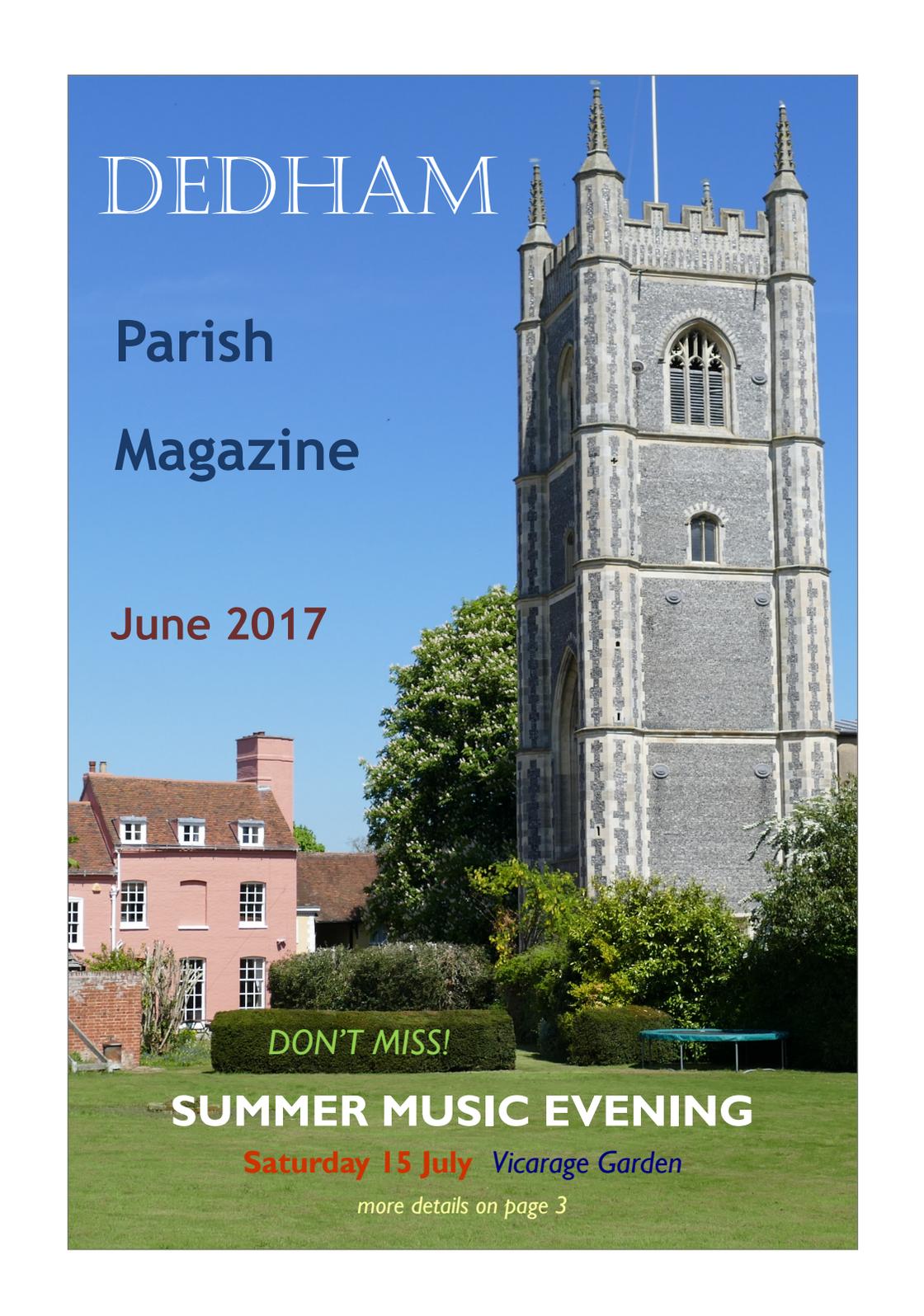


DEDHAM

The background of the cover is a photograph of a church tower with grey stone and white decorative patterns. To the left, a red brick vicarage with white window frames is visible. In the foreground, there is a green lawn with a blue trampoline and a large green bush. The sky is clear blue.

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DON'T MISS!

SUMMER MUSIC EVENING

Saturday 15 July Vicarage Garden

more details on page 3

INTERVIEW: THE VICAR

Reflections on a soldier's life

Antony Wilson talks about the Army life that he left to become vicar of Dedham and Ardleigh.

In his Dedham vicarage study, lined with books on religion, Antony Wilson remembers the day which, as a Chaplain in the Grenadier Guards, transformed his view of life and ministry.

“My colleague and I had spent three hours sitting outside their home, waiting for them to return. They arrived fresh from the school pick up, a mum and two daughters, arms full of shopping. I followed my colleague into the house where he told Jenny that her husband had been killed earlier that day in a training accident on a military range. As was normal procedure, after being the bearer of the bad news he left straight away and I remained to try to care for a devastated wife and confused children.”



Antony Wilson in Afghanistan, 2015

The ever-present possibility of death makes army life a place of extremes, he says. “Soldiers laugh a lot, cry from time to time, make fun of each other constantly and generally live life to the full. They are passionate people, trained to take life, and prepared to give up their own.”

So what then drew a 43 year old Ipswich vicar into such a world?

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HUSTINGS
for the general election
Saturday 3 June 7pm
Dedham Church

Prospective parliamentary candidates speak and answer your questions

- Green:** Blake Roberts
- Labour:** Rosalind Scott
- Conservative:** Bernard Jenkin
- Liberal Democrat:** Dominic Graham
- UKIP:** Aaron Hammond *(to be confirmed)*

INTERVIEW: THE VICAR

Antony Wilson *Continued.*

“I had been watching the stories coming from Afghanistan, and the regular and sobering scenes of repatriation ceremonies. My heart was stirred and I knew that I had to go and walk along with these men and women, offer them support and hope.”

“What urged me to do this was my belief in an ever-present God who promises that death is not the end. Most soldiers are between 18 and 22 years old, and for our country they are prepared to die and are trained to take life, something that ultimately should only be in God’s gift. It is too much for some, who succumb to post traumatic stress disorder. I saw at close hand the impact of devastating events on individual soldiers and their families, and tried as best I could to offer hope.”

So what did he learn from his four years in the army?

“Soldiering requires huge flexibility - things change all the time and you have to be constantly prepared to adapt. That’s one thing. Then soldiers must make the most of every day, and live life from the day to day. That doesn’t apply only to the army. Jesus taught his friends to pray: “give us today our *daily* bread” and to live life for today because tomorrow has enough worries of its own.

“There is something that comes from the close interdependence of soldiers: don’t take yourself too seriously and always look for the best in others. You also learn quickly to be prepared. On operations your bergan (rucksack) must be packed and ready to go at a moment’s notice day or night. There’s a spiritual dimension to this too - padres try to prepare soldiers to be ready for their own death, which can happen without warning. We are entrusted with bringing the hope of God into their lives.

“Soldiers must make the most of small blessings, like a warm, dry space to sleep in the corner of a barn, whilst others are out in the rain on sentry duty. We all need to appreciate what we already have”

So what out of these army experiences does Antony want to bring to the new job in a very different world?

“One of the strengths of the army is interdependence. Nothing brings you together better than hiking through the night in wet and rain and sleeping in a fox hole. Soldiers set us an example of care for our neighbour as Jesus also asks us.”

So to his parishioners in Dedham and Ardleigh Antony says: “I look forward to walking along with you, sharing real life and playing my part in bringing hope to the communities that we live in.”

SPECIAL SERVICES



Join the global wave of prayer

Here in Dedham and Ardleigh we are going to be joining in with millions of Christians across the world to pray for our communities

**25 May -
- 2 June** **Prayer for all...** come to Dedham Church during normal opening hours and find an interactive prayer station in the south aisle

**Saturday
3 June** A whole day of prayer at Ardleigh Church finishing with a service of **Compline** at Ardleigh Church at 9pm
Sign up for a half an hour slot to pray

**Sunday
4 June** **Pentecost Celebration** service at Ardleigh Church at 11am
This festival celebrates the birthday of the church

Check out www.thykingdomcome.global

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

**Saturday
15 July
7pm**

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

Enjoy music
from a local
Blues Band
and the
Dedham Songbirds

*in the beautiful setting of the
Vicarage Garden*

Bring your picnic, drinks, a rug or chairs



ReVive@5
contemporary informal
St Mary's Church Dedham

Sunday 25 June 5 pm
worship for all ages
Refreshments from 4.30pm



DEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

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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



TOWER FLAG DAY

Sunday 4 June — Pentecost

Sunday 11 June — Trinity

Saturday 10 June — HRH Prince Philip Birthday



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

REGULAR SERVICES

St Mary's Church Dedham	St Mary's Church Ardleigh
1st Sunday in the month	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.00pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Morning Worship (CW)
2nd Sunday in the month	
9.30am <i>New all together service (from late summer)</i> 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
3rd Sunday in the month	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Parish Eucharist
4th Sunday in the month	
11.00am Matins (BCP) 5.00pm ReVive@5	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
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.

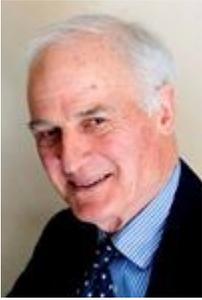
For children in Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes who are currently at Primary School (Years R to 6)



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

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

A staunch defender of traditional ways



Quinlan Terry CBE, who has played a central part in the life and preservation of Dedham Church for more than 40 years, has stepped down as churchwarden, just short of his 80th birthday.

Mr Terry, described as a “tower of strength” by a parishioner who has known him for many years, was closely involved in the appointment of vicars including Antony Wilson who was installed last year.

His famous architectural practice in the High Street has for decades overseen the church’s maintenance and repairs, including to the roof, tower and clerestory windows. Raymond Erith, who started the practice, began these works. Mr Terry took over when Erith died in 1973, and has provided his services free.

Mr Terry, who has a strong and controversial preference for classical architecture, also has traditional views about Christian morality and worship, as set out in the 39 Articles that the Church of England finalised in 1571. He laments the fact that “the world is pushing in a different direction... with all the pressures of today”.

After serving as churchwarden at Dedham from the late 1970s, Mr Terry became warden at Fordham Church where his son in law had become rector. But late in 2013 the previous vicar of Dedham, Dr Gerard Moate, then planning to retire, asked Mr Terry to return. He and Richard Hopkins, the other churchwarden, had the task of maintaining continuity leading services and preaching.

Mr Terry has seen the fortunes of churches rise and fall. At Fordham, he says, the congregation increased from about ten to nearly 200 during his son-in-law’s tenure. The congregation in Dedham had been built up to 150-200 under Norman Bedford, but it declined after he retired in October 1993.

So what makes a church thrive? Mr Terry says there was “nothing spectacular” about what happened at Fordham. Numbers increased because of good services and good preaching. So in Dedham, he was looking for a vicar who would make the “hard work of expository preaching” a priority. Antony Wilson, he says, has made a good start with his series on Ephesians and by persuading congregations to read on the subjects of his preaching. Will this result in increased attendance? “It is early days”, he says.

Max Wilkinson

FRIENDS OF DEDHAM CHURCH

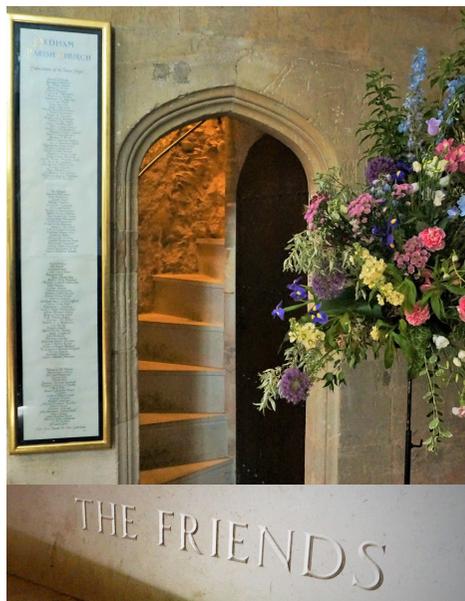
Charity plans next project after raising £150,000

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful village as Dedham, with the benefits of village life and a vibrant High Street. At its centre, Dedham Church is a place of calm for quiet reflection as well as for worship. It is a place for concerts and other events and also a beautiful historic building that attracts visitors bringing income into our village.

The Friends of Dedham Church is a charity set up twelve years ago to help maintain, restore, and improve the fabric of the church and its environment. We also support village life through projects at our local school, the Duchy barn and other requests. To date we have raised over £150,000 for various projects. One of our largest was the repair and replacement of steps to the tower and the installation of a viewing platform that enables people to enjoy the views over the Stour valley. (Tours of the tower can be arranged through the Parish office, see page 20).

In recent months we have contributed significantly to the internal repair and re-decoration of the nave and aisles as well as the clerestory windows. Our next major project is to help to provide a hospitality unit and improved toilet facilities in the Church.

The Friends currently have 154 members, who each pay an annual subscription of £15.



Restored steps in the church tower

We hold a number of fund-raising events throughout the year including an annual golf competition in May, and a Summer Ball in June at Le Talbooth (it is on 16 June, but tickets are now sold out), as well as organizing a number of social events throughout the year including a summer Pimm's Party and visits to places interest.

If you would like to support the Friends' work - and enjoy some social gatherings, we would be delighted to welcome you. There is an application form on our website:

www.friendsofdedhamchurch.org.uk

Peter Wilson

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MORE PARKING CURBS FOR SUNDAYS?

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 8 May, there was considerable discussion of the problems of parking in the village on Sundays, when the weekday two-hour restriction does not apply. Some visitors, it was reported, arrive early and park for a full day on the High Street. Given a number of representations, the Parish Council is considering making a request to the North Essex Parking Partnership to extend the two hour restriction to Sundays. Comments are invited, either via our website or to the clerk.

FOOTPATH CUTS

The DPC is disappointed that it was unable to re-negotiate its parish paths partnership arrangement with Essex County Council. Under this agreement, the DPC had employed a contractor to maintain almost all the parish footpaths. Although the ECC has a statutory responsibility for this work, its funding had progressively been reduced, leaving DPC to meet the shortfall. We had volunteered again this year to increase our contribution, but the ECC will pay only a minimal, unrealistic figure and we have been unable to find a contractor willing to cut the paths for the uneconomic ECC rate. After long

and unsuccessful negotiations we have declined to renew the contract for the coming financial year. From 1 April 2017, all footpath maintenance therefore falls wholly to ECC. It has undertaken to make one cut on all paths with a second cut on the Essex Way. Any issues or complaints about Dedham footpaths should in future be directed by email to:

✉ shirley.anglin@essexhighways.org

✉ sarah.potter@essexhighways.org

✉ cllr.anne.brown@essex.gov.uk

The Parish Council will review the position at the end this year.

CONSULTATION GOES ELECTRONIC

The Parish Council would like to gather the views of a wide number of residents on items of local importance. Surveys will be available on our website . However, we are aware that this will not be convenient for all residents and therefore paper forms will still be available. We would be interested in your views on this.

RE-ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

After the annual meeting, all councillors retained the same roles as last year. Details are on our website.

Shiela Beeton

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 5 June 7.30pm, the Duchy Barn.

☎ **01255 871483** ✉ clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

Three young poets



Here are three of the poems written by 10 to 11 year old pupils of the Dedham Primary School on subjects of their choice.

The Dolls House

As the golden sun
Peeks through the curtains
Music starts to play.
As rusty hands and tiny feet
Pitter, patter all day
The butler is busy
Ringing all the bells.

Bakers are waiting
For the plastic buns to rise,
Frozen milk and cotton silk
Lingering under the shelf.
The wallpaper peeling off the walls
And the carpet yellow with age
All has
Been forgotten
Yet for another day.

Isabel

The Forest up the Mountainside

The forest up the mountainside
Desperate, it has to hide
Or man will come on its fuming ride
On metal birds that soar the sky.
With them, they bring their buzzing sticks
That cut us down like tooth picks
Or they bring their smoking poles
Bang! Bang!
Animals scatter to their holes.
With them they bring fattened rats
Which would easily wipe out our big cats

They also bring their clucking birds
Which strangely gather up in herds.

Thousands start to die
If only we could all fly
It makes you want to start to cry
Or wish this world a cruel goodbye.

The forest on the mountainside
Desperate, it tries to hide
But man has spotted and has come
This is when trees wish they could run...

Oliver W

Night Ninja

(Hare)

Fast as an Eagle,
Silent as a Spider,
The Night Ninja,
He is here.

He is loved at day,
But not at Night,
The Night Ninja,
He is here.

Your Pride,
Your Hobby robbed by
The Night Ninja,
He is here.

Unstoppable,
Uncatchable,
The Night Ninja,
He has been.

Archie

WHAT TO DO IN DEDHAM

DUCHY BARN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays Thursdays and Fridays
10.30 to 12 pm
Just turn up!

The Watercolour Group

Mondays 10.30 - 1.30pm
*Anyone is welcome to join the group.
Contribution £2 per session includes
tutoring and refreshment.*

Bridge in Dedham

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

The Good Neighbours Club

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

Youth Club

Fridays 7.30 - 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



Election Hustings

Saturday 3 June 7pm

Antiques Fair

Sunday 4 June All day

General Election polling Station

Thursday 8 June 7am to 10pm

Dedham Films Live – Take That

Friday 9 June 7pm

Dolls House Fair

Saturday 10 June 10am to 4pm

Dedham Films

Wednesday 21 June 7pm

Little Squigglers

Thursdays 10.30-12 noon

*For information and to make a booking
for the **Assembly Rooms** please
contact Tracy Woods ☎323 921*

SPORTS PAVILION



Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.30 - 12noon (*Term time*)
Baby Clinic with a Health Visitor
First Tuesday in the month (*Term time*)
£2.50 per session incl. snack and drink.

Social satire that cast a disturbing spell

Yasmina Reza's *God of Carnage*, staged by the The Dedham Players last month, puts huge demands on the four actors. It is a brilliantly witty, satire on the middle class, but it is hard to believe that such characters would behave so badly. The actors' task was to make their descent into social barbarity seem possible, even "normal". Claire Nicholson's well judged production succeeded splendidly.

It starts with halting small-talk between two middle class couples meeting to discuss the playground fracas of two 11-year old sons. They agree a statement after an ominous change of wording then settle down to tea, tart and chat. It is all downhill from there: irritations pile upon each other. Festering resentments within each marriage provoke suppressed hostility between the opposing couples and cat-fights develop in every direction.

Strong performances all round were matched by subtle interactions and timing. Danielle Tite was especially good as the hostess, Veronica, a self-righteous, art loving authoress with correct opinions. Her studied politeness, cleverly suggested a dormant volcano, that erupted in scorn against her "second rate" husband, then in controlled bursts of anger defending her son. A hysterical

attack on her "hypocritical" guest, Annette, and a collapse into tears were all done perfectly.



We are not amused: Don Poar
with Christine Hawley

If she was the centre of the maelstrom Don Poar, as the visiting husband, Alan, was its first cause. He played the arrogant, insensitive corporate lawyer with all the polish that Dedham audiences have come to expect of him. Although he seemed to overdo the rudeness of his intrusive mobile phone calls, the plot requires him to drive everyone mad, including his wife, Annette, played by Christine Hawley. She was excellent in misery, sick with frustration before sliding into a drunken attempt to restore peace: "There was wrong on both sides". Gary Huggins thoroughly inhabited the part of Veronica's boorish husband, making us almost sympathise with a man who thought it OK to put the pet hamster out on the street or to relish cleaning Annette's sick off an expensive art book. It all cast a disturbing spell.

Max Wilkinson

ARDLEIGH SURGERY IN SUPER MERGER

From the **beginning of June** the Ardleigh Surgery is to join The Colte Partnership, with 11 other local practices covering 120,000 patients.

This move follows the National Health Service's five year *Forward View* which promoted moves towards larger practices. When the NHS started in the 1940s, most general practices were single-handed. Now few single-handers are left, the average list of patients is around 7,300.

NHS England has made it clear that it will not offer future contracts to practices with fewer than 30,000 patients. It is also encouraging the creation of super partnerships of more than 50,000 patients. One such, in Birmingham, combines 37 practices, with 300,000 patients. Many other super-practices are now in the pipeline, including two in north east Essex.

The Ardleigh partners decided to join Colte because of the benefits of size and sustainability, advantages in bidding for new contracts and services, savings from central purchasing and reduced duplication. They also hope that clinicians' time will be freed up and that the super partnership will give them a bigger voice in the future of local healthcare.

Patients should not find any difference in their relationship to the doctors and

staff at Ardleigh. However, it is hoped new services and better community service will be offered as the partnership becomes established. The partnerships being merged are at: Ardleigh; Ambrose Avenue, Colchester; Creffield; Colne; Layer Road, Colchester; Mersea Island; North Hill, Colchester; Riverside, Manningtree; Rowhedge, Tiptree; Walton and Wivenhoe.

Stephanie Durrant, Practice Manager

ALL CHANGE FOR RUBBISH

From **20 June** rubbish collections by Colchester Borough Council will change. Up to three black bags will be collected from each household fortnightly. However food waste will be collected weekly. Black bags will no longer be issued free, but free clear bags for paper and plastics will continue to be available. Larger white garden bags for garden waste will be free. A free second green box should be used to separate glass from cans. Details of the changes online:

[www.beta.colchester.gov.uk/
knowledgebase/article/KA-01023](http://www.beta.colchester.gov.uk/knowledgebase/article/KA-01023)

MISSION CAKE SALE

The next cake stall will be held in the porch of Dedham Parish Church on **Saturday 24 June** from 10 am to 12 noon. 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**.

OPEN GARDENS IN JUNE



On **Saturday 10 June** between 2pm and 5pm the garden at St Winifreds, Bargate Lane, Dedham will be open in support of St Helena Hospice. Rides on a miniature railway (*pictured above*), handicrafts, books and plants for sale, tea and cake, donation £2, children £1. Gavin Sherriff ☎**07706 690 356**.

COGGESHALL

On **Sunday 4 June** gardens in Coggeshall will be open from 2pm to 6pm to the public and to local artists. There will be activities for children, a plant stall, vintage cars and model railways, an old printing press and refreshments. Tickets £5.00 (children free) from The Chapel Inn in the Market Square on the day. www.coggeshallopengardens.org.uk

STRATFORD ST MARY

The Stratford St Mary open gardens and open village day will be on **Saturday 24 June**. It includes an art exhibition, boat rides, a scarecrow trail, pop-up stalls, arts and crafts exhibitions, a classic car and bike display, a display of village history, music and refreshments. All proceeds are for the church and the village.

✉ julie@jj-associates.co.uk
☎**07989 639 583**.

THE BRITISH IN CHINA

Dedham Workers Educational Association has arranged a one day school on the story of the British in China. It will be in the Assembly Rooms, on **Wednesday 19 July** from 10am to 3pm. “China Station”, presented by Mark Felton, an author and expert on the country, is the exciting story of the British in China between their forced entry during the First Opium War until the handover of Hong Kong in 1997. Tickets, £12, include tea and coffee. Contact Ruth Higginson ☎**322 598** or Colin Biggins ☎**322 565**.

DEDHAM LECTURE 2017

By Nick Spencer, Director of Research at Theos, a Christian think tank:

	21 September 8 pm	
<p>Doing Good?</p> <p>A FUTURE FOR CHRISTIANITY IN BRITAIN</p>		
<p><i>More information from the Parish office</i></p>		
	In Dedham Church	

NEWS

THE MARLBOROUGH HEAD

Our article in the May edition wrongly stated that Scott Lamont was about to take over. He left the pub at the beginning of April. We apologise to Jenny Pearmain, Landlady for over 10 years, for saying in that article that the pub's evening clientele had declined in recent years as it concentrated on the summer tourist trade. Nor should we have said that the staff had been cut. Ms Pearmain says that the Marlborough's traditional home cooking is popular with regulars and visitors. She adds: "Whilst it is good to have the busy visitor trade for two summer months, the other ten months have a favourable trade, offering accommodation, real ales, good food and a warm friendly atmosphere with two open log fires burning throughout the winter for many regulars, groups, weddings, funerals and hardy winter rambles."

FREE WILLS FOR CHARITY

St Helena Hospice has arranged for seven north east Essex solicitors to offer a free service during **June** to anyone making a donation to the charity.

The Colchester hospice helps people with incurable illnesses to live well and die with dignity and choice. The solicitors taking part in the scheme are: *Alistair Keeble* ☎**01255 818900**; *Birkett Long* ☎**204129**; *Fisher Jones*

Greenwood ☎**578 8282**; *Goody Burrett* ☎**577 676**; *John Fowlers* ☎**713 900**; *Powis and Co* ☎**01255 233 400**; *Sparlings (Colchester)* ☎**733 733** or (Manningtree) ☎**392 201**. Bookings can be made directly with the solicitors. For further information please contact St Helena Hospice ☎**931 468**.

www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/makeawill

SPONSOR A NURSE

St Helena Hospice has recently relaunched its Sponsor a Nurse campaign, which allows supporters to make a regular donation. ☎**931 468**.

www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/nurse

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

This year we have raised £279. Thank you to all those who have filled their boxes with loose change. The society fights child poverty and neglect in the UK. To help, contact *Ruth Higginson* on ☎**322 598**.

STOUR FESTIVAL PLANNED

A steering committee of Colchester Borough Council was recently formed to develop the idea of a River Stour Festival in **2018**. The aim is to have a number of special events but also to bring together anything else that is happening along the valley during the year. www.riverstourfestival.com

Fertile soil for advice and good fellowship

Colin Biggins, chairman of The Dedham Horticultural Society, gives a very encouraging image of the Society. It is not only being about winning prizes in the shows he says. "Gardening is good for your health and It also teaches patience and is a brilliant way to meet like-minded people who are keen to help or learn gardening."



Colin Biggins selling plants
outside Dedham Church

And there are a great many ways to do that: through the talks, the advisory service or the shows which are held twice a year. There was one in the spring . The next will be on **Saturday 9 September**, both held in the Assembly Rooms Dedham. They are open to members and non-members. In addition to plant categories, they include baking competitions, photography and flower arranging. Although the standard is very high with judges from the Royal Horticultural Society, Colin's message is very much to give it a try. "Put as many entries in as possible but follow the rules. If the rules are for three daffodils, put in three and if they are for five shortbread fingers, put in five, not six or you will be disqualified.....as I was!"

There is also a children's section in the competition. Shows used to be grand affairs with tables groaning with entries. The Society was started early in the last century. There are records

stating that there was a show held in the grounds of Lower Park, Dedham with a large marquee. What a sight it must have been with the prize-winning vegetables and flowers and superb cups which are still owned by the Society!

To encourage us all to bring back this exciting community event, a half-day Workshop is being held in the Duchy Barn on 19 August to give advice on how to exhibit. I'm certainly going to give it a go, be it with polished onions!

Colin's gardening tip is first get to know your soil, what type it is. Soil varies widely from one area of Dedham to another, from heavy clay to fine alluvial. What type is yours?

To become a member, please contact Betty Cox ☎ **323 192**.

Philippa Black

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP TO VISIT TUDOR GARDEN

The next painting outdoors meeting will be on **Wednesday 7 June** at Cressing Temple, Braintree, with its famous medieval barley and wheat barns, 16th century granary and walled Tudor pleasure garden with fishpond. Access is free, with parking, toilets, and tearoom and picnic tables. 10.30am start. **Wednesday 21 June:** Castle Hedingham, a Norman castle keep and beautiful grounds with lake, entry fee, parking, toilets, and café, picnics allowed, 11 am start. **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. For the full summer outdoors programme see: www.dedhamartsgroup.com

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 4 June: meet at 10.30am Stour Wood Car Park on B1352 Wrabness Road for a woodland ramble led by *Alan Bridges* ☎**323 901**. Approx. 4-miles.

Friday 16 June: meet at 6.30pm in the Old Road (dead end) immediately on the left of The Street, Wherstead off A137 (IP9 2AH) and is signposted immediately south of A137/A14 junction). A 4-5 mile evening walk to be led by *Jan Jukes* ☎**01473 684893** and *Helen Edevane*.

STOUR VALLEY MENS POBUS CLUB

FUN HOLIDAYS?

Tom Tyler returns to the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club on **7 June** to talk about "When holidays were Fun". On **21 June** John Field will speak about "The Redevelopment of Ipswich Docks". On **5 July** Lewis Tyler presents "Daddy, what is TV" and on **Wednesday 19 July** Spouses and Probus widows are invited to a luncheon at The Haywain, Manningtree. Meetings at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree. ☎**01255 880 202**.

STOUR VALLEY U3A

A LIFE IN SHOWBIZ

On **Wednesday 14 June** Alan Goldsmith will talk to the **Stour Valley U3A** about his 50 years in the Rock and Roll and entertainment business. On **Wednesday 12 July** Dr Stephen Ashworth, Senior Lecturer, UEA, will give a science show using readily available materials to illustrate some of the principles of chemistry. Meetings at the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 pm

www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk

DEDHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The Club will meet at the Essex Rose on **Monday 5 June** at 12:30pm. Quote "Monday Lunch Club" for 15 per cent discount. Book: ☎**323 101**.

Christine Frost

WHAT'S ON: FILMS



Wednesday
21 June 2017
Lion



Directed by Garth Davis 2017 (*Parental Guidance*)

A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometres from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia; 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family.



Friday 9 June 2017

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Contact Jax Horswill ☎ **322 328** or ✉ dedhamfilms@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON: THEATRE

THEATRE

Monday 29 May to 3 Jun

The Crucible by Arthur Miller,
The Mercury, 7.30pm.

Thursday 1 Jun

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

by Edward Albee, NT - LL, 7pm, at
Lakeside Theatre., Colchester.

Friday 2 to 17 Jun

The Events by David Greig, a
Made In Colchester production, The
Mercury, Colchester.

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WHAT'S ON: THEATRE, MUSIC

THEATRE *Continued*



Oscar Wilde's *Salomé*
from the National
Theatre 22 Jun

Thursday 8
to 10 Jun

**Strictly
Murder by
Brian
Clemens**, a
thriller set in
Provence
1939, The
Mercury,
7.30pm.

Saturday 17 Jun

The Secret Garden, adapted from
Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel, The
Wolsey, 7pm.

Thursday 22 Jun

Salomé, NT - LL, 7pm, at Odeon,
Firstsite and Lakeside

MUSIC

Sunday 4 Jun

Piano quartet, Kingfisher Ensemble,
2.45pm, at Lion Walk Church
Colchester

Saturday 10 Jun

Peter Pan, NT - LL, 1pm, at Firstsite,
and Odeon and Lakeside, Colchester.

Sunday 11 Jun

Robin Hood: The Co-op Juniors,
New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich, 6pm.

Saturday 10 Jun

Charity Concert in aid of MIND,
Headgate, 7.30pm.

Rutter: Requiem, Witham Choral
Society, 7.30pm, at United Reform
Church.

Wednesday 14 Jun

Obsession with Jude Law, NT - LL,
7pm, at Lakeside, Colchester.

Wednesday 7 to 9 Jun

Seasons with Swing, Colchester
Operatic Society, 7.30pm, at Headgate
Theatre.

Thursday 15 Jun

**God's Waiting Room by Karen
Bartholomew**, Headgate Theatre
Colchester, 7.30pm.

Sunday 11 Jun

Craig Ogden, guitar, Studio Music
Brightlingsea, 3pm.

Friday 16 to 17 Jun

A Midsummer Night's Dream,
adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy,
Headgate, 7pm, .

Saturday 17 Jun

**The Dream of Gerontius by
Elgar**, Phoenix Singers, 7pm, at Royal
Hospital School, Ipswich

**Comedy of Errors by
Shakespeare**, Stanley Hall, 7.30pm.

WHAT'S ON: MUSIC, OPERA/MUSICAL, BALLET

Tower Chamber Choir & The Ravenscroft Consort Gabrielli, Monteverdi, St Mary-le-Tower Church Ipswich, 7.30pm.

Sunday 18 Jun

Ipswich Choral Society, 3pm, at Royal Hospital School, Ipswich.

Saturday 24 Jun

Savitri Grier: Mendelssohn: violin concerto in, Ipswich Orchestral Society, 7.30pm, at Corn Exchange.
Tiptree Choral Society, at St Luke's Church Tiptree.

Sunday 25 Jun

Kingfisher Sinfonietta, 2.45pm, at Lion Walk Church, Colchester.

OPERA/MUSICAL

Thursday 8 Jun

La Traviata by Verdi, Glyndebourne - LL, 7.15pm, at Odeon Colchester.

Tuesday 13 to 17 Jun

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Ipswich Operatic and Dramatic Society, 7.45pm, at New Wolvey.

Tuesday 20 to 24 Jun

Messy by Olly Medlicott Headgate, 7.45pm, to 24 Jun.

Wednesday 28 Jun

Otello by Verdi, ROH - LL, 7.15pm, at Odeon Colchester.



Venera
Gimadieva
pays Violetta
in Verdi's
La Traviata
8 June

BALLET/DANCE

Wednesday 7 Jun

The Dream/Symphonic Variations 2017 Frederick Ashton, Royal Ballet - LL, 7.15pm, at Odeon Colchester.

Wednesday 14 Jun

Ballet Central, The Mercury, 7.30pm.

LL : live link by satellite

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Max Wilkinson

DEDHAM CRICKET: MATCH REPORT

SUNDAY 14 MAY 2017 **DEDHAM CRICKET CLUB VS. LEAVENHEATH**

After a heavy rain shower in the morning we had a glorious Spring afternoon for the third match of the season, an enjoyable fixture against our local rivals. Our ground was looking a picture after all the hard work of our groundsman. Leavenheath elected to bat with their opener scoring 80 of the 187 total they set us to win. Wickets were shared among our bowlers, skipper Nick Aldread, Peter Cook, Will Barton and Wilf Mortimer. The highlight of the innings was a great catch of a high skier by Alex Lloyd (Lloyd) when most of the team had their money on the ball winning this contest!

We replied with a good start, Neil Weston (Pres.) and Bernie Barton putting on 50 before Bernie was first out. Pres. went on to top score with 40 but holed out as the run chase started as did Cooky and it was left to our youngsters Freddie Philpot and Will Barton who both batted well to take us close but end up just short at 165 for 7 after the 40 overs available. Dedham had some big hitters left in reserve notably Jamie Mortimer and captain Nick Aldread but chose to give our youngsters an opportunity to shine and this will surely pay dividends over the season.

Neil Weston

DEDHAM CHURCH TOWER TOUR

Tours of the 16th century tower can be booked 5-10 working days in advance for groups of 2 to 10 people. Tours last about 45 minutes. ☎01206 322 136

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