

Parish Council November 2018

Dedham Co-op. By the time this magazine is published we will have witnessed the opening of the newly restored Co-op Store in Dedham. The loss of this vital facility and service to our local community has been longer than we had expected but has been understandable given the listed status of the building and the need to respect the old timbers and structure of the building. I am sure that everyone involved has worked as quickly as possible. From the perspective of the Parish Council we have done all we can to support the temporary arrangements in the Duchy Barn and I would like to take this opportunity to issue a big vote of appreciation to Chief Executive Roger Grosvenor and his staff for their stalwart commitment to Dedham and our local community. A very special mention should be made of the staff who have continued to provide a service to Dedham residents by staffing the temporary pop up shop in the Duchy Barn and who have remained cheerful throughout. Well done and thanks to all. We should also acknowledge the willingness and co-operation of Antony and the church authorities for making the Duchy Barn available at such short notice. It will be good to have our full facilities returned to everyone, well in time for Christmas. This is an excellent example of what we can achieve in Dedham with positive co-operation from all.

Sheila Beeton

The big autumn sweep-up. It is a timely opportunity to appreciate the efforts of our intrepid litter-collector, Iris Hindley. Iris keeps the village looking spick and span throughout the year, but Autumn is the season when we appreciate her most! As you go about your business in the village, you may not notice that the pavements are clear of leaf debris. This is because Iris spends many hours sweeping and collecting leaves, along with the regular litter that is dropped around our beautiful village. She also has a pocket full of treats for her regular canine friends! Thank you Iris.

Dogs on playing field. At its October meeting, the Parish Council discussed the issue of dogs on the Playing Field. There is no by-law that would allow the Parish Council to insist that dogs be kept on leads. However, we have been able to enlist the support of Colchester Borough Council's Zone Warden team to support us in getting the message across that dog fouling is not allowed and can be enforced with a fixed penalty notice. Residents can report any issues of dog fouling via CBC's website.

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