

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Martin Broom writes

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Sunday 5th February Meet at the War Memorial, Dedham, at 10.30am for a 4/5 mile walk. The walk leader is Ian Chapman, contactable on ☎ **07914749520**.

Please note from January 2017, we will meet at 10.30am on the first Sunday of each month. Details in the Parish Magazine and the website.



Elliott Frisby writes

DEDHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Dedham and District Horticultural Society welcomes David Holmes to speak to us about garden antiques on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms, Dedham High Street. Visitors welcome - just £2 for non-members.

Betty Callaghan writes

THE GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

At our last meeting in 2016, we thoroughly enjoyed a 'blast from the past' highlighting Dedham in times gone by. Our next meeting will be on Friday, 10th March 2017 at the Duchy Barn. A very healthy and happy 2017 to all.

SIGN UP FOR THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Join volunteers across the borough to spring clean Colchester and spruce up our streets and open spaces in support of The Great British Spring Clean. <http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk/>

Colchester Borough Council is encouraging residents, groups and businesses to pledge to de-litter the land and improve areas that have perhaps been overlooked by completing the easy online registration to run or support an event. Find further information or register at www.colchester.gov.uk/cleanstreets by 17 February 2017.

We really hope everyone will get involved with a flurry of litter picking and other events on the special national clean-up weekend of **Friday 3 – Sunday 5 March**. If you can't make this date, then anytime during March would be great!

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk
....are now working together as one Benefice....

You are welcome to any of the Sunday Services shown below. We hope that in their variety there will be something for everyone

Sunday	St Mary's Dedham	St Mary's Ardleigh
1 st in the month	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 5.00pm Choral Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist
2 nd in the month	10.30am Morning Worship	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
3 rd in the month	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Parish Eucharist
4 th in the month	10.30am Mattins (BCP) Revive @ 5pm	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
5 th in the month	Usually a Joint Service	<i>For location see church website or noticeboard</i>

This is our normal pattern of services but it may change from time to time for special events – please check the website to be sure

Revive at 5 is informal and contemporary worship with cake, coffee and hot chocolate available from 4.30pm. Come and try it out!

Being a Christian where I am – in future months we'll be inviting folk to talk about their experience of being a Christian where God has placed them

We are looking for musicians to join the group at Revive
– contact Antony Watson ☎322425



This magazine can be read in colour at www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



How creative are you? Over the Christmas holidays I watched one of my children lovingly restore an old boat tender. He certainly displayed commitment, patience and stamina as he worked in near freezing conditions outside in the garage to bend and varnish new wooden parts and generally tidy up the rest of the craft. We will enjoy the benefits this summer!

My woodwork can best be described as 'wood butchery' as I struggle to be patient enough to take the time to make things really well. I know my limitations!

I have really enjoyed starting to understand the history and craftsmanship that has gone into making our churches so beautiful – both named after Mary the mother of Jesus. If you haven't visited both I encourage you to do so, they are very different but each special in their own way.

As churches we are looking at a letter found in the New Testament and written over 2,000 years ago to Christians in Western Turkey. In it we are discovering amazing truths about God and what he has done for us all.

In one chapter the writer, St Paul, reminds his hearers : *for we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians chapter 2*

verse 10.

Another translation says: *He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has got ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.*

Two things flow from this: *we are God's workmanship....* At the beginning of the bible it says that men and women are made in the image of God and that creation was very good (Genesis chapter 1 verses 26-31). This means that we are capable of knowing Him, loving Him and enjoying Him. God has created each one of use lovingly and He doesn't make mistakes.

We have a job to do – Jesus summed this up as love your neighbour as yourself – our life goal can be that simple (and hard too!)

I encourage you to hold onto these words that Christian people have believed to be true for over 2 millennia. Happy 2017!

We've just started the *Life Explored course*, in our parishes - if you haven't been able to make it do check out the wonderful video clips and discussions – *just type Life Explored into you tube*

*The Reverend Antony Wilson
Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes*

From the Registers FUNERALS & INTERMENTS

Evelyn Agnes BAKER— 15th December 2016 (aged 88)

Marjorie May SYCAMORE— 13th January 2017 (aged 82)

GOD IN THE ARTS

MIRIAM AND MOSES

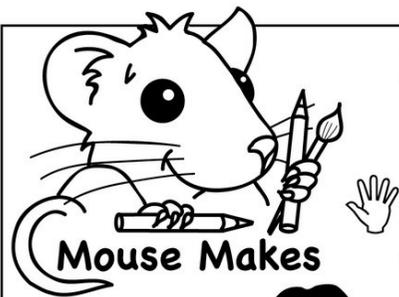


One of the first stories that impressed me at Sunday School was

about Moses as a baby placed in a basket into the river Nile and rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. Moses grew up to become a great leader of God's people in the Exodus. But there was one person whose courage and ingenuity was vital in his survival as a baby – his sister, Miriam. She is there with her mother in this tender scene painted by Simeon Solomon, the Pre-Raphaelite artist, in 1860. Jochabed cradles her son, and Miriam looks on with care and concern as she holds the basket that will keep her brother safe. Birds on the window ledge, a potted plant and a lyre provide a gentle background to the drama that will soon unfold.

Like Noah, whom we looked at last month, the story of Miriam is linked to water: helping to save Moses from the waters of the Nile; with the people as the Red Sea parted; and the spring that came up from the earth to give abundant water after her death. All that is still to come when we look at this painting. Here Miriam is about to take her brother and the basket to the Nile to begin the journey that will eventually take God's people from slavery and oppression to new life in the promised land.

The Exodus is an inspiring pilgrimage of faith and trust, and Miriam played her part in it as a courageous leader of the women. To celebrate, she sang a hymn. 'Then the prophet Miriam took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them, 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.' (Exodus 15). It is a story that can inspire us to sing and even dance when we recall this victory at each Easter.



Read Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 6 : 9-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER
 Our Father in heaven:
 May your holy name be honoured;
 may your Kingdom come;
 may your will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven.
 Give us today the food we need.
 Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
 as we forgive the wrongs that
 others have done to us.
 Do not bring us to hard testing,
 but keep us safe from the Evil One.
AMEN

Write a prayer of praise to God

LORDS
 PRAYER
 OUR
 FATHER
 HOLY
 NAME
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 KINGDOM
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 HEAVEN
 TODAY
 FOOD
 NEED
 FORGIVE
 WRONGS
 TESTING
 SAFE
 EVIL
 AMEN

Can you find all the words from the list in the wordsearch?

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Support for you from St Mary's 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 on or Ruth ☎322 598
- If you would like a lift to church contact Ann Shaw ☎322 192 or Ruth ☎322

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17 FEB 2017



Tower Flag Day of the Month
 HM Queen's Accession
 6 February 2017

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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Duchy Barn Community Centre

Weekly events:

- Mondays 10.30am - 1.30pm
The Watercolour Group
£2 per session including tutoring and refreshment. All monies go to the Duchy Barn fund. Anyone is welcome to join the group and in the summer visitors to the village join us for a look at the barn and sometimes refreshments.
- Tuesdays 10.30-12noon
Coffee Morning – just turn up!
- Wednesdays 2.00-5.00pm **Bridge in Dedham** Duplicate Bridge Club. No partner needed. Contact Judith on 322938 for more details
- Thursday 10.30-12noon
Coffee Morning – just turn up!
- Thursday 7.00pm-10.00pm **Bridge in Dedham** Duplicate Bridge Club. No partner needed. Contact Judith on 322938 for more details
- Friday 10.30-12noon **Coffee Morning** – just turn up!
-and on the last Friday in the month Military Veterans gather together
Friday 7.30-9.15pm **Youth Club** – open to young people from the village

The Barn is also available for private hire: £15 per session for local groups; £40 for parties – contact **Anne Rowledge** ☎ 322394

Assembly Rooms

Forthcoming events for February

Horticultural Society Monthly meeting	Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm
Antiques Fair	Sunday 5 th	All Day
Film Club	Wednesday 15 th	7pm
Environmental Forum	Thursday 16 th	2pm -9pm

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

Tracy Woods ☎323921



Other Regular Events & Activities :

Each Tuesday Morning @ 10.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Dedham
4 th Tuesday each month 10am-12	Friendship Group at St Mary's Ardleigh
Each Friday @ 9.15am	Bible Study Group at Littlebury House, Dedham
Each Friday (Term Time) @ 6.30/7pm	Junior & Adult Choir Practice
Each Sunday @ 9.45am	Prayer at St Mary's Dedham

WHAT'S ON: FILM

In the Assembly Rooms Dedham



Wednesday 15 February 2017 **BRIDGET JONES' BABY** (15) Directed by Sharon McGuire 2016



Forty something and single again, Bridget decides to focus on her job as top news producer and surround herself with old friends and new. For once, Bridget has everything completely under control. What could possibly go wrong? Then her love life takes a turn and Bridget meets a dashing American named Jack (Dempsey), the suitor who is everything Mr. Darcy is not. In an unlikely twist she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch....she can only be fifty percent sure of the identity of her baby's father. The much-anticipated third instalment of the Bridget Jones' franchise welcomes Academy Award winner Emma Thompson to the cast.



Wednesday 15 March 2017 **SULLY** (13) Directed by Clint Eastwood 2016



Tom Hanks stars in this thrilling portrait of heroic airline pilot Chesley ("Sully") Sullenberger, re-enacting his incredible successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 full of passengers on the Hudson River.

Admission 7pm—Films begins 7.30pm Tickets £4 from Shakespeare House Gallery or online at www.dedhamfilms.co.uk
Tickets for all films will be available from the date of the previous screening

Refreshments available before the Films & Screenings and in the intervals
Contacts: Jax Horswill 322328 or dedhamfilms@gmail.com
To find out more about Dedham Films visit www.dedhamfilms.co.uk

WHAT'S ON: MUSIC, OPERA, BALLET, TALKS

MUSIC continued

❖ **Tue 7 to 11 Mar:** 7 pm **Aldeburgh Music:** Young people's music - 30th year; Snape.

❖ **Sat 11 Mar:** 7.30 pm **Eye Bach Choir:** Haydn's *The Creation*; Eye Church. 7.30 pm **Prometheus Orchestra:** Beethoven, Respighi, Haydn, and Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto*; Woodbridge Church.

OPERA/MUSICAL

❖ **Wed 18 to Sat 28 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Operatic Society:** *Jekyll and Hyde*; Mercury Theatre, Colchester.

❖ **Tue 31 Jan:** 7.15 pm **Royal Opera House - LL:** Verdi's *Il Trovatore*; Odeon, Colchester.

❖ **Sun 12 to 13 Feb:** 6.45 pm **Theatre Royal Bury:** *Alice In Wonderland*, Immersion Theatre to.

❖ **Fri 17 Feb:** 7.30 pm **OperaUp-Close:** *Opera Cocktail*, favourite numbers; Theatre Royal Bury.

❖ **Sat 25 Feb:** 5.55 pm **Metropolitan Opera New York - LL:** *Russalka* by Dvorák; Firstsite.

❖ **Sat 11 Mar:** 5.55 pm **The MET - LL:** Verdi's *La Traviata*; Firstsite. 7.30 pm **Swansea City Opera:** *Lakmé* by Delibes; Theatre Royal Bury.

BALLET

❖ **Sun 5 Feb:** 2 pm **Bolshoi Ballet - LL:** Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*; Firstsite & Odeon, Colchester.



Virginia Woolf, ballet 8 Feb

❖ **Wed 8 Feb:** 7.15 pm **Royal Ballet - LL:** *Woolf Works 2017*. Inspired by the works of Virginia Woolf; Odeon Colchester.

❖ **Thu 23 to 25 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia** at the Regent Theatre Ipswich: three ballets: *La Fille Mal Gardée*; Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*; *Swan Lake*.

❖ **Tue 28 Feb:** 7 pm **Royal Ballet - LL:** Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*; Odeon Colchester.

❖ **Thu 2 to 4 Mar:** 7.30 pm: **Ballet Theatre UK, Giselle**; Theatre Royal Bury.

TALKS

❖ **Sun 5 Feb:** 3 pm **St Botolph's Church Colchester:** Richard Nicholson *The Chelsea Flower Shows*.

❖ **Fri 10 Feb:** 8 pm **SVAM:** *Love and Loss*; Dr Lois Oliver: Orpheus and Eurydice in art and music; Constable Hall, East Bergholt.

PARISH COUNCIL

Nicola Baker writes

Website

The Parish Council website has had a make-over! Please take a look at www.dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk

and let us have any comments on its accessibility and ease of use. There is a feedback form on the front page.

Business breakfast

As reported last month, at the November Business Breakfast a

question was asked about the apparent conflict between the aims of the Dedham Vale Society and the environment lobby to keep the car driving visitors out of the Dedham Vale. The Dedham Vale Society has asked us to make clear that this is NOT their policy and we are happy to set the record straight.

Environmental forum

Residents will remember the problems caused by excessive rainfall in June of last year, with many areas of the village affected by flooding. Since that time the

Parish Council has been in communication with a number of statutory bodies, including the Environment Agency, to try to establish whether any action can be taken to

improve matters in the event of future flash floods.

On 16 February there will be an Environmental Forum at the Assembly Rooms, to which all residents are invited. It will be a 'drop-in' event



from 3pm and we hope to have a number of short presentations in the evening. The programme is still being finalised, so please check for up to date information on the website or notice boards. The Environment Agency will be represented and it will be a good opportunity for residents to raise any matters of specific concern.

Budget

Councillors have set the budget for the 2017/18 financial year. A careful analysis of this year's spending has been undertaken and it has been decided to

set a budget which allows us to fulfil all

our obligations from our annual income, rather than relying on our reserves. It has become clear that it may be necessary for Parish and Town Councils to undertake some of the responsibilities of the County and District Authorities.



PARISH COUNCIL

For example, Essex County Council's footpath budget has been cut, which means that the Parish Council is funding some of the footpath maintenance in order to maintain the high standards in our village for the benefit of residents and visitors. We have also decided to keep the income received from parking fees in the village's car parks in a 'ring-fenced' reserve to allow us to investigate two specific areas of concern for residents. These are car parking and street lighting. The Parish Council is very aware of the sensitivity of both of these mat-

ters and is committed to a comprehensive consultation with all interested parties. The net result of these budget decisions is that the Parish element of your Council Tax will go up this year to £43.51 per household (Band D). This remains lower than most of our neighbouring parishes and Dedham Parish Council feel that this represents good value for money. Next meeting: Monday 6 February 2017, 7.30pm in the Duchy Barn clerk@dedhamparishcouncil.org.uk ☎ **01255 871483**



WHAT'S ON: THEATRE, MUSIC

THEATRE continued

❖ **Fri 24 Feb:** 7.30 pm **The Mercury:** *Bang Bang* Georges Feydeau's farce, adapted by John Cleese to 11 Mar.

❖ **Sat 25 Feb:** 6 pm **The Mercury:** *Half Of Me*.

❖ **Tue 28 Feb:** 7.45 pm **Lakeside** Colchester: *Closer By* Patrick Marber to 1 Mar.

❖ **Wed 1 Mar:** 7.30 pm **Colchester Theatre Group:** *Daisy Pulls it off* by Denise Deegan to 4 Mar; Headgate Theatre.

❖ **Fri 3 Mar:** 8 pm **The Mercury:** *All The Little Lights* to 4 Mar.

❖ **Tue 7 Mar:** 7.45 pm

Mad Hatter Productions: Alan Bennet's *The History Boys* to 11 Mar; The Headgate. 7.45 pm

Sudbury Dramatic Society: *Ladies' Day* by Amanda Whittington; The Quay Theatre to 11 Mar.

❖ **Thu 9 Mar:** 7 pm **NT - LL:** *Hedda Gabler*, a new version of Ibsen's play; Lakeside. 8 pm **The Mercury:** *In search of England* by the Colchester author, Neil D'Arcy-Jones to 11 Mar.

MUSIC

❖ **Wed 1 Feb:** 1 pm **Marenzio Singers;** Lion Walk Church Colchester.

❖ **Sat 4 Feb:** 7 pm **University of Essex Choir:** *Fate, Love and Legends* Holst, Britten, Grainger, Brahms;

Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall, Colchester
❖ **Sun 5 Feb:** 4 pm **Music in Felixstowe:** The Ward Quartet by Candlelight; Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club.

❖ **Fri 17 Feb:** 8 pm **Studio Music** Brightlingsea: Jazz Concert.

❖ **Sat 18 Feb:** 7 pm **St Botolph's Music Society:** Gala Concerto. 7.30 pm **Ipswich Chamber Music Society:** Heath String Quartet with James Baillieu (piano) - Haydn, Bartok, Elgar; Ipswich School.

❖ **Thu 23 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Headgate:** *Hits from the Blitz*.

❖ **Fri 24 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Music in Felixstowe:** *The Soldier's Tale* by Stravinsky & William Walton's *Façade*; Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club.



John Cleese: adapted Feydeau farce. See 24 Feb

❖ **Sat 25 Feb: Stowmarket Choral:** *Sea Pictures* by Elgar and L' Etrange's *Ahoy!*; United Reformed Church, Stowmarket.

❖ **Sun 26 Feb:** 4 pm **Stour Valley Arts and Music (SVAM):** The Vanbrugh Quartet; East Bergholt Church.

❖ **Sat 4 Mar:** 7.30 pm **Bury Bach Choir:** Handel and Purcell; Apex Bury.

❖ **Sun 5 Mar:** 2.30 pm **Ipswich Symphony Orchestra:** Family Concert; Corn Exchange. 4 pm **SVAM:**

WHAT'S ON FILM, THEATRE

FILM

❖ **Fri 10 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Ansell Centre** Hadleigh: *Youth*. 7.30 pm **Firstsite** Colchester: A collection of Crass films (1978 - 984) by Gee Vaucher.

❖ **Wed 15 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Dedham Films:** *Bridget Jones' Baby*; Assembly Rooms. and at Ansell Centre, Hadleigh on 10 March.

❖ **Fri 24 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Ansell Centre:** *With Love from Suffolk*.

THEATRE

❖ **Sat 28 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Headgate** Colchester: *The Graduate* by Terry Johnson. 7.30 pm **Theatre Royal Bury:** *Anna Karenina* (workshop).

❖ **Mon 30 Jan:** 7.30 pm **Mercury Theatre** Colchester: *The Play That Goes Wrong*, West End comedy to 4 Feb.

❖ **Thu 2 Feb:** 7 pm **NT - LL:** *Amadeus* by Peter Shaffer; Firstsite and Lakeside Theatre, Colchester. 7.30 pm **Theatre Royal Bury:** *Northanger Abbey* (after Jane Austen) to 11 Feb.

❖ **Fri 3 Feb:** 8 pm **The Mercury:** *Still* to 4 Feb.

❖ **Sat 4 Feb:** 7.45 pm **Headgate** Colchester: *Poseurs* by Reese-Lee Ellis.

❖ **Tue 7 Feb:** 7.45 pm **Lakeside:** *A Night For The Wolves* Two plays by Kate Whiting to 8 Feb. 7.45 pm

New Wolsey Ipswich: *Pink Mist*, a Bristol Old Vic production by Owen Sheers to 9 Feb.

❖ **Thu 9 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Lakeside:**

The Road To Huntsville, love on death row. Written and Performed by Stephanie Ridings.

❖ **Mon 13 Feb:** **The Wolsey:** *King Arthur*, adapted from Michael Morpurgo's novel to 14 Feb.

❖ **Tue 14 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Brantham Amateur Theatrical Society:** *Little Shop of Horrors* to 18 Feb; Brantham Village Hall. 7.45 pm **Lakeside:** *Frozen* by Bryony Lavery to 15 Feb.

❖ **Thu 16 Feb:** 7 pm **NT - LL:** Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*; Lakeside.

❖ **Fri 17 Feb:** 8 pm **The Mercury:** *William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play* (abridged) Reduced Shakespeare Co & Seabright Productions.

❖ **Sat 18 Feb:** 8 pm **Lakeside:** *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler, performed by women of Essex University.

❖ **Sun 19 Feb:** 7.30 pm **Headgate:** *I Wish to Register a Complaint*, comedy sketches.

❖ **Tue 21 Feb:** 7.45 pm **The Wolsey** Ipswich: Pulse Presents: *Letters To Windsor House*.

❖ **Wed 22 Feb:** 7.30 pm **University of Essex Theatre Arts Society:** Sophocles's *Antigone* to 24 Feb; Lakeside.

❖ **Thu 23 Feb:** 7.45 pm **The Wolsey:** *The Best Thing*, mime theatre to 24 Feb. 7.45 pm **The Wolsey** Ipswich:



Gemma Arterton
as Saint Joan

NOTICEBOARD

Would you like to advertise your local business in Dedham Parish Magazine? Please get in touch with Claire in the Parish Office at stmaryda@gmail.com



We are interested in your opinions and feedback about the Parish Magazine.

What do you think works well, or could be better? As readers, what would you like to see more of?

Any suggestions or comments you may have, please get in touch at stmaryda@gmail.com and dedhameditor@gmail.com



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OPEN GARDEN

With spring just around the corner, it's the perfect time to start thinking about creating a show-stopping garden to enjoy in the coming warmer months.

If you enjoy gardening and would love the chance to share the fruits of your hard work with friends and family, your neighbours, or members of your community, then you may like to hold an Open Garden event in aid of St Helena Hospice.

Whether you have an acre of beautiful shrubs and borders, or a pocket yard of stunning tubs and herbs, opening it up for a few hours for other people to see will give you a sense of pride, inspire your fellow gardeners, and support your local hospice.

It's free and easy to get involved. Decide if you want to open up your garden just to people you know or to your whole community; pick your own day and time any time between April and September; and simply collect any donations from visitors on the day.

There are many ways to raise even more funds at your event such as selling plants, garden produce and crafts, or serving tea and cake – each Open Garden is unique!

St Helena Hospice can provide you with collection pots, posters and tips on promoting your event, and can advertise your event on the hospice website and social media if you decide to

have a public event. To register your Open Garden event, or if you would like more information, please email fundraising@sthelenahospice.org.uk or telephone the community fundraising team on ☎931468. All the public events will be added to sthelenahospice.org.uk/opengardens17 as they are announced.



Honeycroft Post Office in Manningtree has been supporting St Helena Hospice for 13 years as official Newsagent Collectors for Your Hospice Lottery—and

have raised over £16,000 to date!

Postmaster Carlo Guglielmi said: "We just knew that we must support this wonderful charity."

If you would like more information on how you can support Your Hospice Lottery via newsagent collections please call the office on ☎0800 285 1390 or email lottery@yourhospicelottery.org.uk.

Mel Willis writes

FIDUCIA WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Did you know we recently won a national award for our Investment Advice? Please see more information at www.fiduciawealth.co.uk Also, we will be sponsoring the Dedham Run again next year, which will be on Sunday, 17th September 2017 starting at 11am so please put this date in your diaries (434 people took part in the run in this year). More information can be found at www.dedhamrun.co.uk.

NOTICEBOARD

STOUR VALLEY ARTS & MUSIC

Vanbrugh Quartet
Sunday 26 February 2017 at 4pm

St Mary the Virgin Church, East Bergholt CO7 6TG

sponsored by Birkett Long Solicitors

The legendary Vanbrugh Quartet was a regular fixture for SVAM during the 1990s and there is great excitement that they have agreed to find time to come back to play a wonderful programme including Beethoven's String Quartet no 11 in F minor op 95.

Admission/price

Standard £14, students £7, children 16yrs & under with paying adult (s) Free

All SVAM tickets now available from the website or contact Doreen Weatherall by email or telephone.

www.svam.org.uk svamtickets@btinternet.com Tel: 298426



SVAM LECTURE Friday 10 February 2017 at 8pm at Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP (free parking available at hall)

Illustrated Lecture by art historian Dr Lois Oliver: Love and Loss: The Story of Orpheus and Eurydice in Art and Music. Telling how the legendary singer

lost his lover through a single glance. This tragic story has inspired much great music including the first masterpiece of opera, Monteverdi's Orfeo.

Admission/price

Tickets: Standard £10, students £5. All tickets are now available via the website as well as by contacting Doreen Weatherall either by phone or email.

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NOTICEBOARD

Dedham Players Spring 2017 Production - "God of Carnage"

Another fine production, a clever black comedy to be staged at Dedham on 26th to 29th April 2017.

Adults can often be far more childish than their offspring!

When two very different couples meet for the first time to discuss their respective sons' playground brawl, it should be civilized enough.

Shouldn't it? Don't you believe it. [As their manners start to disintegrate with, at one point, a jaw-dropping episode, chaos ensues!](#)

This is another must for your diaries. Look out for our main advert nearer the time (tickets when available from www.dedhamplayers.org or Shakespeare House Gallery, Dedham).

Claire Nicholson, a supremely talented actress, will be directing God of Carnage.

Award winning both as a stage play and a film, God of Carnage will enthrall and captivate you. Book as soon as tickets become available.

DON'T MISS IT!

SALSA EVENING



FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, DEDHAM
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM, AND THE EVENING
FINISHES AT 11PM.
DANCING STARTS AT 7.30PM.

BAR AND SNACKS AVAILABLE FROM BAR. £10 PER
TICKET, WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO DEDHAM PARISH
CHURCH.

NOTICEBOARD

Marjorie Culham writes

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

I have some really good news to share, "Guide Dog Bertie".

Many will remember trainee guide dog Bertie regularly joining the congregation here at St. Mary's Dedham whilst being puppy walked. He left at the end of June to go to the London Guide Dog school where he progressed well, went on to his advanced training and has qualified as a Guide Dog.

He is now working with a lady who has no vision at all. Bertie is her third Guide Dog. She qualified with her first whilst attending university, her second helped her when her children were very young, and now Bertie leads the way to school. Twice daily he does the 'school run', safely crossing busy roads, passing lots of children and parents before arriving at school.

He had to work hard on his concentration especially when lots of children were around him, but he now knows work from play and copes well. After work he loves relaxing at home with his new family especially the children.

A big "thank you" to all at St. Mary's for helping Bertie to reach his potential, giving guidance and independence to his owner.

Pete Keeble writes

CONSTABLE MEDICAL PRACTICE UPDATE

Demand on the NHS as a whole is at its highest during the winter months. This puts pressure on all our staff and

so it is even more important at this time of the year that we deal with patient problems as efficiently as possible. Please help us by following the guidelines below:

- Tell the receptionist the nature of your problem. They can ensure you see the right clinician (GP, Nurse Practitioner, Practice Nurse) and you may not need to come into the practice if it can be dealt with over the telephone.
- If you need a home visit, please let us know as soon as possible. The doctor will phone you before leaving the practice to ensure they need to see you and they can help with the problem.
- Order repeat medication well in advance and nominate a pharmacy. Many prescriptions can be sent electronically to a pharmacy of your choice. However, it can take up to 3 days for the practice to process your prescription as the doctor will need check that it is safe to issue it.

The clinicians at the practice are not equipped to deal with every problem. If you have a serious acute problem you should attend A&E or dial 999 for emergency assistance. Serious problems include broken bones, severe allergic reactions, breathing difficulties, severe chest pain, severe burns, seizures, very ill children, severe bleeding, poisoning, foreign body in your eye/ear. Staff training dates include: 9th February (Thurs), 8th March (Wed), 19th April (Wed). The practice will close from 1 pm.

NOTICEBOARD



Colchester Half Marathon Be part of something that counts!

Join MS-UK for the fantastic Colchester Half Marathon on Sunday, 12 March right here in our home town in Essex!

A rewarding run where you have fun and support local people affected by multiple sclerosis at the same time.

Make the miles matter!

Call Berenice today on 01206 226500 or email

Berenice@ms-uk.org

DO YOU REMEMBER?

"My sister has been looking at some photos left by my long passed great Aunt Dorothy (Aunty Dot) who lived a slightly remarkable life for a woman of her time. In amongst them was this shot. Which was taken in Dedham.

She posted this last night and I traced the shot to the Prince of Wales in Dedham (Was on the corner of Coopers Lane). It's likely to be late WWI. The Model T looks like the 1915-17 style, the only young man is in uniform and my sisters tell me the dress length started to go up from 1915. We think in the shot (possibly the owner of the car) is Sir Alfred Munnings and his wife. Thought it might be of interest to a 'local lad'." Thanks to John York for sending in.



GOOD NEWS FROM SYRIA

The Bible Society's team member, Gaith, in Aleppo has sent good news from Aleppo, saying closed roads are opening up and some people forced to flee the city are beginning to return. Members of the public donated Bibles for the children of Aleppo before Christmas, which have been distributed in Syrian churches.

Throughout the conflict, the Bible Society HQ, from where Gaith runs the Christian bookshop, has been a refuge—a place of stability and comfort - for many as they assessed their situation.

Please continue to pray for Gaith and the team as they go about their work, and for peace and stability in Syria. Although fighting has largely subsided in Aleppo, the broader conflict continues.

PAST TIMES

Traffic Accident by Old Tollgate House, Gun Hill, in 1906



SIMILAR PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR THE ARCHIVES

Have you any old photographs taken in Dedham (or recent ones of buildings that have gone?) Can you name some or all of the people in the photograph?

Please consider making the photograph available to be copied for the Muniment Room archives (the original will be returned)