

A watercolor illustration of a church and vicarage garden. The church has a prominent steeple and is surrounded by lush green trees. In the foreground, there is a green field with a fence. The overall style is soft and artistic.

DEDHAM

Parish Magazine

July 2017

**SUMMER
MUSIC
EVENING**

see page 3

Don't miss!

SATURDAY 15 JULY

Vicarage Garden

VIEWPOINT

Tools of hope for Zambia



Some of you may know that we are volunteers at Tools with A Mission (TWAM) a charity based in Ipswich. TWAM receives dona-

tions of tools that are refurbished and packed into kits ready to be sent to groups or individuals who have applied for them mainly in Africa. The aim of TWAM is 'livelihood creation' and to achieve this carpentry, builders', plumbers' and mechanics' kits are made up, knitting and sewing machines with all that is needed to use and create items that can be sold are sent out plus computers and primary school books. When students have successfully completed a training course, they are given a kit where possible so that they can earn money to support them and their families, providing hope for the future.

In May we spent 16 days in Zambia visiting recipients of TWAM tools. While we were there we met some inspirational people, who are making a difference in very poor communities. People like Ruth Mambwe. Ruth is a Pastor of a church in a poor district of the capital, Lusaka. She was inspired to create skill training opportunities. She did not have a building to use so she began in a 'tent' made of plastic sheeting supported on wooden poles. She applied to TWAM for builders' and carpentry kits. Students are using

these to build the church/training centre around the tent, learning on the job with the help of trained builders and carpenters. Inside the tent is an area for training on computers and sewing machines, also supplied by TWAM. We were met with great enthusiasm and warmth by women struggling to feed their children. Many were widows often caring for children of family members who have died, usually from HIV/AIDS. As we left we were given cartons of fruit juice and packets of biscuits which was embarrassing as they have so little, but it is their custom.

We went to shanty areas and poor rural communities that are miles from the main road. It was a humbling and inspiring experience. Repeatedly, we saw God's command to 'love your neighbour' put into practice. It made us thankful for all that we have in this country. We returned inspired to continue to support the work, for the tools do make a difference and bring hope to many lives.

If you have tools or other items mentioned above that you no longer need, or you know of someone who does, then TWAM would love to have them. Contact the Ipswich warehouse or us ☎**323 565** or look for a tool collection in Dedham.

*If you would like to find out more please come along to our **lunch time presentation** after church on **Sunday 9 July** at 1pm at The Vicarage. Please bring some food to share.*

Merv and Sue McKinney

REGULAR SERVICES

St Mary's Church Dedham		St Mary's Church Ardleigh	
1st Sunday in the month			
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Morning Worship (CW)	
5.00pm	Evensong (BCP)		
2nd Sunday in the month			
9.30am	New all-together service (from 6 August, see page 3)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)		
3rd Sunday in the month			
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Parish Eucharist	
4th Sunday in the month			
11.00am	Matins (BCP)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.00pm	ReVive@5		
5th Sunday in the month			
11.00am	Joint Service - for location see church noticeboard or online www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk		

BCP= Book of Common Prayer CW= Common Worship

OTHER REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

Tuesdays 10.30am	Morning Prayer at Dedham Church
Fourth Tuesday 10 - 12noon	Friendship Group at Ardleigh Church
Thursdays 5pm	Evening Prayer at Ardleigh Church
Fridays 6.30/7pm (<i>Term time</i>)	Junior & Adult Choir Practice, Dedham Church
Fridays 9.15am (<i>Term time</i>)	Bible Study, Littlebury House, Dedham, CO7 6ES

Pirates Ahoy Holiday Club

We'll be playing games, making crafts and listening to stories from the bible.

For children in Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes who are currently at Primary School (Years R to 6)



Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August
10am - 12.30pm
at Dedham Church

For more details and booking forms contact Parish Office ✉ stmaryda@gmail.com

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS



MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Saturday 15 July 7pm

Enjoy music from a local **Blues Band** & **The Dedham Songbirds** in the beautiful setting of the **Vicarage Garden**

Bring your picnic, drinks, a rug or chairs

Tickets on the gate **£5** per adult, **FREE** for children in aid of Dedham and Ardleigh Churches and the Duchy Barn Youth Club

Dedham Vicarage Garden



NEW service

Starting Sunday 6 August

Rise and Shine

Come and try it out!

Hymns and songs, old and new
45 minutes followed by refreshments

A new monthly all-together service
9.30am at Dedham Church

DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

MINISTERS

☎01206*

Antony Wilson	Priest in Charge	323 919
Merv McKinney	Assistant Minister	
Carol Mitson	Assistant Minister	

CHURCH OFFICERS

Suzanne Woods	Churchwarden	01255 870 640
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Gabbie Watson	Verger	322 425

MUSIC

Antony Watson	Director of Music	322 425
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FLOWER ARRANGERS

Helen Sims	Co-ordinator	321 286
Wendy Sarton	Weddings	323 027

PARISH OFFICE

Claire Arculus	Parish Secretary	322 136
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✉stmaryda@gmail.com	Assembly Rooms
Tuesday 9am-11am	High Street
Thursday 11am-1pm	Dedham CO7 6HJ

www.dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk

SUPPORT FOR YOU from Dedham Church

*Psalm 34:18: The Lord is close
to the broken-hearted and
saves those who are
crushed in spirit.*

*Sometimes things in life
can just get too much
to cope with on our own...*

If you would like some
support or know of someone
else who would like support
please contact
Ann Shaw ☎322 192

If you have been bereaved or
know of anyone in the parish
who has and would like some
support please contact
Vee Druit ☎322 000 or
Ruth Higginson ☎322 598

If you would like a lift to
church please contact
Ann Shaw ☎322 192 or
Ruth Higginson ☎322 598

If you have an urgent query please contact Reverend Antony Wilson ☎323 919

* Throughout the magazine local telephone numbers omit ☎01206 area code, unless otherwise stated.

TOWER FLAG DAY



Friday 28 July
Beginning of
World War I

IN MEMORY

I would like to thank all those in Dedham
who sent me their sympathy cards, floral
basket and flowers at the loss of my mother.
I was overwhelmed by such kindness.

Cherita Dobbins

DEDHAM LECTURESHIP TRUST

From Roaring Rogers to modern ministry

The trust was founded by voluntary contributions in 1577 when lectureships were established, particularly in East Anglia, to supplement the official ministrations of the Church and to reinforce puritan practices. The first lecturer was Edmund Chapman who tried to enforce strict Sabbath observance as well as ensuring that all children were



William Burkitt

taught to read. He was followed by "Roaring" John Rogers, a shoemaker's son who filled the church to overflowing with his fiery eloquence. When

William Burkitt was appointed Vicar in 1692

he raised funds to create an endowment which has ensured that the Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust has continued into the 21st Century.

Those funds enabled the trust to provide living accommodation and a salary for the lecturer who, amongst other tasks, was required to give two sermons a week. The position of lecturer continued until shortly after the end of the First World War when the role was merged with that of the Vicar of the parish. Antony Wilson is the current lecturer.

The trust is patron, alternately with the Duchy of Lancaster, for the appointment of the vicars and lecturers of Dedham, although this

role was suspended by the Bishop of Chelmsford for the appointment of Antony last year. It is expected that the suspension will be lifted in due course, when the deanery plan for reorganising parishes is completed.



John Rogers

The trust is financially independent of the church and in recent years has returned to its roots, to find ways, as did the founding fathers, to address urgent and major issues relevant both to church and our society which it does through an annual Lecture.

*The **2017 Lecture** will be given on the **21 September** by Nick Spencer, Research Director at Theos, a Christian Think Tank organisation. The title of the Lecture will be **Doing Good: A future for Christianity in Britain.***

During the last year the trust has contributed to the cost of the internal redecoration of parts of the Vicarage and paid for the cost of establishing the combined parishes' office in the Assembly Rooms. In addition, it has been agreed that the trust will pay for additional lighting over the chancel steps, the area where the annual lecture is held, for some replacement Bibles for the pews and for replacing the 20-year-old hymn books used in Church.

David Druitt, Chairman

A pealing art in Dedham's tower

In the bell tower of Dedham church, a historic gem of a plaque hangs on the wall which states:

“On Tuesday Evening March the 17th 1818... the Dedham Company of Ringers rang a complete Peal of Five thousand and Forty Changes of Bob Major which was compleated in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes. NB Josiah Benneworth called the Peal.”

Today there are no Josiahs – nor indeed any Ebenezer Saunders who rang the fourth bell – among the Dedham bell ringers.

Instead of eight strong men, the peal almost exactly two centuries later is rung by two women and two teenaged schoolboys and is called by bell captain Anne Lipscombe (slight, blonde and elegant in silver shoes). Thus the eight bells are rung by only four people – two bells per person. Yet the sound of the bells is the same sonorous, historic summons to church that it has been for centuries.



Restored church bell, 1993

When the 1818 marathon “complete peal” was rung, 5,040 changes being the total permutations of seven bells (factorial seven: $7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$), each bell - and the heaviest weighing a ton - was controlled by one strong man pulling a rope to start the bell ringing from an upside-down position (“mouth up”) around 30 metres above him. An Olympian task after which, suggests bell-ringer and tower tour guide Colin West, it was “off to the pub for a well-earned pint or two.”

However, in around 1850, all this changed. The ringing of such weighty bells dangerously threatened the structure of the tower. Traditional bell “ringing” was replaced by bell “chiming” which simply takes a clapper to a bell by pulling a shortish rope: “With relatively little strength one person can ring two bells, one in each hand. Probably the local pub doesn’t do such a good trade,” adds Colin.

Ely cathedral is a notable example of this form of “modern” bell-ringing whereas Dedham’s sister church in Ardleigh has traditional bell ringing, as opposed to modern chiming.

Today the Dedham bells are chimed every other Sunday for around 25 minutes, followed by a single bell tolled 30 times, indicating that the service is due to start.

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DEDHAM PEOPLE

Thus Dedham bell-ringing can be done by almost anyone from early teenagers upwards, easily and safely: “When the bells were mouth up, the whole length of the bell rope hung in the chamber and when the bell rang, it whipped back up - which was hazardous. Now the rope is only pulled about a foot to 18 inches,” Colin West explains.

Dedham bell-ringers are always looking out for new volunteer ringers, particularly now, as William and Fraser (pictured on the right), are about to leave to go to university. Anne Lipscombe points out that bell-ringing counts as part of the Duke of Edinburgh’s award for community service. Other bonuses include £15 pay per bell-ringer for a wedding and the unexpected fact that bell ringing is a gentle workout: “I began bell-ringing eight years ago after my husband died – weekends were tough when everyone is with their family. We’re a wonderful group – there’s great camaraderie.”

The art of bell-ringing, of getting your timing and “sounding” right, she says, is learned partly by ear by listening and imitating and from peals written down.

Dedham ringers may no longer attempt the three hour and 16 minutes complete peal of 1818 but they have a repertoire of three “changes” each with their own history:



Left to right: Will Cotterell, Anne Lipscomb, Maggie Venus, Lou Davison, Fraser Sherriff

Colin Ward explains: “There’s Queen’s which, it is said, Queen Elizabeth I heard in London and remarked how sweet it sounded.

“There’s Whittington and the apocryphal story is that when Dick Whittington was leaving London he got as far as Hampstead Heath, he heard this particular peal and turned back. And there is Tittums which is said to be a diminutive version of a musician singing Tee tum, tee tum, tee tum.”

Dedham church has always been much in demand as a magnificent and glorious setting for weddings when, as Anne Lipscombe says, the bells ring out: “The bride and groom may not choose to have the choir but they almost always want the bells.

We ring for 20 minutes, starting as the bride comes up the aisle to leave the church and it is the most lovely sound: uplifting and joyous!”

Anthea Hall

Ardleigh surgery's merger: Q&A

Here are some of the questions that patients have asked about the Ardleigh practice's recently announced merger with other practices into the Colte Partnership.

Q: Will patients still be registered with Ardleigh Surgery?

A: Yes. Patients will still register and be seen at the surgery of their choice. There are no plans for patients to be seen in other surgeries for routine appointments. However, the partnership is looking to stay open longer and possibly open at weekends. In that case, it may be that out of normal hours, patients would be asked to attend one of the other surgeries within the partnership.

Q: Will our GPs still be here?

A: Certainly. All partners are keen to retain their autonomy within their own practices. There is no intention that the GPs will move. However, it may be that some part time GPs may work in more than one location. Dr Lenart, Sister Harrison and I are all part of the super-partnership's management.

Q: What are the benefits?

A: As an organisation with nearly 120,000 patients we will have much greater bargaining power when bidding for contracts and commissioning services. For example, we may be able to commission our own district nurses, attached to the practice, rather than rely on the current service. It may be possible to get hospital consultants to do outreach clinics in our premises to save visits to the hospital.

For the practice there are economies of scale. Before the merger, each practice was running a payroll, purchasing equipment, and had to register with various bodies such as the Care Quality Commission and the Information Commissioner. We are now moving to centralise some of these functions.

I will be arranging a meeting shortly, at which all patients, will be able to ask questions about the merger. The date will be posted in magazines, at the practice and on our website.

Stephanie Durrant, Practice Manager

Ardleigh ☎230 224 www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk Dedham ☎322 290

Constable Country Medical Practice

A new telephone system to be installed this the summer will inform patients of their position in a queue, when all lines are busy. Waiting times should not be

too long. Patients will be able to speak to a doctor at any time if they need to, unless demand is exceptionally high. If all appointments... *Continued on page 9*

MEDICAL MATTERS

Continued ...have been booked, a doctor will phone back to discuss the problem and will arrange to see the patient that day if it is necessary.

The practice's medical receptionist are being trained to help patients and to suggest various support services. It helps to disclose medical problems to them so they can direct patients by the right practice clinician. Pharmacists and osteopaths can help for many conditions, and support services can

help with difficulties such as bereavement or dementia.

The practice is taking part in the National Diabetes Audit, intended to improve treatment of the disease. This involves sharing patients' information with NHS England, but patients may opt out.

Closure for staff training: **13 July** from 1pm. Call ☎ 111 for urgent help.

Pete Keeble, Practice Manager

DEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sun, sport and songs

At Dedham Primary School we have all been out enjoying the beautiful summer weather over the past few weeks. As well as our competitive whole school sports day and family picnic, the whole of KS2 participated in a cross country run around the village playing field. FS & KS1 also had their own competition and they ran around our field at school. Our fastest boys and girls in Years 3-6 will be competing in our first ever inter-school cross country event with Lawford Primary and Highfields Primary very soon and with times of under two and a half minutes for half a mile, we're anticipating a terrific competition!

With Wimbledon just around the corner, tennis has also been on our minds and Year 5 have been enjoying weekly tennis lessons on the courts on

the playing field. Representatives from Year 3 and Year 4 have also been playing tennis and they have all successfully competed in two local competitions and made it through to a regional final. Congratulations to everyone involved.

As well as sport, the arts subjects really come to the fore during the summer term. Our school production this year is *Beauty and the Beast* set to classic hits from years gone by. Favourite songs so far include *Eye of the Tiger*, *True Colours* and *9 to 5*. Rehearsals are now well under way and excitement is bubbling for the three performances in July. It's taking a little persuasion but I'm sure that we'll even have the *Beast* and *Belle* dancing together by then too!

Laura Valentine

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

OVERGROWN FOOTPATHS

A number of residents and visitors have expressed concern about the overgrown state of many of our footpaths. We explained in the last issue of this magazine that Essex County Council, which retains the statutory responsibility for footpaths, had been unwilling to commit to an agreement with the parish council which would have ensured additional cutting of parish footpaths. Residents are encouraged to report defects to Essex County Council's Public Rights of Way Team. We have put a link on the parish council's website under 'Walks' page to make it easier. Or you can e-mail:

- ✉ shirley.anglin@essexhighways.org
- ✉ sarah.potter@essexhighways.org

If you report a defect it would be very helpful if you could let the Clerk know so that we can monitor complaints.

PRIVATE PUMPING STATIONS

Anglian Water has asked us to let residents know that, from 1 October 2016, many private pumping stations automatically transferred to Anglian Water and became their responsibility, including all of the maintenance and the running costs. If anyone has a private pumping station that has not been registered with Anglian Water, they should contact them via their website:

**[www.anglianwater.co.uk/
privatepumpingstation](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation)**

REWARD OFFERED TO WATER OUR FLOWERS!



Once again this year the Parish Council has arranged for seven planters and the boxes around the War Memorial to be planted up with colourful summer plants which we hope will be enjoyed by residents and visitors. Watering of these planters three times each week is vitally important.

We are asking if anyone would be prepared to take on this task for a fee of £7.50 per 'water'. It might suit a young person recently liberated from A-level or GCSE exams. Please get in touch via the Clerk.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on **Monday 3 July** at 7.30pm in the Duchy Barn.

No meeting is scheduled meeting for August. The September meeting will be on **Monday 4 September**.

Sheila Beeton

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✉ clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk
www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

GARDEN TIME

Snap that failure, or success!

This is one of the best times of the year in the garden – everything is green and lush, early perennials are flowering and vegetables are making growth. But we should not forget to take time to actually get outdoors amongst all that beauty with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and enjoy it all. So out with the phone (or camera) and take some of your favourite views: Class 69 in the Dedham Horticultural Society's Autumn Show schedule is for "The best part of my garden", so that's one entry sorted! Photos are also a great way of recording mistakes (as well as successes): perhaps something needs to be moved next spring – a photo will help to remind you. But drastic measures may be needed if a plant or shrub is not doing its job – you may even have just got fed up with it. Take it out! There are replacements galore at garden centres and don't forget those plant sales if you are visiting *Open Gardens* during the summer.

After early perennials have flowered it's a good idea to trim them back, not only for tidiness sake but to encourage a new flush of foliage and sometimes a few flowers later on. Cutting back is also a good ploy when going on holiday – this is really hard – but if you cut flowers off your perennials (you won't be there to see the devastation) the plants won't struggle with hot

weather/lack of water, and again, you may get some late blooms. If you are away and have plants in containers, grouping them together in a shady spot will help; even if you have a friendly neighbour to do some watering for you it makes it easier if everything is together.

Now for that *Prosecco* – but what's that I see, yet another weed amongst the geraniums?

Elizabeth Ellis

Secretary, Dedham Horticultural Society
www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com



A quiet corner of a garden in Dedham

WHAT TO DO IN DEDHAM

DUCHY BARN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays Thursdays and Fridays
10.30am - 12noon
Just turn up!

The Watercolour Group

Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm
*Anyone is welcome to join the group.
Contribution £2 per session includes
tutoring and refreshment.*

Bridge in Dedham

Wednesdays 2pm - 5pm
Thursdays 7pm - 10pm
*Duplicate Bridge. No partner needed.
Contact Judith Anderson Fowle
☎322 938*

The Good Neighbours Club

First Friday of the month 2pm - 4pm
New members welcome!
Contact Betty Callaghan ☎322 116

Youth Club

Fridays 7.30pm - 9.15pm
*Open to young people from the village.
Mark Dempsey ☎07503 009 790*

Military Veterans

The last Friday in the month 10.45am



The Duchy Barn is also available
for private hire: £15 per session
for local groups; £40 for parties.
Contact Anne Rowledge ☎322 394

ASSEMBLY ROOMS



Little Squigglers

Thursdays 10.30am - 12noon

Antiques Fair

Sunday 2 July All day

Dedham Mill Management AGM

Monday 3 July 10am

Dedham Films Live

Wednesday 7 July 7pm
More details on page 17

Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra

Saturday 8 July 7 pm
*Tickets Dedham Post Office: adults £9,
concessions £6, under 18s £4.50*

WEA Lecture

Wednesday 19 July 10am

Dedham Films

Wednesday 19 July 7pm
More details on page 17

*For information and to make a booking
for the Assembly Rooms please
contact Tracy Woods ☎323 921
✉info@dedham-assemblyrooms.info*

SPORTS PAVILION



Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.30 - 12noon (Term time)
£2.50 per session incl. snack and drink.

Tower of strength, blood and cruelty

The next course of 10 lectures for the Dedham Branch of the Workers' Educational Association starts on **Wednesday 4 October** on the subject *The Tower of London – a history of England*. Lectures start at 10am every Wednesday until 13 December, except for 25 October (half term).

The tutor will be Roger Mannion, former general manager at Colne Valley Pullman Company and an expert and published author on the history of railways. He will discuss the ways in which the Tower has been involved in the story of English history, as fortress, palace, prison, armoury, place of execution, zoo and mint.

Mr Mannion says: "The Tower has been at the centre of dramatic, bloody and frequently cruel events for almost a thousand years. We shall examine the changes to the Tower, the famous inmates, from the Bishop of Durham in 1101 to the future Queen Elizabeth I; Thomas Moore, Anne Boleyn and Jane Grey, Samuel Pepys, Thomas Cromwell, Rudolf Hess and the Kray twins. Also in the light of recent discoveries we will review the fate of the Princes in the Tower."

Mr Mannion previously lectured to the Dedham WEA on *Brunel*, the great Victorian engineer. Other recent topics at the Dedham branch have included: *Blockbuster Movies* and *Shakespeare's Women*.



Tower of London

The 30-year-old Dedham WEA puts on two lecture series a year, in autumn and spring. Lectures last one and a half hours with coffee and biscuits at the start. The course fee is £54.

Registration by 1 September.

Enquires Colin Biggins ☎322 565 or
✉colinbiggins869@btinternet.com.

ST HELENA FUND RAISING

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Open Garden for St Helena Hospice on 10 June by enjoying tea and cake or a ride on the miniature railway. Particular thanks go to those who supplied cakes, and to the 'Crafty Sew 'n' Sews' who brought along an amazing selection of handicrafts for sale. The afternoon raised a total of £682.39.

Gavin and Christina Sherrieff and family

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP

Painting outdoors

Tuesday 4 July Flatford: river and meadow scenes, following in Constable's footsteps. Meet at Bridge Cottage. Parking is free for National Trust members, otherwise £4. Toilets and tea room nearby.

Tuesday 18 July Old Harwich: boats, coastal scenes, interesting architecture. Meet at the Halfpenny Pier where refreshments and toilet facilities are available. Parking nearby.

Monday 31 July Dedham – no introduction needed. Meet at Dedham car park (pay and display).

Meetings start at 10am.
Visitors are welcome!

www.dedhamartsgroup.com

Young artists on show

The children at Dedham Primary School took part in a painting competition during the spring term to produce a picture to be used on the poster for **Dedham Arts Group's 50th Anniversary Exhibition** in Dedham Church in October.

Three of the group's members judged the paintings and the standard was so high that they decided to award several prizes. The winning paintings will appear on posters around the district later in the year.

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 2 July meet at Alresford Village Hall Ford Lane CO7 8AT at 10.30am for a 4.5 mile walk.
Leader *Margaret Smith* ☎**822 797**.

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

On **Wednesday 5 July** Lewis Tyler presents "Daddy, what is TV?" and on **Wednesday 19 July** spouses and Probus widows are invited to the summer lunch at the Haywain, Manningtree.

New members are welcomed: meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB. Contact *Dave Carman* on ☎**01255 880 202**.

STOUR VALLEY U3A

On **Wednesday 12 July** Dr Stephen Ashworth, senior lecturer, UEA, will talk on "Kitchen Chemistry", a science show to illustrate some of the principles of chemistry.

The Summer dinner will be at the Constable Hall on **Friday 4 August**.

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm at the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP. Annual membership £12. Contact *Graeme Forsyth* ☎**399 049**.

www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk

The winning tricks of friendship

"Bridge is the most fascinating game. It is played by millions around the world, from top internationalists to families and friends in their own homes. It is a social asset and a route to new friendships. It is immensely varied, the cards you pick up after each deal will never be the same, so many are the possible combinations. Above all, it is fun." So say Jeremy Flint & John Gullick in the introduction to their "First Book of Bridge".

At Bridge in Dedham we play Duplicate Bridge - the same deal of cards is played at each table and scored on relative performance - which introduces an element of competition.

Being a game played with a partner often excludes players from Bridge Clubs, however at Bridge in Dedham anyone who is beyond the beginners stage is welcome and will always get a game. Since we began in October 2013 many friendships have been made as individuals have found partners.

We play at the Duchy Barn on **Wednesday** afternoons, 2pm to 5pm and on **Thursday** evenings, 7pm to 10pm. Most people arrive early to set up everything ready for play. About half way through each session we stop for tea/coffee and biscuits and occasionally cake!



Everyone pays £2 (table fee) each time they attend and at their third attendance they are invited to donate £5 to the membership funds annually. Apart from providing for new cards etc the fund covers the cost of an annual Summer Lunch and a Christmas Party. At our year end any excess funds are donated to charity. We have arranged an Andrew Robson Bridge Day for later this year and the funds raised by the event will be going to St Helena Hospice, Colchester. There is no committee, decisions being taken by everyone at our Annual Discussion Meeting each October.

If you would like to know more please contact *Judith* on ☎**322 938**.

Judith Anderson Fowle

MISSION CAKE SALE

The next cake stalls will be held in the porch of Dedham Parish Church on **Saturday 29 July** from 10am to 12noon. We are always looking for volunteers to bake or to help on the stall. If you would like to help contact *Ruth Higginson* on ☎**322 598**.

DEVELOPMENT SITE BLOCKED

Colchester council agreed on 12 June that a possible house building site on Long Road East near the junction with The Heath should not be included in its new Local Plan. This means that be no housing development sites in Dedham will be incorporated in the plan, mainly because the village is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The designation of the Long Road West site for possible housing development had not been opposed by the Dedham Parish Council. Nor had the Dedham Vale Society specifically opposed it, although it had noted “concerns”. Neither body is likely to be sorry that development has been effectively blocked, subject to consultation and final adoption of the plan.

CLUB IN FOCUS: DEDHAM OLD BOYS F.C.

140 years of Dedham football

We run two teams competing in the Essex and Suffolk Border League. The First Team currently plays in Division One and The Reserves play in Division Three.

The history of Dedham Old Boys Football Club can be traced back to the Dedham Grammar School team who played an early match against Harwich and Parkeston Football Club (The Shrimpers) in November 1877. The match was played on the Grammar School ground which is still used today by Dedham Old Boys.

This year Dedham Old Boys Football Club celebrates its 140th birthday. The year got off to a great start with the First Team winning the Essex and Suffolk Border League Championship and promotion to The Premier Division.

The club also re-instated The Reserve

Team who finished the season in a very creditable position in Division Three.

Last season we worked closely with Dedham Juniors Football Club several of whose players sampled senior football with us during the season.

Off the field we staged a successful quiz that attracted more than ten teams comprising over 50 people from the village and the local area to raise funds for the club. We established sponsorship agreements with a number of local businesses.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We are working with Dedham Sports Club and Dedham Parish Council to upgrade clubhouse facilities including a second referee's changing room, to accommodate female officials, and disabled access and WC facilities.

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WHAT'S ON: FILMS



Wednesday 5 July 2017 **Puccini's La Boheme**

LIVE! by satellite from TAORMINA

Doors 7pm Start 7.30pm Tickets £10

Perched high on the coast of Sicily Taormina has inspired artists for over 2000 years. This dramatic setting welcomes opera lovers from all over the world with this tragic love story which is sure to enchant with its intense melodic lyrics, refined harmonies and light feel.



Wednesday 19 July 2017 **Viceroy's House**

(12A) Directed by Garinder Chadah 2017

The final Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence, but meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change. Starring Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson. Tickets £4



Wednesday 16 August 2017 **A United Kingdom**

(12A) Directed by Garth Davis 2017

The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, puts his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil. Starring Rosamond Pike & David Oyelowo. Tickets £4



ASSEMBLY ROOMS DEDHAM

Films admission **7pm** Films begin **7.30pm**

Tickets from **Shakespeare House Gallery** or **www.dedhamfilms.co.uk**

Refreshments available before the screenings and in the intervals.

Contact ✉ dedhamfilms@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON: THEATRE, MUSIC

THEATRE

Wednesday 5 Jul

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Shakespeare: Pantaloons Theatre, 7.30 pm Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

Friday 14 to 16 Jul

The Trials Of Mary, Eastern Angles Theatre Company at various locations - see website

Wednesday 19 to 22 Jul

Middle Aged Man In Lycra Horizon Theatre: a community production, New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich, 7.45pm

Thursday 20 Jul

Angels In America Part I, Millennium Approaches, NT - LL, 7pm at Firstsite and Odeon Colchester

Friday 28 to 29 Jul

What Planet Are You On? Stapled to a Chicken, sketch comedians, Headgate, 8pm

MUSIC

Saturday 1 Jul

Aquarius Singers 5pm at St Mary's Church, Ickworth

Cantus Firmus: A Pilgrimage of Song starts 9.45am at St Mary Martlesham for five mile walk and a meal at Culpho Church

English sacred choral music 2.30pm at St Anne & St Laurence, Elmsted Market

Colchester Chamber Choir, 7pm at St Mary's Bures

Light music East Anglia Single Reed Choir, 3pm at Kelvedon Church
Dvorak, Mendelssohn, Essex Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm at Christ Church

Suffolk Soul Singers, The Wolsey, 7.45pm

The Hervey Benham Young Soloists Concert, St Botolph's, 7.30pm

Sunday 2 Jul

Kay Dawson:
Richard Strauss's Horn Concerto
with
Lavenham Sinfonia, 7pm
Lavenham Church



Colchester Chamber Choir:
English sacred choral music
2pm at St Mary's Church Kersey
5 pm at Lawford Church CO11 2JX
Ipswich Music Day, Suffolk Singers, 1.55pm at Ipswich Masonic Hall

Saturday 8 Jul

Essex Youth Jazz In aid of Essex Young Musicians Trust 7.30 pm
Dedham Assembly Rooms

WHAT'S ON: MUSIC, OPERA, MUSICALS

MUSIC *continued*

Saturday 8 July

Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1,
Colchester Symphony Orchestra,
7.30pm at St Botolph's

Quattro Amici: Songs from opera
and musicals and classic pop,
Headgate, 7.30pm

Sunday 9 Jul

Kelvedon Singers, 6.30pm
at St Michael & All Angels, Copford

Grieg's piano concerto, Pimlott
Foundation Great Horkesley,
5pm at Old House

Capriccio Ensemble
Studio Music Brightlingsea, 3pm

Friday 14 to 16 Jul

Roman River Music summer
weekend at Coggeshall Church

Sunday 16 Jul

**A Summer Serenade - Strings
and Wind**, Kingfisher Ensemble,
2.45pm at Lion Walk Church

Songs by Poulenc and Chausson,
Roman River Music, 6pm
at Coggeshall Church

Friday 21 Jul

Mark Anthony jazz quartet,
celebration of Nat King Cole,
Headgate, 7.30pm

Saturday 22 Jul

André Rieu in Maastricht – LL.
The violinist's 2017 concert with his
60-piece Orchestra, 7pm at Odeon
Colchester

SNAPE PROMS

1 Aug to 1 Sept
folk, roots, world, jazz, classical and
family music, all at Snape Maltings

OPERA/MUSICAL

Wednesday 5 Jul

La Bohème by Puccini

Live From Taormina
at Dedham Films Live 7pm
Assembly Rooms see *page 17*

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers:
amateur production, The Wolsey,
7.45pm

Thursday 6 Jul

Hamlet, the opera,
Glyndebourne - LL,
6pm at Odeon
Colchester



Wednesday 12 to 15 Jul

Betty Blue Eyes
Mad Hatter, Headgate, 7.30pm

Sister Act Co-op Juniors Theatre Co,
The Wolsey, 7.45pm

Thursday 3 Aug

La Clemenza di Tito by Mozart,
Glyndebourne - LL, 6pm at Firstsite

LL - live link by satellite

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CLUB IN FOCUS: DEDHAM OLD BOYS F.C.

Continued from page 16 We are keen to continue to develop closer ties with the wider local community. We intend to stage a quiz again next season.

The club will soon be launching The Dedham Old Boys Supporters Club which offers benefits including discounted tea and coffee at half time, use of the bar after home games, occasional social events, newsletters and membership of The 59 Club offering a monthly prize draw. If you would like to join and support the club please get in touch.

We are currently seeking a new Reserve Team Manager. With the core of the team established this is a great opportunity for somebody wishing to get into or back into village football team management. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested please contact us. Likewise we are always on the lookout for new talented players especially from the local area.

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DEDHAM CHURCH TOWER TOUR

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More details online: **www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk/towertours**

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