

Help for those who find digital machines difficult

Dedham Parish Council is working with Colchester Borough Council to provide digital help to Dedham residents. Perhaps you have a tablet or smartphone or even a laptop which you are not confident in using? Or maybe you would like to learn how to contact the Colchester or Essex councils electronically about something? The new parish council office, in the Dedham Art and Craft Centre will be the venue for one to one support from Michael Smith, Colchester council's Digital Access Officer. Please call in at the office (open between 10am and 12noon each Tuesday and Thursday) to find out more and to book a slot. Drop-in sessions may also be available if there is enough interest. There will also be a permanent 'kiosk' facility which will provide easy access to a range of services from local councils and other organisations. Michael will be at the annual parish meeting on 31 May.

Adult exercise equipment

We are considering the future of the wooden adult exercise equipment on the playing field. Do you use it or do you know someone who does? We would like to hear from you and also welcome input from anyone else who has a view about the equipment.

Tourist information point

We are working in partnership with the Munnings Museum at Castle House to train volunteers to staff the new tourist information point in the Dedham Arts and Craft Centre. If you can spare an hour or two on a regular basis, please contact

Jenny Hand ☎322127 or

✉jenny.hand@munningsmuseum.org.uk.

You could also have the opportunity to train as a Digital Access Champion to help local

Important date change

Annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting will now be held at the Assembly Rooms on

Thursday 31 May

starting at 7.30pm. We hope to welcome a representative from Manningtree First Responders and a tourism officer from Colchester Borough Council as well as its Digital Access Officer (see left). Everyone is welcome; coffee will be served.

residents with their IT needs. These roles are voluntary.

Flower tubs

The parish council will once again be brightening up the village centre with summer planters. We would love some help with the watering. If you can commit to regular watering duties between June and September please contact the Parish Clerk by 31 May. We are offering modest payment.

E-mail changes

Please note that the parish council's old e-mail addresses will not be in use for much longer, so please make sure you use our new ones to get in touch:

firstname.surname@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk

Next meetings

The parish council will meet on **Monday 14 May** at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms (Reading Room) and on **Monday 4 June**, venue to be confirmed. The annual parish assembly will be on **Thursday 31 May** at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms.

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