

A watercolor illustration of a winter scene in Dedham. The background features a large, leafless tree with intricate, dark brown branches. To the left, a pinkish-red building with a gabled roof and a small porch is visible. In the foreground, a low brick wall and a black metal gate are partially covered in snow. The overall color palette is soft, with pastel pinks, blues, and browns, creating a serene winter atmosphere.

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in the February 2019 magazine to the
editor by 14th January*

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
anyone who would, please contact:

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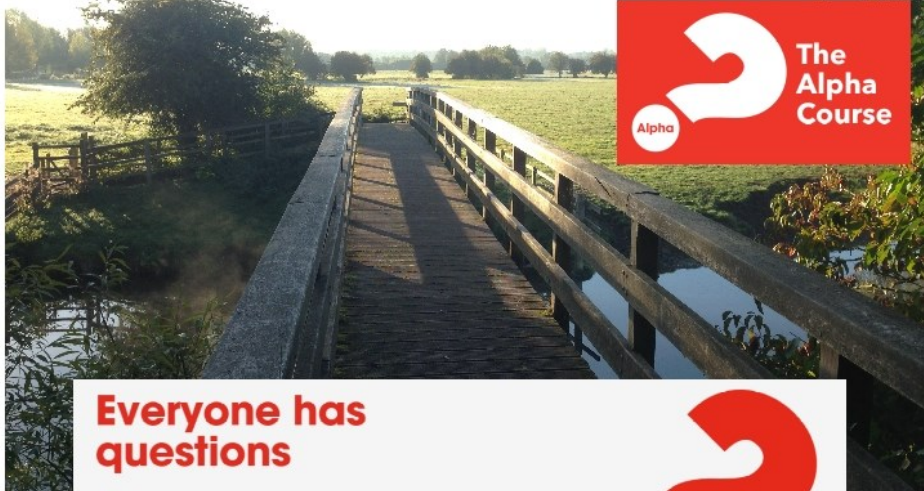
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Explore More

Life. Faith. Meaning.



Everyone has questions

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world.



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each evening looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

First up there's Food We all know that food has a way of brining people together. Its no different at Alpha. Each session starts with food as we get to know each other.

Then there's Talk The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long and delivered over about eleven weeks. They explore the big issues around the faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from *Who is Jesus?* and *How can we have faith?* to *Why and how do I pray?* and *How does God guide us?*

Followed by Discussion Probably the most important of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you cant say (seriously). Its an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Alpha near you starts on **Tuesday 15th January 2019 in Dedham**,
there will be a lunchtime session starting at 12.30pm
and an evening session starting at 7pm
If you are interested in joining Alpha
please contact the parishes Office 01206 322136 or stmaryda@gmail.com



Services for DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd December

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Dedham
9.30am	Rise N Shine - <i>Angels</i>	Dedham
11am	Morning Worship <i>CW</i>	Ardleigh
5pm	Evensong with Advent Carols <i>BCP</i>	Dedham

Sunday 9th December

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Ardleigh
9.30am	Holy Communion <i>CW</i>	Dedham

Thursday 13th December

2pm	Ardleigh School End of Term Service	Ardleigh
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Sunday 16th December

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Dedham
11am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
6pm	Carol Service	Dedham
6pm	Ardleigh Christians Together Carols	Ardleigh

Monday 17th December

6.30pm	Ardleigh School Carol Concert	Ardleigh
7pm	Dedham School Carol Concert	Dedham

Wednesday 19th December

10am	Dedham School End of Term Service	Dedham
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Thursday 20th December

5pm	Christmas Carols for Businesses	Dedham
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Sunday 23rd December

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Ardleigh
9.30am	Morning Praise	Dedham

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3.30pm	Crib Service	Dedham
4pm	Crib & Christingle Service	Ardleigh
5.30pm	Crib Service	Dedham
11pm	Midnight Mass	Dedham & Ardleigh

Christmas Day

8am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>	Ardleigh
10am	Family Communion <i>CW</i>	Dedham

Sunday 30th December

11am	Joint Family Worship	Ardleigh
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Services for JANUARY

Sunday 6th January - Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion BCP	Dedham
9.30am	Rise N Shine – <i>Follow the Star</i>	Dedham
11am	Morning Worship CW	Ardleigh
5pm	Evensong BCP	Dedham

Sunday 13th January

8am	Holy Communion BCP	Ardleigh
9.30am	Holy Communion CW	Dedham

Sunday 20th January

8am	Holy Communion BCP	Dedham
9.30am	Matins	Dedham
11am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
3pm	Ardleigh@3	Ardleigh

Sunday, 27th January

8am	Holy Communion BCP	Ardleigh
9.30am	Morning Praise	Dedham
5pm	Revive@5	Dedham

BCP – Book of Common Prayer
CW – Common Worship

FROM THE REGISTER

Baptisms

28th October
Mila Such and Violet
Sweet

Funeral Service

15th November
Betty June Holderness
(aged 81)

Weekly Midweek Services:

Tuesday Morning Prayer at Dedham at 10.30am

Thursday Evening Prayer at Ardleigh at 5pm

All Age Advent Prayer and Meditation installations – both churches

Special Events:

Dedham Lunch Club – Monday, 3rd December (Christmas – book on 01206 323101) & 7th January – 12.30pm - Essex Rose Tea Rooms, Dedham.

Dedham Christmas Tree Festival – Saturday, 1st-8th December – entry forms available at the back of Dedham church.

Dedham Christmas Market – Saturday, 1st December – Dedham High Street – Christmas stalls, food, drink and spectacular raffle – 3-6pm.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8th December & 5th January – The Vicarage.

Ardleigh Friendship Group – Tuesday, 11th December, 8th & 22nd January - 10am - Ardleigh Church.

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

Hurry up and wait...

Remembrance weekend was especially poignant this year as we gathered to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Our grateful thanks go to those who organised and participated in all of our commemorative events. We raised over £750 for Combat Stress in Dedham Parish – a very worthy cause given the disturbing statistics of suicide and mental health issues amongst veterans. This money will help to save lives and put minds back together.



Anyone who has been in the military will know the phrase *hurry up and wait*. Soldiers are always under pressure to get things done yesterday, there's always a lot of shouting and ordering about by seniors so that everyone is packed and ready for an operation or task. Then everyone settles down to wait, minutes turn into hours and even days and those in the lowest ranks are given very little information about why they are waiting. The reality is that transport may have been delayed or the complexities and confusion of war may simply mean that plans have to be changed. This week I watched the very moving film *They Shall Grow not Old* by Peter Jackson - it depicted life in the trenches – long periods of boredom and waiting punctuated by short moments of sheer terror and adrenaline.

How do you find it when you have to wait for something or someone? I must confess that I do get frustrated by people that I think are being slow, for example in supermarkets or on the road.

But then of course they might fairly say to me you're in too much of a hurry, and they might have planned the right amount of time to get from A to B whereas I'm often cutting it too fine!

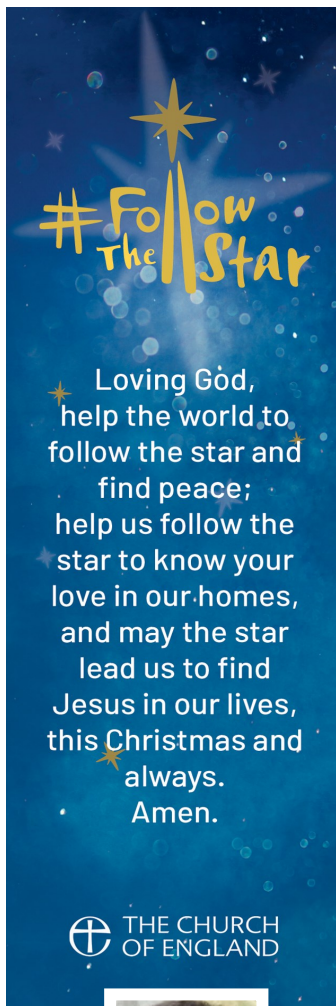
This month's magazine will probably be hitting your doormat at the beginning of season that Christians call **Advent**. So here's a reminder to get your Advent Calendar or candle ready! Advent is a period of four whole weeks to get ready for a very special event – Christmas itself – *Christ Mass* – giving thanks to God for sending His Son Jesus Christ to earth to show us how much He loves us.

Advent style getting ready is best done by slowing down, not speeding up. How about preparing for Christmas by doing less, and thinking a little more about what Christmas is really all about. That's crazy you say, it's the busiest time of year for me! Well maybe, but does it really have to be?

How much more might you enjoy Christmas if you paced yourself in the weeks before it? Part of that preparation could include coming to visit the *all age Advent Prayer and Meditation* installations in church or picking up a copy of *An Even Better Christmas* available in church or signing up for daily reflections from

<https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>

Go on...*hurry up and wait!*



#Follow The Star

Loving God,
help the world to
follow the star and
find peace;
help us follow the
star to know your
love in our homes,
and may the star
lead us to find
Jesus in our lives,
this Christmas and
always.
Amen.

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Reverend Antony Wilson

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

When I was young the anticipation towards Christmas started with two things – the excitement that comes with opening the first door of the Advent calendar and the delivery of the Radio Times with its promise of an entertainment filled few weeks of great telly. As a grown up my parents still send me an advent calendar but, in today's age of catch up TV and digital downloads, circling favourite programmes and films is no longer the annual ritual it once was.

This year I don't need a copy of the Radio Times to know that there are definitely two films that will be watched in our home this Christmas. Both films are classics full of Christmas spirit, that have stood the test of time with universal themes of coming together and focusing on the important things in life.

As I write this article preparations are underway for the Dedham Christmas Tree Festival, which opens in the church on the 1st December on the day our High Street bursts to life with the Christmas Market. As I think about the messages in these two Christmas films I realise that although they are very different types of film; the key scenes in both take place around Christmas trees, involve the gathering of friends and family, and climax with a group rendition of Hark the Herald Angels Sing.



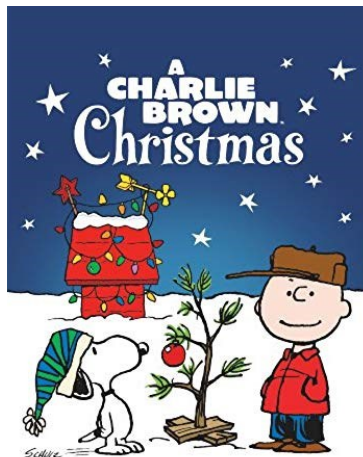
It's A Wonderful Life

A guardian angel by the name of Clarence comes to the small town of Bedford Falls to answer the prayers of George Bailey. He is a family man on the brink of suicide on Christmas Eve, as his business faces ruin after the loss and subsequent theft of \$8000 by unscrupulous local business man Mr Potter. Clarence, desperate to earn his angel wings, shows George what his life (and that of others) would have been like had he not been born.

There are wonderful lessons at the heart of this film. In the closing scenes, after the whole town turns out in force to raise the much needed missing money, George's brother declares him the richest man in town. *But, what makes a person truly rich?*

How do we define worth in this day and age? His Guardian Angel Clarence leaves us with a clear message about worth ... as George opens a book, the inscription inside reads "Dear George, remember no man is a failure who has friends. Thanks for the wings. Love, Clarence." It is a reminder that true worth is measured in the currency of friendship, family and acts of goodwill towards others.

How very different life in Bedford Falls would have been for everyone had George never been born? In the very final scene, George gathers round the Christmas tree with his family and friends, a bell rings out and his daughter reminds him ... *"Daddy, every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings."* It is a tear jerking moment, there is a sense of hope for the future, and a powerful reminder of just how wonderful life can be.



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Charlie Brown is another character struggling with a low sense of self-worth in the run up to Christmas. The film starts with Charlie telling his friend Linus how he ends up depressed at Christmas time despite all the traditions that should make it a time of great happiness. As he walks around, every encounter with his friends leave him more dismayed as he struggles to uncover the true meaning of Christmas.

To help give him a sense of purpose, Lucy (a self-appointed psychiatrist) asks Charlie to help direct the upcoming Christmas play. With fresh enthusiasm he throws himself into the role, but after struggling to keep control of the actors, he is asked to leave and instead goes off in search of a Christmas tree that will help capture the proper mood for the play. As he returns to the auditorium with a scrawny sapling, his peers mock and deride his efforts, and approaching something of a breakdown Charlie Brown cries out in frustration, *"Does anybody know what Christmas is all about?"*

Linus then takes centre stage and perfectly recites the Annunciation to the Shepherds as told in Chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke. This passage tells us of the moment the Angel of the Lord came to a group of lowly shepherds, to share a message of good news of great joy – the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the modern day equivalent of a mic drop moment, and as Linus leaves the stage he answers the question for us all ... *"that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown"*.

I hope children and families will join us at church all throughout this coming Christmas season – from Advent all the way through to Epiphany. We begin with the Christmas Tree Festival on the 1st December, followed by a special Angel themed Rise N Shine Service on the 2nd December, as well as countless other Christmas Services and Events throughout December and an Epiphany themed Rise N Shine Service on the 6th January.

Sally Buchanan, Children and Families Worker (Dedham Parish)

Dedham Primary School



To mark the centenary of the end of World War I, the whole school took part in a morning of creative activities. All the classes mixed up and every child in the school had the opportunity to complete four different

art activities which included painting, sewing and collage. It was very special to see our older children supporting our younger children during the morning and the resulting display became the focal point for our Remembrance assembly and two minute silence.

Class 5 took part in an Ancient Greek day earlier this term with Portals to the Past. They had all previously designed and created their own costumes in school and wore them with pride for the whole day. The highlight of the day for some was the mini Olympic Games but other favourite moments included a quiz, Archimedes' Stomachion puzzle, re-enacting myths and legends and finding out about the great battle of Gaugamela.

Of course the autumn term wouldn't be complete without a Nativity play or two and the youngest three classes in our school are currently very busy rehearsing songs, dance moves and lines. Our Reception class will be performing a traditional Nativity play set to nursery rhyme tunes and Class 1 and Class 2 will be telling the Christmas story from the perspective of an excitable and curious sheep! The songs are very catchy and unforgettable so staff apologise to the many parents who will be humming the song 'Hey Ewe!' throughout the festive period!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

**Miss Laura Valentine,
Deputy Headteacher, Dedham C of E Primary School**

GARDENING NOTES: CHRISTMAS IS ICUMEN IN ...

Whilst 'just looking round' the Sales area of the Beth Chatto Garden recently, *Brunnera* 'Dawson's White' caught my attention (it wasn't difficult!!) with its large heart-shaped leaves mottled with shades of green and edged with white – it's almost identical to many varieties of *Hosta* making it spot-on for the shady border. As I'm really not inclined to go slug hunting with a torch in the dead of night, I've almost given up on trying to prevent *Hostas* resembling lace doilies. So 'Dawson's White' will be an excellent trouble-free *Hosta* substitute. Look out for it.

Colourful *Poinsettias* will soon be filling garden centres and supermarkets, but do remember that these are forced into 'flower' for the Christmas season so keeping one going for just a few weeks will be pretty good. For the horticulturally-minded reader the 'flowers' are really bracts - if you look closely you will see the tiny white flowers right in the centre. But who cares, they really are Christmassy!!

Way back in February I highlighted the flowering virtues of my indoor Flamingo plant (*Anthurium*) bought the *previous* June: I have to report it *STILL* has two flowers. That really is value for money, so much so that when I recently spotted a smaller variety with eight coral-coloured flowers, at only £2.50 (well it was reduced!) in a supermarket, it couldn't be ignored could it? *Anthuriums* are easy to look after and ideal as a gift whatever the price - certainly better value than a bunch of flowers.

Need new secateurs? Might I suggest dropping a hint that it would be nice to find ones with brightly coloured handles under the Christmas tree. Now I know pink may not be your colour (it's not mine either) but when you mislay them in the border or they somehow end up with the rubbish, they are an awful lot easier to find. If you do have smart green ones, tying on a coloured ribbon helps when you have to go searching!!

Would you believe it? I've just read in an old copy of *Gardening Which?* that *Quality Street* wrappers are compostable – yes really! Just disguise them with your Christmas veg peelings if you have to. Of my two compost bins, the plastic 'Dalek'-shaped one gets more sun and I was surprised to find little brown brandling worms round the rim at this time of year. I'm not going to get technical but these little fellows are just what you want to turn the stuff into compost, so don't panic if they are wriggling about in your bins.

End note: some of you might have wondered about the location of the field of poppies shown on p.24 of last month's *DPM*. It was not "somewhere in a foreign field" but actually (just) in Dedham, taken in June 2012 – looking from Birchwood Road towards the A12. I had to rush home for the camera as it was such an incredible sight – so very poignant and unbelievably thought-provoking. When will they appear again?



Hardy *Fuchsia* 'Delta's Sarah' soon to be caught by the frost!

Diary Date: on 5 December Linda and Neil Holdaway will be talking to *DHS on the History and Development of the National Garden Scheme (especially in Essex)*, followed by wine and mince pies. Assembly Rooms, 7.30 pm. Visitors are very welcome.

Elizabeth Ellis

Join Dedham Horticultural Society
www.dedhamgardening.wordpress.com

Ardleigh & Dedham Surgery

I hope you are all enjoying the mild winter we are having. If you are over 65 you may have noticed that you flu vaccination appointment has been cancelled at least once. This is because for the first time this year the flu vaccination for those over 65 years & those less than 65 years is different. We have now had a large delivery of the over 65 year's old vaccination so please book an appointment for your flu vaccination now.

Regarding the ordering of medications over the holidays, if repeat medication is due to on the week beginning the Sunday the 22nd of December please orders on or after Monday the 17th of December. If your repeat is due on the week beginning Sunday the 29th of December please order on or after Monday the 21st of December. As Christmas is now just over 4 weeks away we will begin to get requests for 2 months' worth of medication to "cover the holiday period". Please refrain from doing this. We are closed on the 25th, 27 & the 1st & we are open until 6.30 on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve. Please order your medication online, by post or by telephone. Please call the prescription line between 10am & 4pm on 01206230732. Please note that the line will be closed between 1 & 2pm.

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday the 12th of December from 8.30am until 6.30pm. Everyone who enters the surgery wearing a Christmas jumper or T shirt will be asked to donate £2 to save the children charity. You have been warned!

Congratulations to our GP trainee Dr Koralagee on the birth of her baby son. So we currently have two doctors on maternity leave. We have the services of two locum GPs, Dr Parvathy Subramanian & Dr Jackie Van Minnen who will be covering Thursday & Friday all day respectively. This still leaves us short of appointments with the regular GPs at the surgery. Our advice will be to see any available GP if the matter is urgent, if it is non-urgent & you can wait 10 working days you should be able to get an appointment with your regular GP (except Dr Bettel who is now down to 2 days a week only). Please bear in mind that the length of appointments are only 10 minutes long so if you do have a shopping list please book a double slot. Please try & cancel appointments if you cannot make it & do let us know if you are running late. It is practice policy not to see patients who are more than 15 minutes late.

Ardleigh Surgery is part of The Colte Partnership. This is a collection of local practices who have clubbed together now to offer extended hours service offering appointments up to 8pm on weekdays & also Saturday & Sunday mornings & between 6.30 & 8pm. These clinics are held at one of 4 local practices (Creffield road, Tollgate, Ambrose Avenue & Wivenhoe surgery). A range of clinics are available - from GP's & nurses to physiotherapists. Please speak to a receptionist who can give you further details on the clinics available.

Some of you may be reluctant to inform the receptionist about the reason for your request for an appointment as it is your right, please be aware that our receptionists are specially trained to fit you in with the most appropriate person, be it a doctor, nurse or healthcare assistant. Please help us by being prepared to answer a few general & non-intrusive questions regarding why you need to be seen. Ultimately we do want to provide a service to you so if you feel you need to be seen, the duty doctor will call you & try to manage the problem. Lastly I came across this website of useful medication to stock up on over the holiday period so add the items to your Christmas shopping list

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Pharmacy/Pages/Yourmedicinecabinet.aspx>

Have a merry Christmas & a happy new year, Ardleigh Surgery

Constable Country Medical Practice Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Pharmacist

The practice is fortunate to have two excellent Nurse Practitioners, June and Sarah. They are able to deal with a wide range of problems from Asthma attacks to Headaches and Insect bites to Vomiting. They can also prescribe medication and will always consult a doctor if they need a second opinion. Our reception team have a complete list of problems they can address and this is why we ask patients the nature of their problem when they contact us. Of course if it's personal you don't have to divulge the problem, but doing so enables our team to ensure you are seen by the most appropriate clinician. We also employ a clinical pharmacist, Moni, three days a week to help with re-authorising medication, undertaking medication reviews, resolving patient medication queries and ensuring patients on high-risk medication are monitored as necessary. We are one of just a few practices in Suffolk to employ a pharmacist and this has enabled us to provide a better service to patients and free up our doctors to focus on other patient needs.

If you have a query regarding medication our receptionist will ask Moni to contact you when he is next in. Of course, if patients have an urgent medication problem, and Moni is not working that day, then it will be passed to a doctor.

Patient Feedback and the Patient Participation Group

Please continue to leave us feedback via our website, NHS choices, Healthwatch Suffolk, our Smiley Face board at East Bergholt and patient comment forms. We review all feedback and are continually aiming to improve the service we offer. In October 90% of Patients said they are likely or very likely to recommend us to friends and family. 100% said that our doctors provide a good or very good service. Our Nurse Practitioners, Practice Nurses and admin staff also scored 100% which is a great achievement.

We have an excellent PPG and meet with them every month. We review feedback and continually make improvements to the way we work. The PPG represent you, so please contact them if you have any suggestions for further improvements.

We now offer more pre-bookable GP appointments and have a commitment that patients will be able to speak to a doctor the same day, and will be seen in person if necessary (unless demand is exceptionally high). Our phone system upgrade has been well received as it tells patients where they are in the queue and provides updates. If there happens to be 30 calls in the queue, stick with it as our reception team answer calls quickly. Our PPG have also planted winter flowers in the baskets at Capel and in the pots at East Bergholt.

Training Days: Just a reminder that the practice will be closed from 1pm on the following dates for staff training: 12th December 2018 (Wed) & 14th January 2019 (Wed). On these afternoons the Capel St Mary building will be open to enable access to the pharmacy but the Practice reception will be closed. East Bergholt reception will be open. Please note that there will be no clinicians at either building after 1pm as they will be attending training off-site. If you phone the practice the recorded message will ask you to ring 111 for medical assistance if your problem cannot wait until the next day.

Pete Keeble, Practice Manager

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

World War I

'The village held a WWI Remembrance event in the Assembly Rooms on the evening of 11th November which was funded by Dedham Parish Council. It was very well attended. Many thanks to those who attended the event. Nigel Lambert researched the Readings. Lynn Barnard at the Old Bakery Cafe provided the refreshments which were prepared and served by Christine Frost and her team. David Druitt and his team set up the hall for the performance.

The performance was both moving and uplifting. There were some sad and moving readings written by those involved in the War and read by David Druitt, Ann Shaw and Colin Biggins. There were also some light-hearted moments and an insight into the mundane and everyday life of soldiers and civilians. All of the names of those men of Dedham who paid the ultimate price and are commemorated on our War Memorial were read out.

Highlights included David Druitt's reading of his great uncle's letter home to his mother and a letter written by Helen Thomas reflecting on her husband's return from the War.

The singing of the Dedham Primary School Choir was a joy. They performed three songs about war and peace. Everyone joined in the singalong which was a great success for the first public outing for the Coopers Choristers. Colin Biggins' solo rendition of the Roses of Picardy was much appreciated and a good few people had a tear in their eye.

A collection for Help for Heroes, Fishing for Heroes and the Poppy Appeal was well supported.

The Parish Council would like to thank the following businesses for their support of this event: Old Bakery Cafe; The East of England Co-op; Dedham Pharmacy and Peter King of Kingsleigh Residential.

Also, we are interested to record any details of survivors who returned to live or work in the village. Did your local relative serve in any capacity during World War I? Please contact the Parish Clerk if you have any information.

Christine Frost

Mobile phone signal

In a previous article we asked for volunteers to assist in gathering data on the strength of mobile signal in the village. Nobody came forward, so instead I will try to outline the best way in which you can maximize the available signal for your

Mobile network operators (MNOs) are required by Ofcom to provide coverage across the UK to a certain standard. All the MNOs have met that standard. However, importantly, this does not mean that every MNO has to cover every property: indeed it is extremely likely that you will get a stronger signal from one specific MNO. There are four in England, Vodafone, O2, EE & Three.

You pay your bills to a Service Provider which may or may not be an MNO, it is important that you understand who your Service Provider uses for its network in order that you can optimise the signal that you get.

The terms 2G, 3G and 4G all refer to generations of technical network upgrades. The most recent upgrades have been aimed at increasing data speeds and volume, not voice. Dedham has acceptable 4G coverage and it will be some while before we see 5G, which has just started trials in London.

Technically, 4G will penetrate through walls much better than previous generations and whilst there has been excellent progress with data, it also now supports 4G voice, resulting in better indoor voice coverage as well as data.

Key to you being able to use 4G is that you have a modern phone capable of handling 4G. Without it you will revert to previous generations which have much poorer coverage. Furthermore you must check that your service payment plan covers 4G voice and that your 4G phone will operate on your chosen network, not every 4G phone operates on every network.

Your first step is to go to Ofcom: <https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/mobile-coverage> You can then check against your location for individual MNOs, with/without 4G, voice or data, and indoors/outdoors. You will then be able to determine your best MNO. You can then check if your existing Service Provider is the best one for you to use. I suggest that you use the map view to display the coverage and whilst the maps show straight line coverage boundaries, these will be blurred. It's then down to you having the right phone for 4G and the right payment plan for 4G voice.

I have a 3G iPhone working on Three. Whilst coverage is not brilliant, I get by, accepting that it's my choice not to upgrade the phone. The legacy 2G & 3G networks will not now see any increase in coverage.

Kevin Taylor

Next meeting is on Monday 3 December at 7.30pm, Venue to be confirmed.

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Assembly Rooms



Antiques Fair:

Sunday 2 December
& Sunday 6 January, All Day

Starlight Dancing

Mondays 9.30-12 am

WEA Meetings

Wednesdays 9.30am

Horticultural Society Meeting

Wednesday 5 December, 7.30 pm

Little Squiggles

Thursdays 10.30-12 noon

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Saturday 8 December

Dedham Films

Wednesday 12th December

& Wednesday 16th January

Duchy Barn



Community Centre

has re opened

Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10.30 -12.30pm

Bridge in Dedham

Wednesdays, 2pm-5pm

Thursdays, 7pm-10pm

Youth Club

Fridays, 7.30-9.15pm

For information and to make a booking for
the **Assembly Rooms** please contact:

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2019 Village Quiz

The annual Village Quiz for organisations or groups based in Dedham will be
held on **Saturday 19th January 2019**

In the Assembly Rooms

7:00 for 7:30 start with six people per team and a maximum of 20 teams.

Tickets will cost £10 per person and will include a light supper.

There will be a bar and raffle.

All proceeds will be donated to Colchester & Tendring Youth Enquiry Service.

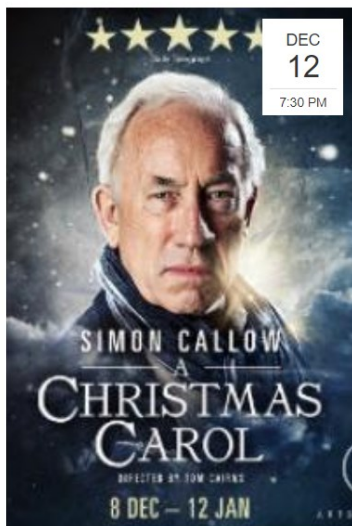
A local charity supporting teenagers in crisis

As this event is run to raise money for charity we would respectfully request
that only drink purchased at the bar is consumed on the evening.

To enter a team please contact Tracy Woods 01206 323921

tracy.woods@btinternet.com

Assembly Rooms, Dedham
 Films Admission 7pm, , begin 7.30pm
Tickets £4
 from Shakespeare House Gallery
 OR www.dedhamfilms.co.uk
Refreshments available

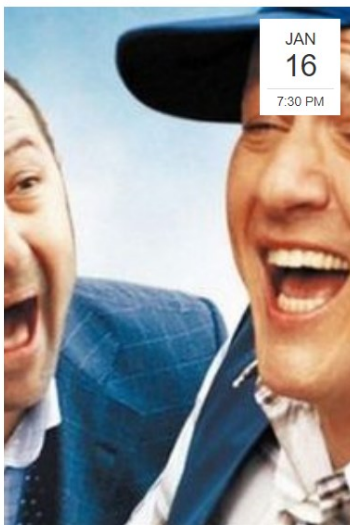


A Christmas Carol with Simon Callow

📅 Wednesday, December 12, 2018
 ⌚ 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

It just wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the ghosts of Christmas's past, present and future and this year London theatre audiences will get to visit the world created by Charles Dickens once again as Simon Callow returns to the iconic role of Ebenezer Scrooge for a one-man show. Just as it did in 2011, 2012 and 2016, the production is headed to the Arts Theatre in the West End and as a result the stage there will be transformed into 19th century London under the direction of Tom Cairns. Based on past success this will be one of the most talked-about shows of the West End's Christmas season and one audiences will remember for some time to come.

Tickets £4 will be available at the previous monthly screening or on the green banner of our home page, or from Shakespeare House Gallery, Dedham High Street.



Binevenue Chez Les Ch'tis (Welcome To The Sticks) NR Directed by Danny Boon 2008

📅 Wednesday, January 16, 2019
 ⌚ 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Danny Boon wrote, directed and costars in this rousing rural comedy about a man born and raised on France's Southern coast who is exiled to the Northern territories. Philippe (Kad Merad) helps run a small-town post office in France. His wife Julie has been down in the dumps, so he hatches a plan to move to the Cote d'Azur. But Philippe fails to secure a transfer and is relocated to Bergues, a village in Northern France where the language is unfamiliar and the culture is strangely foreign

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And the Dedham Oscar goes to.....

After their impressive production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in July, the Dedham Players turned this autumn to a simpler crowd - pleasing comedy, Neil Simon's 1976 Broadway hit, *California Suite*. These four sketches, linked only by their location in the same hotel rooms, were designed for easy laughs, spiced with a dash of sentiment and a few twists of character. It allowed the players to field a strong team of 10 actors, with a chance in the limelight for most of them.

As some critics of the original performance noted, it starts rather slowly. There are plenty of jokes but not many laughs in the edgy banter between an assertive New York editor and her playboy ex-husband. They were supposed to be talking about the custody of their teenage daughter, but the ex-wife has a bitchy agenda which turns against her. This was well done by Christine Hawley and Paul Reed. Christine might have projected her voice a little more at the beginning, but she managed the gradual collapse of her character's self-confident carapace admirably – as well as the pay-off lines when both parents seemed anxious to pass the teenage parcel.

The second sketch introduced a complete change of mood, as the “holiday of a lifetime” for two Best Friend couples degenerated into a shouting match and fisticuffs between aggressive males - while their silly wives lay on the bed nursing injuries. Don Poar and John Tavner were excellent and well matched as the buddies whose main holiday experience turned out to be festering resentments. It was, perhaps, a touch too raucous, but it is hard to blame the actors. This was, after all, farce at its most primitive.

The third was a rather more complex little drama in which Claire Nicholson convincingly portrayed a lush film star drowning her ego in drink after failing to win an award at the Oscars. My Dedham Oscar, however, goes jointly to Colin Biggins, playing her antique dealer husband. He revealed, during their bitter and boozy repartee, the details of his bisexual activities –with surprisingly touching consequences. As Colin remarked after the show, he did have some of the best lines. For example, his answer to why he married her: “To obtain a wider circle of prospects.” Colin played the part with admirable subtlety, if not perhaps the raw energy of Michael Caine in the 1978 film. Claire had an even harder act to follow: Maggie Smith did actually win an Oscar for playing the starlet in the film version. However Claire managed well in making the transition to a wistful and needy wife.

The other joint winner of my Dedham prize must be Elly Kent-Dyson as the spookily cheerful wife who arrived late at the suite to find (eventually) a tart stretched out blotto in the marital bed.

She was calmly assured when changing gear from naïve wifely confidence to shock, cold rage and then a defeated resolution to forget the whole thing. Bill Huggins, as the guilty husband, was also excellent in a difficult role, trying every ruse in the plot-book to try to keep his wife out of the bedroom. His inevitable failure gave him a chance to ring out the sentiment as a bewildered hubby who had found the girl as a surprise gift from his cousin.

Elly got the last laugh though, when she finally collapsed on the bed, only to be embraced by the comatose tart.

The four pieces provided just what the dramatist ordered – an evening of jolly fun. This production perhaps emphasised the knockabout more than the Sadness of Things, but the show was never meant to be deep.

In March, however, the Players will turn to that supreme social ironist, Jane Austen, with a stage version of *Emma*, produced by Claire Nicholson. I'll be there.



*A fraught moment for a wronged wife (played by Elly Kent Dyson):
there is an unwelcome guest in her husband's bed*

Max Wilkinson



Dedham remembers its dead 100 years on

Remembrance Day in Dedham, though part of a world-wide homage, brought out the special character and value of living in a traditional village where, 100 years later, relatives of those who had laid down their lives

were standing round the war memorial to pay their respect - a living, personal link with the dreadful truth of war.

The village remembrance was in three stages throughout that Sunday.

After the war memorial ceremony, those there joined many others in the church for a service, especially compelling because our vicar, Antony Wilson, as an army padre spoke with keen first-hand experience of warfare.

A late tea and cakes celebration in the Assembly Room lightened the mood with community singing of popular soldiers' songs of the first world war - demonstrating the unquenchable British spirit of optimism and cheer in the face of unspeakable horrors. But sombre readings by David Druit, Colin Biggins and Ann Shaw brought back the full truth of that global tragedy. Perhaps Ann Shaw's reading of Vera Brittain's account, in *Testament of Youth*, of the horror of receiving her brother's uniform - just as it was when he wore it in death, was the most vividly harrowing of all.

The day started under a cloudless sky with the tribute round the war memorial in Royal Square, especially moving this centenary year. After wreaths were laid, Captain Brodie Watson, RLC, in immaculate uniform, read out the names of the village's 33 dead, with all the military solemnity that grieving parents must have heard a century ago. He then set the tone of formal respect with a prolonged salute during the two-minute silence and the haunting notes of the *last post*, reverberating across the square from Thomas Stapleton's bugle. Everyone then followed the Vicar, Antony, to the church for a special remembrance day service.



A congregation of 250 heard him deliver an eloquent and thought-provoking address, clearly inspired by his own experience of combat in Afghanistan. The scale and the depth of death and destruction in the first world war were, he said, beyond words. That was why the silencing of the guns needed to be remembered in silence - half a million men were killed in just five battles fought in Flanders, between July and November 1917. He reminded us that war brought out the worst characters of human nature - greed, hatred, intolerance. "It is defeated when the best characteristics of men and women triumph - courage, kindness, bravery, integrity and honour. We remember their character and their deeds." The question for us remained, in the words of Woodrow Wilson, the US President, what we should remember? "Remember what we have been saved from. Think about what we have been saved for."

And what, Antony asked, had we been saved for? What was so precious to us that we would be prepared to die for? Or, "What will you put yourself on the line for? What might you stand up for? What courage is being asked of you, at home, at work today?"

The other crucial question was how to forgive our enemies. Although, as Jesus said, "Greater Love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends", it was an even harder task to make sacrifices for enemies, as Jesus did - and to forgive them. The collection raised £752 for Combat Stress a charity for veterans. Later, in the Assembly Rooms, there was a packed audience for a well judged mix of sombre first world war readings and the bitter-sweet songs sung in the trenches and at home. A young school choir proved a hit, as well as a small mixed adult group of local singers, but what gave the evening its special community feel was the general sing along of the old favourites including *Pack up your troubles....*, *It's a long way to Tipperary* and *Farewell Leicester Square....*



As people walked back to the church, at 7pm the eternal peal of church bells, rang out in the dark Dedham sky, echoing into the night. It was a day of remembrance that we shall be unlikely to forget.

Max Wilkinson

We opened The Old Bakery Café in May 2017 having sold our Outside Catering Business earlier in the year. It had always been a dream of ours to run our own tea and coffee shop.

When we opened it was very important for us to find the best brand of coffee and tea. After trying lots of different beans, we decided on Butterworths. Butterworth's is founded and roasted in Bury St Edmunds. Our customers love our coffee. Some visitors from New Zealand (where Flat Whites originated from) even commented that we served the best Flat White that they had tried in the UK.



Our menu quickly broadened from Homemade Cakes and Sandwiches to now offering a Full Breakfast Menu until 11:30am and a weekly changing Lunch Specials including the likes of a range of Tortilla Wraps, Cottage Pie, Mac 'n' Cheese & Club Sandwich. With the rise of Veganism and the importance of catering for all dietary requirements we offer a range of options for Vegans and those who have a dairy or gluten intolerance. Our Vegan Coffee Fudge Cake and Dairy/Gluten Free Spanish Orange & Almond Cake are amongst the best sellers from the counter.

We also offer most of our menu to takeaway and enjoy in Dedham park, by the river, at work or at home. Local businesses can call in advance and order their takeaway lunches to be ready at a certain time for collection later in the day.

We use local suppliers to not only support our community but because their products are fantastic.

Our meat comes from Coleman's Butchers in Boxted and our Eggs, Fruit, Vegetables & Salad items are delivered by Anglia Produce.

Everything on our menu is homemade with the exception of our Bread & Teacakes which are delivered by Ziggy's Bakery every morning.

We also hold an alcohol license, we have run a number of exciting evening events such as our Spanish Tapas Night. We also offer evening private dining for up to 20 people. Please contact us for more information or to receive a personalised quote for a private dinner.

You can call us on 01206 619106 to book a table for Breakfast or Lunch. Our opening hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 9am. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @oldbakerycafe to see what delicious cakes we have on the counter and what our weekly specials include.



From Lynn & Gerald Barnard and all the staff at The Old Bakery we would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal customers from Dedham and beyond for all of your support since opening the café eighteen months ago. We are excited for what is still to come, please pop in and say hi!

WHAT'S ON: Pantomimes, Christmas shows and music

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Saturday 24 Nov to 20 Jan: **Jack and the Beanstalk**, Mercury Theatre.

Thursday 29 Nov to 2 Feb: **Cinderella**, New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich.



Friday 30 Nov to 13 Jan: **Sleeping Beauty**, Theatre Royal Bury, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 5 to 9 Dec: **Aladdin**, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 7pm.

Friday 7 to 16 Dec: **Christmas Spectacular: The Nutcracker**, various times, Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh.

Monday 10 Dec: **Charles Dickens : The Bagman's Uncle and The Bagman's Uncle's Friend**, Robert MacCall, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 7.30pm.

Tuesday 11 Dec: **Dickens: A Christmas Carol – Simon Callow**, screened at Odeon and Firstsite, Colchester (also on 12 Dec) and on 12 Dec by **Dedham Films**, in the Assembly Rooms; all at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12 to 14 Dec: **Journey to Oz** - Essex Theatre Arts Society, Lakeside Theatre, Colchester, 7.45pm.

Friday 14 Dec to 2 Jan: **Snow White** (no shows on 18, 25, 31 Dec and 1 Jan),

Regent Theatre Ipswich. Various times.

Saturday 22 to 30 Dec: **Dick Whittington in Space**, Deben Players, 6.30pm, some matinées, at Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge.

CAROLS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Saturday 1 Dec: **Sasha Johnson Manning: The Manchester Carols**, Stour Choral Society, 2.30pm at Mistley Church.

Bach: Christmas Oratorio and Vivaldi: Gloria, selections, Ipswich Bach Choir, 7.30pm at St John's Church..

Sunday 9 Dec: **J.S. Bach Christmas Cantatas** -Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra, Suffolk Villages Festival, 6pm at Dedham Church.

Sunday 2 Dec: **Marenzio Singers**, 4pm at Quay Place, Ipswich.

Seckford Brass and massed Singers with Felixstowe Community Choir, Octave (Vocal group), Music in Felixstowe, 3pm at St Andrew's Church.



From Piero della Francesca's Nativity

Tuesday 4 Dec: **Syzygy Saxophone Quartet** - Christmas Tree Festival Concert, St Mary-le-Tower Church, 1.10pm, Ipswich.

Wednesday 5 Dec: **Fête de Noël** Anglo French Society, Colchester, Quire, 7.30pm.

Saturday 8 Dec: **Christmas Cabaret Evening**, One Way Street Productions, Coggeshall Church, 7.30pm.

Lexden Choral Society, 7pm at Lexden Church.

Tiptree Choral Society at St Luke's church Tiptree.

Sunday 9 Dec: Britten: A Ceremony of Carols, Clacton Choral Society, 6.30pm at St James's Church.

Colchester Choral Society with Birch & Heathlands Primary Schools, Choral Society, 4pm at Moot Hall Colchester.

Baroque Fest: Christmas by Candlelight with Dan Tidhar (harpichord) - J S Bach: Goldberg Variations, Pimlott Foundation, 6pm at Old House, Great Horkesley.

Tuesday 11 Dec: Sounds Like Christmas, Ipswich Operatic and Dramatic Society, 7.30pm, to 13 Dec at St Peter's by the Waterfront.

Witham Choral Society- open rehearsal with carols, seasonal music and refreshments, at United Reform Church.

Saturday 15 Dec: Bury Bach Choir, 7.30pm at Lavenham Church.

West Bergholt Concert Band at St Botolph's, Colchester.

Thursday 20 Dec: Annual Christmas Concert - St Mary-le-Tower Choir, St Mary-le-Tower Church, 1.10pm, Ipswich.

THEATRE

Tuesday 4 Dec: Who Am I? By Benjamin Jennings, Lakeside Theatre, Colchester, 7.30pm, to 5 Dec.

The Madness of George III, by Alan Bennett, National Theatre - LL, 1pm at Firstsite and at Lakeside and at Odeon, Colchester.

Friday 14 to 15 Dec: Happy Holidays, Mad Hatter Productions, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 7.45pm.

Thursday 20 to 22 Dec: The Scarlet Pipistrelle at 7.30pm Matinée 4pm, Common Ground Theatre Co, Headgate Theatre, Colchester, 7.30pm.

Sunday 23 Dec: Shakespeare: Antony and Cleopatra, National Theatre - LL, 6pm at Firstsite

OPERA/MUSICAL

Sunday 2 Dec: The King and I: From the London Palladium - live link and

on 27 Dec, Firstsite, Colchester, 2pm.

Saturday 15 Dec: Verdi: La Traviata, at 5.55pm and on 30 Jan at 6.45 pm and on 3 Feb at 2 pm, Metropolitan Opera New York - LL, at Firstsite, Colchester.

OTHER MUSIC

Saturday 8 Dec: Haydn, Mozart, Handel, Colchester Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm at St Botolph's.

Handel: The Messiah, Dorian singers, 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Felixstowe.

Pergolesi, Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Grieg with London Mozart Players, University of Essex Choir, 7.30pm,

Tuesday 11 Dec: Ian Ray, Hon. Borough Organist with Marenzio vocal quintet, Friends of the Moot Hall Organ, 1pm at Moot Hall Colchester.

Stephen Cooper (baritone) & John Cooper (piano), St Mary-le-Tower Church, 1.10pm, Ipswich.

Sunday 16 Dec: Fourtissimo, guitar quartet, Headgate Theatre, 5pm.

Handel: The Messiah, St Mary-le-Tower Church, 4.30pm, Ipswich.

Friday 21 Dec: Handel: Messiah with the Suffolk Ensemble, Aldeburgh Voices, 7.30pm at Snape Maltings.

Saturday 22 Dec: Handel: Messiah, Britten Sinfonia, 7.30pm at Saffron Hall, Saffron Walden.

BALLET/DANCE: Monday 3 Dec:



Tchaikovsky: The Nutcracker, Royal Ballet - LL, 7.15pm at Odeon and Firstsite, Colchester.

For details and more events see
www.eamaa.org



Stour Valley Men's Probus Club

Recent Meetings: Recently we were privileged to have Sally Chicken introduce "The Regeneration of Shotley Pier". Sally is one of a committee focused upon bringing back to life Suffolk's only railway pier that is in a bad state and unfortunately were recently refused planning permission for their plans.

Peter James talked about "The Great Essex Earthquake" and later in the month Harrison's talked about "Going Underground". All meetings were much enjoyed by Members.

Future Meetings: Our December meeting features Brantham's Famous Quizmaster Paul Oliver presenting his now famous "Xmas Quiz" with a valuable prize for the winner. We hold our New Year Lunch at The popular Haywain on 6th February when our spouses and Probus Widows join us for what will be an enjoyable event and a tasty meal.

Meeting Venue: We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members are welcomed: Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to a minimal cost. New Members are always very welcome to join us at a future meeting of the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am. Please contact Speaker Secretary Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.



Stour Valley U3A

Past Meetings: Our November 14th meeting featured Davis Simmonds, a National Trust speaker and volunteer, introducing "The Coast Of East

Anglia". The East Anglian coast is full of contrasts and has much beauty, history and wildlife. His presentation focused on National Trust coastal properties in Essex & Suffolk.

Future Meetings & Diary Dates: We do not have a speaker meeting in December but hold our popular Christmas lunch this time at the Best Western Hotel, Copdock on Wednesday 5 December. This is always a very popular event and so early booking is advised.

Sally Dearman will speak to us on Wednesday 9 January on "Woman Can Fly". This is the story of one women's journey from jumping out of a landing window, then out of planes, to becoming a civil pilot, then the first women through the RAF's fast-jet flying trains system.

NEW - each month the Coffee Grinders will meet at The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD from 10-12 noon. This meeting especially welcomes new members but gives all members the opportunity of meeting the activity Group Leaders and the Committee whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. The next meeting is on Friday 28 December.

Membership: Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, country walking, computer studies and gardens, churches and historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley and adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the ThirdAge Trust, have over 370 members and 35 active groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk where membership secretary Gillian Gibbs may be contacted.

Meeting Venue: We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 a year and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except December. Whilst Visitors are welcome to join us on a limited number of occasions, paying a donation each time, Members are given priority to speaker meetings, for safety reasons, due to the halls capacity limit.

Remember: It's never too late to learn! Join over 400,000 members across over 1,000 U3As throughout the UK today!

WEA DEDHAM BRANCH:

The next series of 10 lectures entitled "Russia in Revolution" will be held at the Dedham Assembly Rooms from Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 10am. The lecturer is David Pryne.

The course looks at Russia from Lenin to Putin and assesses the Soviet Union that replaced Russia of the Tsars, and post-Soviet Russia.

We have coffee at 10am and the lecture starts at 10.30 am and finishes at 12 noon.

If you need more information please call **Ruth Higginson on 322598 or Colin Biggins on 322565**

DEDHAM SPORTS CLUB

The primary objective of the Dedham Sports Club is to provide members with an opportunity to take part in recreational and social activities and to administer the Dedham Sports Club and its premises. The management of the club is in the hands of a committee drawn from participating clubs, Dedham Parish Council and the village. In the past year Dedham Old Boys FC have taken over the running of the bar from the Committee, a new Sunday Football Club, Dedham Athletic, has been formed and the Pavilion has provided home for some of the organisations, such as the Youth Club, who were affected by the loss of the Duchy Barn facility to the Co-op.

Currently we don't have a Chairman, so we would like to hear from anyone in the village who would like to take on that role. The Sports Pavilion itself, is about to undergo some changes including the provision of a ramp to allow disabled access and a separate changing room for female referees.

One of our clubs, Dedham Carpet Bowls Club (DCBC) is celebrating 25 years since it was formed. Carpet Bowls was devised as a scaled down version of indoor bowls and was designed to be suitable for playing in small halls. It has flourished in many rural areas, particularly in the North East, and Eastern England, becoming an important part of the community activities of many villages around the country. The principle aim of the game, is the same as all other bowls disciplines, to deliver your wood closer to the jack than your opponent, but changes had to be made to suit the required equipment. The game is played on a mat approximately 30 feet in length and 6 feet wide, using biased bowls of 4 inches in diameter. On the centre of the mat there is an 18 inch block and the delivery of the woods takes place from a designated area, this prevents the game continually being killed by the firing shot and creates a more interesting and skillful game. All bowlers use the same woods, this removes the need for players to purchase equipment themselves, making it a relatively inexpensive sport to take up. The mats are manufactured so they can be rolled up, and stored easily.

The club belongs to the Essex County Carpet Bowls Association (ECCBA) who organise competitions through the year as well as winter and summer leagues. The league structure is localised so that teams don't have too far to travel. In the 2018 – 19 winter league the club is in the Colchester East League which includes Langham, Lawford, Great Bentley, Alresford, Highwoods, Great Bromley and Elmstead Market. The club finished as runners up in the 2017 – 18 Winter League and won the 2018 Summer Singles League.

We currently have around 20 members from Dedham and surrounding villages, we would like to have more members so if you are interested in taking up Carpet Bowls please come along to our Tuesday evening session in the Sports Pavilion from 7pm to 8pm. We are able to have two mats out so there is plenty of opportunity to take part. The current membership fee is £10 per annum.

The club also runs it own competition, usually in September, for the Peggy Brooks Rose Bowl Trophy. The competition was set up in memory of Peggy, one of our founding members, and has been running for 17 years. Twenty teams from Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire take part in the competition which takes place at Nayland Village Hall, a venue that can take four mats. The event is part charity, part fundraising, and this year we raised £251 for charity which was donated to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

This years competition under way – Photo courtesy of Ron Hill. The bowls club can be contacted via dedhamsports@gmail.com and we also have a website

www.essexinfo.net/dcbc.

John Goldsbrough



DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP



Enjoy walking, meeting new people? Then why not come along to walks organised by the Dedham Footpath Group. We walk 4-5 miles on the first Sunday morning of each month from various locations.

Our DECEMBER walk will be on Sunday 2 December at 1030am. Meet at Car Park at the Case is Altered, Bentley, Suffolk IP9 2DN (the Community owned village pub) for a 2 hour walk along some of the many footpaths in the village. If you wish to have lunch at the pub on our return, booking is essential (01473 805575)

Our JANUARY 2019 walk will be on Sunday 6 January at 1030am. Meet at the War Memorial, High Street Dedham, CO7 6DE for a New Year ramble in and around the village of Dedham for approximately 2 hours. There are many options for lunch or refreshments on our return.

The group welcomes all walkers and those with well behaved dogs, kept on leads at all times, are welcome to join us. For more information email

DedhamFG@outlook.com



Dedham Flower Arrangers

We celebrated Barbara Ward's 90th birthday and retirement with a tea party at Whalleys attended by most of those who had worked with her. Barbara arranged flowers in Dedham church for more than thirty years. Most of that time, she was responsible for organizing beautiful wedding arrangements, admired by so many. It was a very happy occasion

and we raised our glasses to Barbara who blew out the candles on her cake. We were all so pleased to see her in such good form. Barbara thanked everyone for a memorable afternoon.

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for their kind donation for our tree in
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Mistley & Manningtree Events

Saturday December 1st -

2.30pm - Stour Choral Society - Music for Advent - The Manchester Carols - Mistley Parish Church - tickets £10 on the door.

Sunday December 2nd -

2.30pm - Spectrum Ladies Choir - Manningtree Methodist Church, South Street Tickets £6 on the door plus refreshments.

Wednesday December 5th

- 1.45pm and 7pm The Magic of Christmas Music - combined voices of 4 local Primary Schools - Mistley Parish Church - Admission by ticket (Free) contact 01206 395263.

Housekeeper & Groundsman required for a substantial house situated in 6 acres



Start Date: January 2019, possibly sooner, Compensation: Negotiable

We are a young family with two children looking for help to run and maintain our property near Dedham. The couple who have successfully assisted us for the last 3 years is looking to retire soon and we are searching for locally based people to transition the role to.

The role would require approx. 4 days of attending the property during the week but this would need to be flexible around our/your lifestyle and needs. The general needs are:

Housekeeping: Cleaning, laundry/ironing, dusting, ad-hoc help (for example with dinner parties), maintenance, collection of post, taking of deliveries, cleaning windows (inside), groceries

Grounds: Gardening, mowing, weeding, pruning, leaf clearance, gutter clearance, pressure washing, general maintenance, ad-hoc tasks, management of any tradesmen, cleaning windows (outside), gutter clearing/washing, occasional painting/varnishing/oiling.

Miscellaneous: Various ad hoc jobs such as keeping track of car servicing/MOTs.

In general, we really need people who can stay on top of the property, maintain it in immaculate condition and identify problems before they arise.

The ideal candidates would likely be a physically active couple who live locally within a 10 minute drive of the property. We have a spare bedroom with ensuite bathroom available for times when it is practical and necessary to stay over. The role can be tailored to suit the needs and lifestyle of the couple.

Please contact Ben 07788 582660 armouredmind@gmail.com

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Stratford St Mary Church
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