still an illusion amidst the damp and greyness of early March.

If it is not quite springlike outside and it is still too wet to attend the garden, perhaps your thoughts have turned to a spring-clean inside. I am not sure why we focus on spring cleaning rather than summer or autumn cleaning, but if you know, do tell me. Perhaps it is the warmer and lengthening days that urge us to action after our snuggled days fending off the winter chill. What are you going to tackle this year?

Cleaning itself is not a very salubrious task, but, when all is done and finished, it can be very satisfying and gives a new lease of life to the cleaned cupboard or room and importantly to the cleaner too. It is as if all the energy and effort put into the task is somehow forgotten and the reward outshines the cost.

The church's season of cleansing (Lent) has past and now, post Easter, we are enjoying the new life given as gift to us through belief in the crucified but risen Lord Jesus Christ. I think the verses from the Old Testament book of Lamentation are very apt: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3 v22-23 ESV).

They ring around my head in a tune that sings these very words and are a great reminder of the gift of new life we are blessed with every day – not just at Springtime and Easter.

As we wait for the warmer and longer days to be with us, whatever spring-cleaning projects you tackle this year, I pray you may know something of this New Life given to us freely. That you may experience afresh something of the steadfast love and mercy of God each and every day.

Do be in touch with Revd Phillip Young or I if you wish to know more about this new life and the Christian faith.

Now, what shall I spring-clean next....
With best wishes

Revd John Saxon

PS – many churches are organising spring cleaning sessions and churchyard tidy ups. Any offers of help gratefully accepted! Look out for notices or volunteer by contacting a church warden. The churches of our villages are there for all the community.

FROM THE EDITOR

Contact the editor if you have an event that you would like to appear in the calendar page. There is a regular monthly Parish Council update from one of the Parish Councillors.

We have started a new series of articles based around Stained Glass windows by Adrian Beckingsale, the first one looks at the window that featured on last months cover.

The article from the Dedham Primary School this month features art work from all the classes at the school.

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

BELL RINGING TEAM



Fancy a New Hobby!

If you are looking for a “New and Exciting” hobby for 2024 why not join your local friendly Bell Ringing Team? Interested: Contact Lou Davison on 01771 244 6198 for a chat and to have a try one Sunday morning. Look forward to hearing from you.

Lou Davison



BIBLE VERSE COMMENTARY

John 14 v 6 Jesus said

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: No one comes to the Father except through me"

This is one of the simplest messages. As the way, following Jesus will lead us to the father. As the truth, He is the reality of God's promises.

As the life, we have the opportunity to join him both now and eternally. Remembering this verse always brings me back to basics!

Vee Druitt



APRIL

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel; i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route.

Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

DEDHAM CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Duchy Barn, Dedham CO7 6AH
6.15-7.30pm after Revive@5
(Third Sunday of the month)
Senior school age

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT CLAIRE ARCULUS 07752201441

FOR FOOD, GAMES AND CHAT ABOUT FAITH

MOTHERS DAY - 10TH MARCH



May we who received a floral posy at the recent Mothers Day and Baptism Service, say a big thank you to all those who contributed their time and talents in making such pretty arrangements for all the ladies in the congregation to take home and enjoy!

Thank you and blessings to you all.

Liz Reed



Junior Church
Bible, games and fun!

Junior Church is our children's group for 3-10 year olds during the usual Sunday service in Dedham.

With games, crafts, Bible stories and snacks, we always have lots of fun!

Please contact Louise Young
youngle@cantab.net for further details.

All are welcome!



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

APRIL 2024

April 14th

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 11.00am communion service. The choir will sing I know that my Redeemer lives by J Michael Bach. Johann Michael Bach was a German composer of the Baroque period. He was a first cousin, once removed of the great Johann Sebastian Bach, being the son of Heinrich Bach, who was J S Bach's great uncle, and he became the more famous Bach's father-in-law.

April 28th

The Deanery choir will be supporting a Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Wix. CO11 2SE. The choir will sing the anthem Beati Quorum Via by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. Stanford (1852—1924) was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. While still a undergraduate Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College Cambridge. Stanford composed a substantial number of concert works, including seven symphonies, but is best remembered for his choral works for the Anglican church. We will also sing a beautiful setting of the Lord's Prayer by Robert Stone (1516-1613). He was an English composer and member of the Chapel Royal, born in Devon.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir Organiser

MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the Mission Stall are as follows:

- 11th May 10am to 12noon (shared with the Horticulture Society)
- 29th June 10am to 12noon
- 27th July 10am to 12noon
- 26th August Bank Holiday Monday 10am to 4pm
- 28th September 10am to 12noon
- 26th October 10am to 12 noon



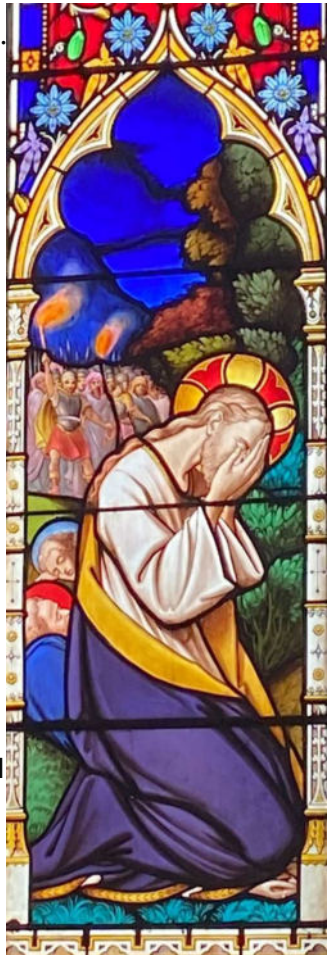
On the cover of the March edition of the Dedham Parish Magazine was one of the wonderful stained-glass windows in Dedham Church. We are fortunate to have so much lovely stained glass in Dedham church and indeed other nearby churches. Decorating churches, not just with stained glass, but with painting of the interiors, was the norm in medieval times but this was almost entirely swept away in the Reformation, so very little stained glass from that period remains. Narrative stained glass was used to illustrate important biblical stories and quotations for worshippers many of whom were unable to read. The majority of stained glass in our churches now is Victorian and was placed as memorials by wealthy parishioners commemorating their loved ones or local vicars.

These windows are beautiful and it is easy to view them as simply decoration, and indeed the

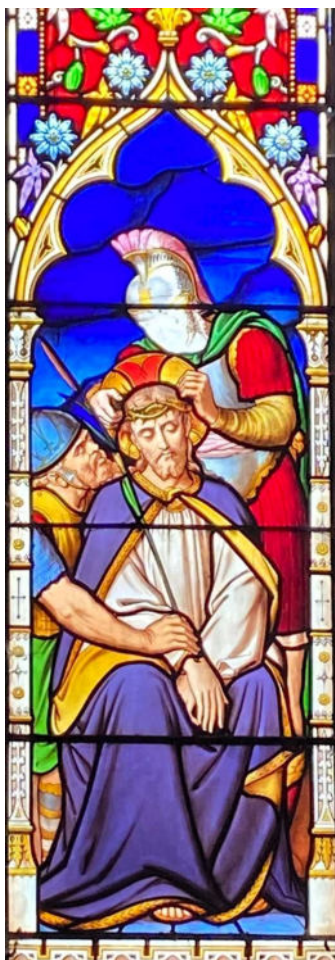
narrative panels are nearly always surrounded by very beautiful depictions of motifs such as stylised flowers and figures of angels. It is, however, worth looking more carefully at these works of art as they also tell in detail important biblical stories, or illustrate quotations nearly always from the gospels.

Over the next few months, we shall look at windows in Dedham and some of our surrounding churches. Let's start with the window pictured on last month's Magazine. Made in 1865, it is found at the east end of the southern aisle.

This window has three panels. In the left hand panel, Jesus is praying on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane struggling with the reality of the awful ordeal which, he knows, imminently awaits him "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22: 42). He had asked his disciples to keep watch but even these, his most enthusiastic followers, fell asleep, and can be seen on the ground behind Jesus: illustrating man's weakness, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 40: 41). Meanwhile in the background armed soldiers (John 18: 3) are advancing to arrest Jesus, guided by Judas in the pink head-dress coming to betray Jesus with a kiss.



Left hand panel. The Garden of Gethsemane



Right hand panel.
Crown of Thorns

The scene in the right panel depicts Jesus being held by a soldier, while another places a crown of thorns on his head, before mocking, deriding and hitting him. (Mark 15). (One can only speculate as to why this soldier is depicted without facial features.) Jesus' face however, clearly conveys his sadness at the unfolding events.

The central panel shows Jesus on the way to Calvary; at this stage he is still carrying the cross as in the traditional "Stations of the Cross" which interestingly are not all in the Bible Gospels, but are nevertheless enshrined in Christian tradition. Jesus meets his mother on his way to Golgotha for his crucifixion. One cannot really imagine the sorrow and anguish which Mary must have felt about her son's fate. She is kneeling with her hands raised up in supplication, but she knows that she must be resigned to the fulfilment of Jesus' divine destiny. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane is documented in all three



Central panel.
Stations of the Cross

Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and his arrest in the garden in all four Gospels including John. The mocking of Jesus also appears in all four Gospels though Luke omits the detail of the Crown of Thorns.

Underneath these three panels is a very important quote from Jesus which also appears in all three synoptic Gospels. Unfortunately, the central piece of this inscription has been damaged and lost from the base of the central panel, but the full quote is: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me". (Matthew 16: 24).

Next time you are in Dedham Church or passing by take a moment to look more closely at this amazing and inspiring window.

Adrian Beckingsale

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tickets@essexpolicechoir.co.uk

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for a donation*

Proceeds in aid of Dedham Parish Church



OUR GARDEN BIRDS

Spring is on the way in our gardens and even though the ground is soggy and the soil feels cold to the touch, it is exciting to see the plants and shrubs emerging from dormancy once again. Birds too are flying to and fro from shrubs to trees and back again, exploring the hedgerows and finding tiny grubs tucked away in corners of windows, or over doorways.

Every year we marvel at the way birds who have apparently ignored each other all winter, suddenly seem to pair up as the days lengthen and begin to look for possible sites in which to nest. Last year we were delighted birds once so common, but not seen for a time in our garden here in Dedham, tweeting from our front garden hedge as they emptied the seed feeder.



Sparrows or spugs, as my family called them, have made a long awaited return to our garden. This year the six have become eight and we hope they will nest locally and the group will flourish.

Blue-tits are happily beginning to explore the bird boxes and we think a last years pair have returned. Bertie and Bessie as we called them last year seem determined to reuse the wooden box in the front garden once again. Bertie or is it Bessie bounces on a climbing rose

branch against the window and taps on the glass a few times before flying to the box.



Now is the time to put a warning sign on our newspaper box, as last year a pair of great tits risked brain damage to nest in the bottom of the box, undeterred by newspapers or magazines being pushed in over them!

Blackbirds, robins, dunnocks and of course pigeons and doves vie for space and we have started to fill up a shallow container positioned in one bed, as a blackbird enjoys a daily bath or two, even on the coldest of days.



Dawn seems to be breaking earlier each day now and birds wake us as they march over the roof, but we are happy to hear these sounds, as it reminds us Spring is coming around again and the cycle of life starts all over again, praise be!

Liz Reed

Photographs - John Goldsbrough



DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE MEETING ON 4th MARCH 2024

Petaló Lodge

Continued concern about the change of usage of this property and its impact on the local area was discussed and it was agreed to make further representation to Colchester City Council.

Report from Essex Councillor Lewis Barber

It was reported that funding had now been agreed by the Council for footpaths and potholes. The ongoing concerns at Grove Hill in terms of footpaths was again raised and the County Councillor offered to raise this with Essex Highways.

Ride London Bike Race

It was noted this would be coming through Dedham on Friday 24th May 2024.

Water Fountain on Playing Fields

This has now been repaired.

Friendly Bench

The Council is awaiting responses from local residents. It was suggested that a possible location is outside the Duchy Barn.

Business Breakfast

Took place on Wednesday 13th March in the Marlborough.

Royal Square Update

The Parish Council will display the report on the Royal Square in full on its website. The council agreed to the following statement in response to the report:

Dedham Parish Council welcomes the response from residents to its consultation on changes to Royal Square and acknowledges there is a general feeling of concern that the impact of doing anything to the Square might impact negatively upon the rural nature of the village.

This was clearly not our intention. We also take seriously the comments that have been made about the decline of provision of services and maintenance of the village a lot of which is not under the direct control of the council.

The Receipt of the Report's findings which include both positive and negative comments are being published in their entirety in the interest of transparency and are available to all on the Parish Council website at dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk

It is the view of this Parish council that given the proximity of the end of our current term of office that it would be neither desirable or sensible at this stage to put forward alternative or any proposals at this juncture.

Coming also at a time when it has been made clear that the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) also wishes to propose changes to parking arrangements in Dedham (which have not yet been discussed with the Parish Council) it is also sensible for these issues to be incorporated into the decision-making process for Royal Square so that holistic decisions are made for the benefit of Dedham as a whole.

This will also give the current Parish Council the opportunity to look at the detail of some of the recommendations in this report and evaluate their potential and funding implications for the benefit of the new Council.

Planning Update

It was noted that at the Call for Sites meeting with Colchester Council on 12th February, three proposals for planning and development were noted.

Pylons

CLlr Steve Mole reported that at a meeting he attended there was the option of all of the cabling (*High Voltage DC*) going underground.

Dedham Family Sports Day – 30th June 2024

The Parish Council agreed to financial support and funding towards the Sports Day Event

Memorial for Iris Hindley

It was agreed to propose to her relatives installing a park bench on the playing fields.

Coffee Morning for Potential Parish Councillors

This took place Saturday 9th March 2024 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Duchy Barn.

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

The next meeting of Dedham Parish Council

This will take place on Monday 8th April at 6:30pm in the Duchy Barn.

The Agenda for the Parish Council meeting always includes an open session - Have Your Say and visitors reports (CCC and County Councillors).

The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting can be viewed on the homepage of the Parish Council website.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

On Thursday 2nd May 2024 a combination of local elections will take place in Colchester. There will be elections for:

Colchester City Council, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex and some Parishes also have elections, that may be contested.

There is one Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the whole of Essex.

Across all 17 city wards in Colchester, one of the three ward councillor seats will be up for election in May 2024 as the city elects by thirds.

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election ballot paper will be lilac. The city election ballot paper will be white.

Election timetable

Friday 22nd March

Notice of Election published

Monday 25th March

Poll cards dispatched

Friday 5th April 4pm

Candidate nomination deadline

Tuesday 16th April Midnight

Registration to vote deadline

Wednesday 17th April 5pm

Postal vote deadline

Wednesday 24th April 5pm

Proxy vote deadline

Thursday 2nd May

Polling day

QR Code for
dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk



MUNNINGS ART MUSEUM NEW EXHIBITION



Tagg's Island, 1919

With the arrival of spring comes a fresh season at the Munnings Art Museum and we are looking forward to opening the doors of Castle House once again from 3rd April 2024. We have been busy over the winter closed time re-displaying all the rooms and galleries with pictures; old favourites alongside fresh appearances from the stores.

This season, you will be able to explore the behind-the-scenes of Munnings' picture-making, delve into the stories of the people he knew and admire the models immortalised in his artworks.

For our special exhibition "Munnings: Making a Picture", we are delighted to welcome for the first time a special loan from The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery in Stoke-On-Trent.

This is an earlier version of the popular painting, "Tagg's Island", a gloriously sunny picnic scene set in the roaring twenties.

For the first time since 1928 this alternate rendition, Munnings' own favourite, will be alongside a later, larger version hung at the Royal Academy in 1920.

We will be celebrating the remarkable life journey of Sir Alfred Munnings who rose from the son of a Suffolk miller to the pinnacle of the British art world as President of the Royal Academy.

Thanks to a dedicated team of archive volunteers who have been cataloguing and digitising our archive over the last eight years we can now present more ephemera, photographs, and personal items relating to Munnings' life.

This eclectic mix of archival treasures will be interwoven with paintings creating a rich tapestry of history and art throughout Castle House.



Painting the Red Prince Mare at Castle House, 1920

Whether you're a long-time repeat visitor or a newcomer curious about Munnings' art we extend a warm welcome to Castle House for all residents living in the CO7 6** postcode area with free entry on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April.



Alfred and Violet Munnings at Castle House, 1930

During the summer months we have a programme of events too. Join us for guided tours, painting workshops and outdoor theatre. The café, nestled in part of Munnings' former studio in the garden, is accessible without paying entry to the museum. Indulge in tea, cake and other



Camp Fire and Caravan, c1910

treats surrounded by the picturesque grounds of Castle House where horses still graze as they did in Munnings' day. If you are looking for volunteering opportunities, then consider joining our



Ponies in a Sandpit, 1909

large and enthusiastic team of Room Stewards who meet and greet our visitors who come from all over the world. Visit our website to fill out an application form.

Munnings Art Museum, Castle Hill, Dedham, CO7 6AZ. Open 3rd April to 20th October 2024, Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays, 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Admission payable. Café open 10am to 4.30pm.

www.munningsmuseum.org.uk

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Friday 1st March saw the first football match for the Dedham girls' football team and the brilliantly contested match against Lawford ended in a 4-3 victory for Dedham. It was an entertaining show of skill and determination by both teams and a special mention must be made to those girls who were competing in their first competitive sporting event. We were extremely proud of the sportsmanship and respect that both teams showed to each other and a big thank you to Kate Mercer and Tracey Cooper for running the club and organising the match. We are very much looking forward to rest of the season!



Art gives children the opportunity to explore the world around them, to learn about and to appreciate their own and other cultures, and the chance to be creative and expressive.

We have so much fantastic art on display around the school at the moment so we thought that this month we'd share with the local community a snapshot of what each class has been up to.

In Class R, children have created observational drawings of daffodils.



In Class I, children have created self portraits in the style of American pop artist, Roy Lichtenstein.



In Class 2, children have created art in the style of Georgia O’Keeffe by considering warm and cold colours and learning to blend chalk.



In Class 3, children used collage techniques to create their own Pharaoh headdresses.



In Class 4, children have been learning about Monet and impressionist art. They used photos of local landscapes to inspire their watercolour paintings.



In Class 5, children have been learning about artist Peter Thorpe and his work inspired their space-themed batik.



In Class 6, children have learnt about Japanese artist, Hokusai and they recreated some of his most famous paintings using watercolours.



Please do visit our website www.dedham.essex.sch.uk and follow us on X (formerly Twitter) [@PrimaryDedham](https://twitter.com/PrimaryDedham) to see more examples of what the children are up to.

*Miss Laura Valentine
Deputy Headteacher*

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF SPRING

If everything was starting to show itself in March, by April it's hard to turn around without bumping into something blooming, bursting or putting on so much growth it's slapping you in the face as you do.



Amelanchier

Trees and shrubs like *Amelanchier lamarckii* and *Spiraea 'Arguta'* are blossoming, and I've a great ornamental bramble, *Rubus spectabilis 'Olympic Double'*, offering rose-like flowers towards the end of the month. There are spires of blue *Camassia* and low-growing *Aubrieta 'Purple Cascade'*, and in shadier parts white and deep-red *Lamprocapnos* (or *Dicentra*) *spectabilis*.

It's also tulip time – though the display I managed last year is beginning to show the signs of needing to be topped up. Darwin hybrids tend to be the most reliably perennial and – though I find the



Tulips

colours and varieties more limiting – if you plant them deep enough in the border, they should flower for three years, possibly more. They'll never last as long in a container, however.

There's often plenty of sun and warmth around this month, but overnight temperatures can still drop and there can still be damaging frosts into May. Be prepared for the worst by having some horticultural fleece to hand and sling it over your most tender plants.

As well as frost, watch out for plant predators as all this new growth is total slug-bait. The young shoots of delphiniums and hostas seem to be especially high on their menu in my garden.

As they finish flowering, I'll divide primroses and spread them around the garden and I'll also start adding half-strength liquid tomato feed to my choicer plants every other week: greedy roses and also peonies and clematis will benefit, but anything that looks like it needs a boost gets a dose too. I've never done this before but you can also feed spring bulbs as they flower and then go over. I've always left the leaves when they die but tomato feed will give the bulbs an added advantage for next year.

If you have a fernery (and who wouldn't, they're brilliant and many ferns provide welcome winter interest in the garden), it's time to cut back the tatty fronds as the new ones start to unfurl. They appreciate a good layer of mulch to retain moisture and – although they don't usually need it – a bit of slow-release fertiliser if you like.



Rubus spectabilis 'Olympic Double'

Feeding anything will, of course, encourage lots more growth so get your plant supports in early before plants get too large. I use a variety of kinds: two levels of string between stakes for plants to grow up through the gaps, tall hoops criss-crossed over my delphiniums, metal peony cages, beanpole tripods for some of my more vigorous roses, and rusted arches and obelisks for clematis.

When it comes to clematis, as well as the rhyme 'if it flowers before June, do not prune', it's worth remembering the gardening adage that 'the first year, plants sleep; second year, they creep; and third year, they leap'. Basically, don't give up on a plant if it looks like it's underperforming when you first plant it.



Aubretia

Although you almost expect it in the first year of planting, I've been disappointed in many clematis when they don't put on the growth I'd expected. However, give them a couple of years to get their roots well stuck in and in year three, they'll be off, flowering their little hearts out and generally getting in the way of everything else.

Cut back the late-summer flowering, vigorous *Clematis viticella* now to healthy buds a couple of feet above ground, feed and mulch – clematis like cool roots with their flowers in the sun. Then be ready to tie them in as they grow.

One final (not final for the year, steady on!) job is to check pots and containers to see if any look unhappy. Check if the cause is being pot-bound by tipping them out to check the rootball and, if necessary, re-pot them in something a little larger. My agapanthus are an exception as they flower better when packed tight into their container. Then all container plants will benefit from the top few inches of old compost being replaced with fresh.

So what are you waiting for? It's the middle of spring, time to get stuck in!

Elliott Frisby

www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com - QR code



IN MEMORIAM

Iris Hindley 1944 - 2024

Iris and Brian Hindley lived in East Lane Dedham from 1979 to 2010. Iris commuted to the City daily from 1979 into the City of London to Lloyds of London where she became only the Second Lady Underwriting name in the insurance market until the Lloyds market shrank in the 1980's when she became a PA to a Lloyds Syndicate until she retired in 2004.

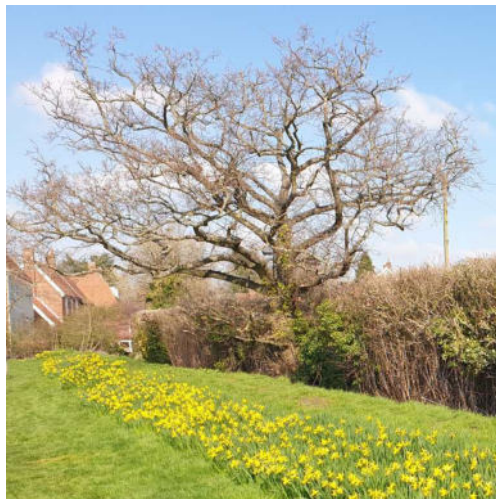
On her retirement she became a grocery shop picker at Tesco for 3 years. She travelled widely with Brian going around the world four times and loving New Zealand the most.

She enjoyed keeping busy and when the opportunity arose to volunteer to become the Dedham Litter Picker she jumped at the chance. Iris was employed by the Parish Council and she kept Dedham clean and tidy for several years and promised herself to ensure that Dedham was clean and tidy for the Queens' Diamond Jubilee.

By this time Iris and Brian had moved to Lawford. It was through the Parish Council that Iris was rewarded with an invitation to attend the Queens garden party which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Iris paid for 3,000 daffodils which she helped plant in the Sports Field. In addition a further 3,000 were paid for by someone else, Iris also helped plant these along with assistance from Marc Everett from Horizon Landscapes.

Iris was busy in the village sweeping up leaves and litter picking all around the whole of the village until 2016/7, when she began developing dementia until she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2019. By this time she was unable to perform her litter picking and was confined to her home.



Eventually Iris was confined to the Lime court Care home in Dovercourt where she was looked after extremely well until she died peacefully in January 2024.

Many people attended her funeral which was a testament to how Iris was appreciated in the village. It is poignant that no one has picked up the litter picking task since she left.

Brian Hindley



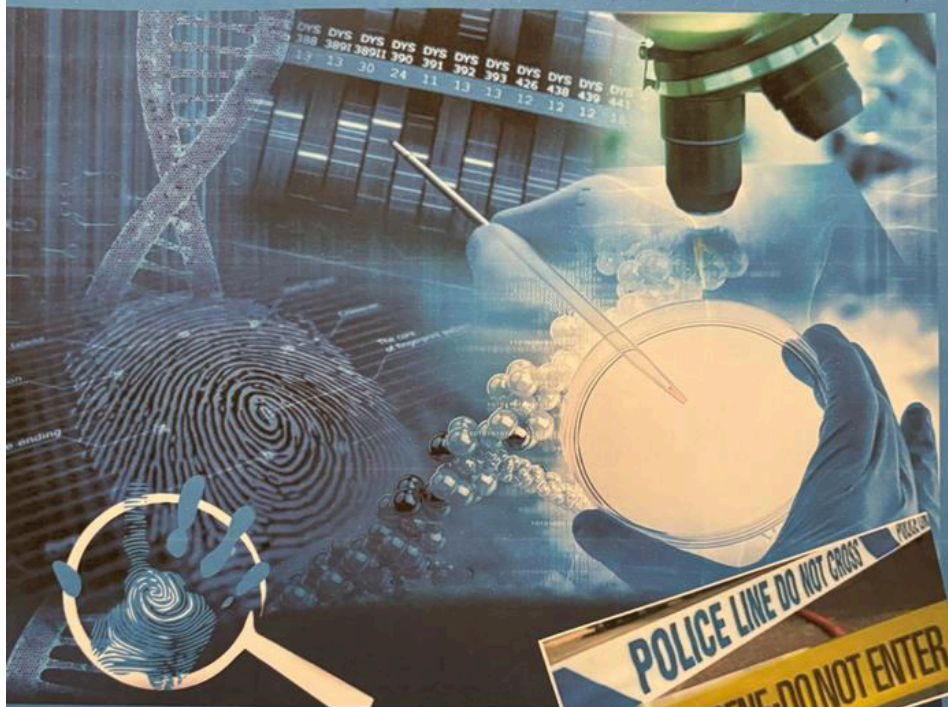
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Dedham Family Sports Day organised by Dedham Sports Club will take place on Sunday 30th June 2024. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

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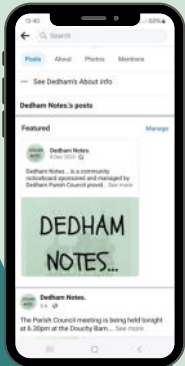
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The choir will be conducted by Susanna Rose, accompanied by Stephen Smith, organist and Ben Steinitz on percussion. The soloists will be Gerry Bremner, tenor, Howard Brooks, baritone, Peter Grevatt, bass, Anna Maria Rose, soprano, and Fiona Morris, mezzo-soprano.

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Occasionally we have guest tutors, the rest of the time we help each other, beginners welcome. If you require any information about our activities or joining the Dedham Art Society please contact us by email at dedhamartsociety@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.dedhamartsociety.co.uk>

Thursday 25th April 2024
Painting together session
Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm
This week's optional theme is sketchbooks. Members are encouraged to bring in an item to sketch and to bring in their drawing/sketchbooks to share. First session free to non members.

Friday 26th April 2024
Visiting Professional Artist - Lynn Maynard.
Assembly Rooms, 10am - 4.00pm
A full day acrylic workshop with local professional artist and tutor, Lynn Maynard. <https://lynnmaynardart.com>
Based on the 'Cottage Garden' Lynn will provide a brief history of its wide appeal in both life and art; helpful hints for effect composition; mixing greens and the use of a variety of abstract techniques and expressive mark making.
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Monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2pm in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4.

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8th May - Peter Halliday " A History of Suffolk Gravestones.

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APRIL 2024

- Friday 5th at 4pm
Parish Council Candidate nomination deadline.
- Friday 5th - Blood, Sweat and Fears talk by Mary Newton, at the Assembly Rooms, 7 for 7.30pm.
- Saturday 6th Dedham Horticultural Society Spring Show, Assembly Rooms, 2:00pm to 4:15pm.
- Sunday 7th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Rise n' Shine service.
- Sunday 7th at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - Evensong.
- Monday 8th at 12:30pm - Monday Lunch Club in the Essex Rose.
- Monday 8th at 6:30pm - Dedham Parish Council Meeting in the Duchy Barn.
- Friday 12th, Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th - Free entry to Munnings Museum for residents with a CO7 6** post code.
- Friday 12th at 7pm - The Dedham Stakes in the Assembly Rooms.
- Sunday 14th at 11:00am, Dedham Church - Communion.
- Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, **ONE LIFE** directed by James Hawes (2023) 12A.
- Sunday 21st at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Morning Praise.
- Sunday 21st at 5:00pm, Dedham Church - ReVive@5.

- Thursday 25th Painting together session. Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm.
- Friday 26th Visiting Professional Artist - Lynn Maynard, Assembly Rooms, 10am - 4.00pm.
- Sunday 28th at 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

- Meet up Mondays - The Sun Inn, 11am to 12pm.
- Social Table Tennis - Dedham Sports Club, 10:30am to 12:30pm.
- 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 Carpet Bowls Club - Dedham Sports Club, 7pm to 9pm.

Wednesday

- Bridge in Dedham - Assembly Rooms, 1.30-5,00pm.

Thursday

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

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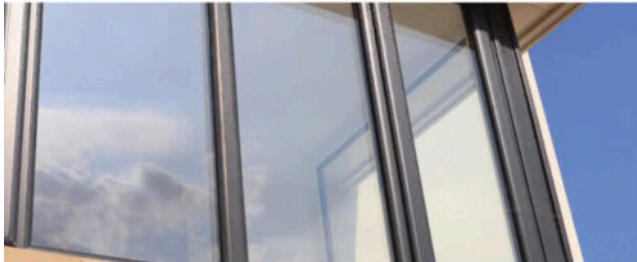
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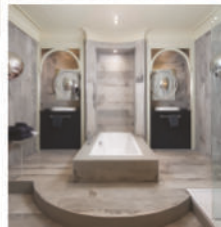
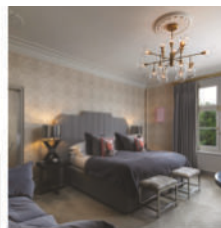
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