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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 any one who would, please contact: Ruth Higginson **Tel: 322 598.**

If you would like a lift to church contact Sharon Sarson Tel: 07876 114418

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If you need any further support, please contact the Parishes Office Tel: 322 136 and your call will be returned.

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

Sunday, 4th May

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP) Ardleigh
 9.30am Cafe Church Ardleigh
 9.30am Rise N Shine Dedham*
 5.00pm Evensong Dedham*

Sunday, 11th May

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh
 11.00am Holy Communion Dedham*

Sunday 18th May

9.30am Holy Communion Ardleigh
 9.30am Morning Prayer Dedham*
 5.00pm Revive@5 Dedham*

Sunday, 25th May

9.30am Morning Prayer Ardleigh
 9.30am Holy Communion Dedham*

Thursday 29th May

8.00am Ascension Day Service Dedham*

* = Services which may be live streamed.

**Morning Prayer - Every Tuesday
 10.30am at Dedham Church.**

Ardleigh Friendship Group: every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: 10am to 12 noon - Ardleigh Church.

Ardleigh Craft Group: every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month: Meeting at Ardleigh Church from 10am to 12 noon. Please contact Ardleigh Churchwarden if you are interested in joining this group.

Little Steps Pre-School Group: every 4th Friday of the month: 9.30am-11.30am in Ardleigh Church.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 3rd May 9am - venue tba. Bible, Bacon Butties, tea/coffee and chat.

Walk and Talk - Thursday 8th May, 10am or 11am, Dedham Arts and Craft Centre. 10am for a walk, or at 11am for just a chat.

Monday Lunch Club – Monday 12th May 12.30pm, Essex Tea Rooms. Phone 322192 to reserve a place indicating it is for the Lunch Club.



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FROM THE REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS:

Fred Lofts, 30th March

FUNERALS:

**Ian Findlay, 14th March
 Hugh Barrell, 26th March
 Kathleen Woolener, 28th March
 (Interment of Ashes)
 Ralph Ablett, 7th April**

Dear friends,

How wonderful it is to enjoy brighter, longer, warmer days - not one, but two bank holiday weekends - and the effulgence and vitality of spring! I hope this finds you in good heart for any or all of those reasons.- in good heart, for in this season of the church year we remember Jesus' resurrection – His victory over death.

We also remember His ascension, which was (initially at least) an unsettling time for His first followers. They had only just adjusted to the shock of His miraculous resurrection when they had to say goodbye to Him again on the Mount of Olives as He ascended to heaven.

But why? In John's Gospel we are reminded by Jesus, speaking to His disciples, that *"it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you"* (John 16:7).

Jesus ascends back to the right hand of the Father so that He might send His Holy Spirit on His Church. That's what we celebrate at Pentecost - but that's next Month! For now all we need to know is that the risen Jesus didn't stay here on earth, where He was bound by space and time, but went back to heaven so that He could be with us whenever and wherever we are in the person of the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the living God in the life of a follower of Jesus is one of the greatest privileges of faith and it is His ascension back to the Father that enables it. That's why it's good news and that's why His people continue to remember the further miracle of His ascension after His resurrection.

Jesus is incredibly special. He is human, but He is also God - and that's why His miraculous ministry, far from presenting a stumbling block to the

modern scientific mind, should be a pointer to the truth that while He is human, He is much more than just a human. And His presence by the Spirit is a promise to any and all who choose to follow Him.

May you know His presence and power in Your life in this brighter, longer, warmer month of May and beyond!

*Best wishes,
Phillip*

IN YOUR MAGAZINE.

This month sees the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We have a picture from the Muniment Room archive of the VE children's party in the Hewitt Hall (Assembly Rooms). As the original was showing some damage we have used AI to remove the damage.

The British Newspaper Archive is a great source for historical local press items, so we have included some reports for Dedham in 1945.

This month also see the final article on Stained Glass in the church by Adrian Beckinsale. We would like to thank him for his very informative series of articles.

The inaugural Organ concert takes place on Saturday May 10th, this is an all ticket event and promises to be an amazing evening of Organ music. The programme includes the "Jupiter" movement of Holst's 1917 suite, The Planets. Holst later named the musical piece, "Thaxted", which was then used for the Hymn, "I Vow to Thee, My Country".

Opinions expressed in contributed articles are those of the contributor and do not necessarily represent the position or opinions of the PCC or the Editorial team.

BIBLE QUOTE COMMENTARY

Psalm 121 has always been one of my favourite Psalms:

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

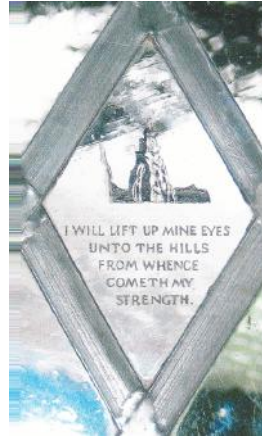
*The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and
going
both now and forevermore*

A few years ago my wife, Deirdre and I went to the Lake District in the late Spring. A heavy snowfall took us by surprise but the roads soon cleared and we were able to take a drive up along the shore of Wast Water, the deepest lake in England.

It is a dramatic route as the hillside on the far side of the lake drops down almost sheer into the lake and it was made more impressive by the blanket of snow.

We walked up to Wasdale Head but it was too snowy and stormy to walk on further up towards Scafell Pike. We went into the isolated little Church of St Olaf that stands below the mountains. It is the smallest Parish Church in England but was a welcome oasis of calm against the tumultuous weather outside.



There is a little window there with the first verse of Psalm 121 engraved on it and a depiction of Napes Needle on Great Gable. It was placed in memory of those from the local climbing club who fell in the two World Wars.

What an uplifting find but for the snow we might never have stumbled upon. Mountains have always been a source of awe and wonder. They are beautiful, and they can be dangerous places. They are a place of peace but also of storms.

Many cultures have placed their Deities' home in the mountains and when God appears in the Old Testament, it is usually on a mountain. When Jesus was transfigured, it was on a mountain and it is where he went to pray and talk to God His Father and, of course he gave his Sermon "on the Mount".

For me Psalm 121 is a prayer of Faith and Spiritual Comfort. In difficult times it is easy to wonder who is going to help one? This Psalm poses that question and answers it in no uncertain terms with an affirmation of our Faith that God has been and will always be there to look after us and that we can call with confidence to God for his help and protection at any time. How comforting that is.

Adrian Beckingsale

The blessings of Easter and the precious signs of new life, as well as the most glorious recent sunshine, have definitely lifted the spirits of late. It always makes me so thankful to be living in rural England - being able to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on my doorstep. This thankfulness is so apt at a time when we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us to enable us to enjoy what we have around us.

I felt particularly thankful recently when visiting Dedham Primary school and working with Year 1, where the pupils created their own Easter chocolate nests and Easter gardens, (see picture below).



For me, thankfulness lies with the many volunteers who make children and young people's ministry what it is in Dedham. Having 10 junior church volunteers, 3 DJB youth group volunteers, 8 open the book volunteers and 3 individuals who help with Rise and Shine each month and that is without all the people who pray, provide resources and support behind the scenes within the church. We are so blessed to have this willing support. Serving the Lord in this way is such a commitment and a calling and for this I am truly thankful.

So what's happening in the next few weeks? DJB Youth Group plans include a youth litter pick (with the date to be confirmed), continuing our **Six Beats**

One Story series with our next meet after **ReVive@5** 6.15pm Duchy Barn on Sunday, 18th May. Update on our April Beach trip social to come next month!

Junior church having finished the Lent series continues now with The Biggest Story teaching through the whole bible both Old and New Testament.

Rise and Shine returns on Sunday, 4th May at 9.30am at Dedham Church with the theme 'I Am the Light of the World.' Come and join our altogether service then.

Do contact me for any information or questions on children and young people's ministry in Dedham, I'd be happy to help in any way.

Claire Arculus

Children & Young People Worker



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

May 2025

May 11th 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the I am Communion service. The choir will sing 'Ave Verum' by Camille Saint Saens.

May 25th 2025

Some Deanery Choir members will be supporting the Choral evensong at the Frinton Festival at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm. One of the anthems that they will sing will be 'Arise in Us' by Martin Edward Fallas Shaw OBE FRCM (9 March 1875 – 24 October 1958).

Graham Bell, Deanery Choir

PROGRAMME

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
arr. Scott
Overture to The Marriage of Figaro
KV.492

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Prelude & Fugue in a minor BWV 543

Gustav Holst (1874-1934) arr. Scott
Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity (The Planets,
Op. 32)

Franz Liszt (1811-1886) arr. Scott
Liebesträum No. 3

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Allegro (Symphony No. 6 in g minor Op.
42, No. 2)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Arr. Scott
Nimrod (Enigma Variations Op. 36)

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) arr.
Scott
Finale (from "Organ" Symphony No.3 in
c minor Op.78)

JONATHAN SCOTT

Described as “The leading British organist” (BBC RADIO 3), Jonathan Scott enjoys a hugely varied international performing career on a diverse spectrum of keyboard instruments, and is known throughout the world for his virtuoso arrangements and performances of major orchestral music for the pipe organ.

As Associate Artist of The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, Jonathan gives a series of organ recitals which attract huge audiences, and with his brother; Tom, his performance videos on the Scott Brother Duo YouTube channel have achieved more than 90 million views.

Recent and forthcoming performances include solo and concerto appearances across the UK as well as performances at the major festivals, venues and Concert Halls in Germany, France, Hungary, Norway, Italy, Estonia, Finland, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium, Latvia, Sweden, Netherlands, Spain, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore.

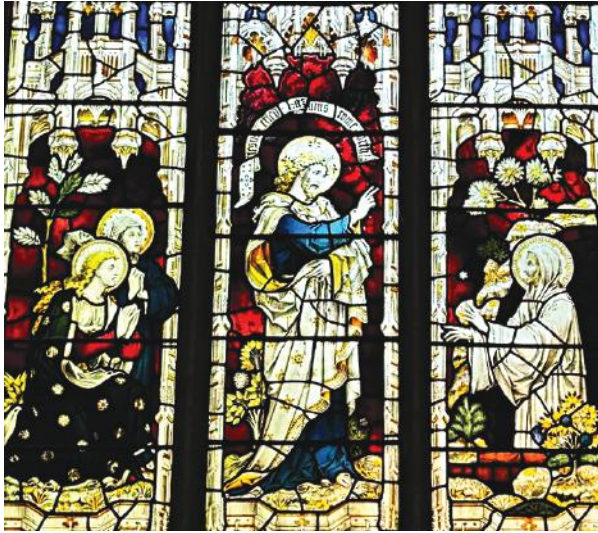
Other recent concert highlights include a series of Concerto performances with the National Chinese Orchestra of Taiwan and the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the reopening concerts at the organs of Rochdale Town Hall, UK, St Mary's Basilica, Kevelaer, Germany and All Saints Church, Warsaw, Poland, as well as the only solo organ concert for the 2024 BBC Proms, broadcast live from the organ of the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Jonathan gave the world premiere of the new organ concerto '6000 Pipes!' by Sir Karl Jenkins for Hull, UK City of Culture and has toured this work, including a special gala performance at the Royal Albert Hall, London, with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by the composer.

Jonathan also has a busy international concert schedule with his pianist brother, Tom Scott, performing as Scott Brothers Duo; they are the winners of the ECHO (European Cities of Historical Organs) competition to create a performance which introduces the pipe organ to a young audience. Their project combines animation and organ music and will be performed at major festivals across Europe.

Born in Manchester, Jonathan studied piano and organ at Chetham's School of Music and continued his studies in the UK, USA and Netherlands. He won the Worshipful Company of Musicians WT Best Scholarship and gold medal, and is a Freeman of The City of London.

In the last of this series of articles on the stained glass windows of St Mary's Church, Dedham we are going to look at a depiction of one of Jesus' Miracles: "The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead" (John 11: 1-44). This three panel window is in the North Aisle of the Church. It was installed around 1886 and from the style would appear to be by the prestigious stained glass window makers Clayton and Bell.



The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

The window shows Lazarus on the right side emerging from his tomb still in the linen shroud from his burial and really looking as if he has just risen from the dead. In the middle section Jesus is standing and a speech ribbon above His head reads "Jesus cried 'Lazarus come forth'."

Jesus stands with His right hand raised in blessing and He looks sad as He gazes down at the plight of His friend Lazarus who had been through death but had been resurrected.

Perhaps Jesus is contemplating that He too would go through this same ordeal.

In the left hand panel are Lazarus' two sisters, Mary, who would later anoint Jesus' feet with

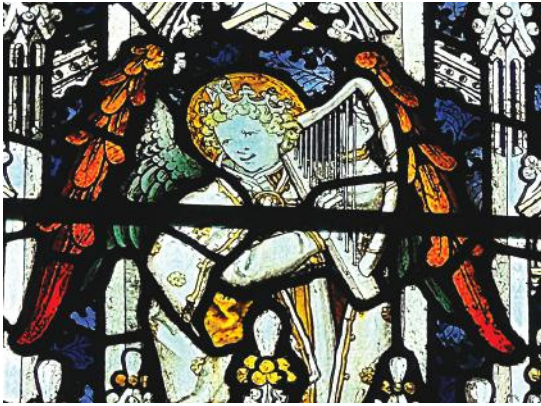
perfume (John 12: 1-3), and Martha, who are looking on in amazement and relief.

The first miracle performed by Jesus had been turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2: 1-12). This miracle showed Jesus' power over things physical and revealed Him to be more than just a religious teacher or Rabbi. There is a fine stained glass window depicting this in St Peter and St Paul's Church in Lavenham.

Raising Lazarus days after his death showed Jesus' power over things spiritual and was so dramatic and changed the perception of Him to such a degree that the chief priests, and Pharisees fearful of Roman reprisals against a new Jewish leader, started plotting to kill Jesus. Caiaphas the high priest prophesied that Jesus would die to save not only the Jewish nation but all of the children of God (John 11: 45-57).

We have now looked at all the narrative stained glass windows in St Mary's Church, Dedham. There are also "Clear" glass windows with the odd panel of stained glass which are also beautifully designed and there are a few remaining panels of 15th and 16th century glass at the top of some plain windows which were not destroyed by the iconoclasts of the reformation.

We have looked at the main stories depicted, but there is much more to these stained glass windows.



Angel with Harp



St. Paul

If you are interested you could examine the more than 120 Angels depicted in the glass and study the wide variety of musical instruments that they are playing. One might ask, do, the angels in the Kempe windows of the chancel represent the 150th Psalm with its exhortation to praise the Lord upon a variety of instruments?

Or, in this age where facial hair on men seems to be becoming more and more in fashion, one could look in envy at the wide and wonderful range of most elaborate and luxuriant beards so carefully rendered on many of the

figures, Saints and Prophets.

Do also appreciate the brilliantly depicted faces, halos, flowers, architecture, robes and many other fine details, as there is much joy to be had at looking at the beautiful artistry and colours or even just the coloured patterns that they cast on the seating and the floors. They are indeed great works of art. I hope, however, that you will see stained glass windows both in our church and others which you visit in a new light and look beyond their brightness and beauty at the stories behind them.



Brightly coloured pattern



Flowers

In addition to their religious and artistic importance the windows provide a historical perspective on the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries in Dedham. These windows were both donated by and dedicated to local parishioners and clergy, whom we have not had space to discuss in our brief journey around St Mary's Church, Dedham. I hope you have enjoyed the journey and reading the articles as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

Unfortunately many of the windows in the body of the church are falling into disrepair from the ravages of time and weather. The glass with its lead mounts, the supporting frames and the masonry around the windows will need extensive renovation if we are to save these valuable works of art. (The chancel windows have in the not too distant past been beautifully restored for which we are most grateful.)

These sort of repairs are, as you might expect, extremely expensive. We shall need to raise a sum well in excess of £160,000. The Parochial Church Council is working to raise funds.

We are grateful for a promise of support from the Friends of Dedham Church and hope to be able to secure some funding from grants but we shall still need to raise a substantial sum of money in addition. To this end we are reaching out to our Parishioners and visitors to the Church to ask for donations to this important cause. We hope that you will wish to donate.

Please make donations to:

A/c Name: Dedham Parochial Church Council
S/code: 20 22 67
A/c no. 00297870
Reference: Windows

*Thank you
Adrian Beckingsale*

MISSIONS BAKE SALES



The dates for the 2025 Mission Stall are as follows:

Saturday 10th May is our first real mission stall. The Dedham Horticulture Society also have their spring fair and plant sale outside the church 9-12 noon.

Saturday 28th June 10-12 noon.

Saturday 26th July 10-12 noon

Monday 25th August 10-4pm, bank holiday.

Saturday 27th September 10-12 noon.

Saturday 25th October 10-12 noon.

A REFUGEE'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: FROM LOSS TO FAITH

In a small corner of London, surrounded by ancient buildings, I sat by my window, gazing at the grey sky. I never imagined that my long journey - fleeing my homeland after losing my family, my home, and everything I possessed - would lead me to a deeper search for God.

Despite my intimate knowledge of Islam and Christianity, my belief in a divine being had always remained superficial at best. I thought that human beings had control over their own fate. But as I struggled with the hardships of life as a refugee, I began to see that my destiny wasn't entirely in my hands. My quest for freedom, which I once saw as a mere physical journey, became a spiritual one.

A Gradual Transformation

Life in Britain was far from easy. The burden of my past, the challenges of the present, the uncertainty of the future all pressed heavily on my shoulders. But through it all, there was one voice that never stopped guiding me - my mother's. A devout Catholic, she kept whispering to me, "Return to God; only He can give you peace."

My father, a Muslim, had left me a legacy of wisdom, but I struggled to grasp its depth. I found myself caught in the middle - between two faiths, two identities, between belief and doubt. I saw Christianity as a religion of peace and Islam as a path to divine wisdom.

A Precious Gift and a New Beginning

As Ramadan approached, my mother encouraged me to try fasting—not just as an act of worship, but as a means of

reflection and spiritual closeness to God. It was a new experience for me, one that opened doors I had never considered before. During this time, I received a precious gift: a bible from a close friend and mentor - someone I considered an older brother and a father figure.

Reading the Bible gave me new insights, and I also revisited the Quran with fresh eyes. I realised that just as the body needs nourishment, so does the soul. I understood that God was not distant but ever-present, waiting for His servants to call upon Him.

Finding Inner Peace

I became more certain that the path to God was not limited to rigid rituals but was instead a personal journey - an ongoing search for truth and peace. I wrote in my journal:

"No matter what your religion or background is, the path to God is the only salvation. If a person sincerely searches, they will find peace within their heart."

I no longer saw myself as just a refugee seeking a home but as a soul searching for meaning. Within the pages of the Quran and the Bible, I found my answer: God had always been there, all around me, simply waiting for me to lift my hands in prayer.

Hamidou Boubekour





APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes from the meeting held on the 7th April 2025.

Issues Raised by Residents

A resident gave feedback from Ardleigh Surgery who are still offering support to patients on the new Anima booking system. The local Digital Support team was also very helpful

Concern was expressed about the water coming down Castle Hill and this will be investigated.

Munnings Museum

Further meetings have taken place between Cllr. Bourn and the trustees of the Munnings Museum. During these discussions, the trustees were advised that if they wish to proceed with the proposed dog exercise area, they should first consult with village residents, ideally by including a questionnaire in the parish magazine—a step they now plan to take.

Additionally, Cllr Bourn reported ongoing conversations with the trustees about other fundraising ideas and ways to strengthen connections between the museum and the local community.

One such proposal includes a joint intergenerational project in collaboration with the village primary school.

Tennis Club application for lighting on the courts

The application for flood lights had been refused by Colchester City Council planning department.

High Street Parking

A discussion was held with NEPP regarding the car park, during which a report was presented.

One of the proposals considered was to modify the current two-hour parking limit on the High Street. It was agreed that this issue requires further discussion and public consultation, and it may be included in the development of a Parish Plan.

Financial report

The financial report was approved.

Planning

The council are still waiting for further details on the plans for new houses (likely to be bungalows) on the Long Road West area of the village

Concern was expressed about Shakespeare House in the High Street Dedham and the plans to change the property from commercial to residential.

Community areas

It was agreed to rename the Dedham Notes Facebook page to Dedham Parish Council.

Litter Pick Up: It was agreed to seek views on the idea of a regular litter pick Which could possibly include the youth club and school.

Business Breakfast: It was agreed to consider this within discussions on Parish Plan

Anti-Social Issues

It was agreed to seek advice from police and other bodies about how best to monitor potential issues by the river and on the playing field in the summer.

Infrastructure

The group was now meeting regularly. It was noted that the Drinking fountain in the playing fields will be removed.

There are planned discussions with NEPP on car parking issues.

On Litter Bins, proposals to change the locations of some of the bins and provide new ones were agreed.

The Council agreed to keep in contact with other local councils on the impact of housing developments regarding surface water and Black Brook.

Traffic Survey Updates

The report on the survey on car usage and speeding in Crown Street was received. The report identified that 8% had exceeded the speed limit. There was also concern about increased frequency of HGVs through the village. This to be investigated further.

Website Development

The report on website development was agreed and council members will develop proposals with preferred bidder.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual meeting of residents will be held prior to the next Council meeting. If issues emerged that need wider discussion, they this could be brought into the consultations around the parish plan.

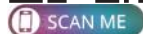
Cllr Douglas Bourn, Chairman

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IRIS HINDLEY MEMORIAL BENCH

Dedham Parish Council held a Plaque unveiling ceremony in memory of Iris Hindley on Saturday 12th April 2025 at The Drift Dedham in recognition of her voluntary work in keeping the village clean and tidy.



DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

www.dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk



WE PUT ON A SHOW!

Thank you to everyone who exhibited at or came along to our annual Spring Show. More than two dozen people entered classes for plants and flower arranging, cookery and photography this year.

Walking into the Assembly Rooms, visitors were hit with a riot of colour and the scent of spring.

Spring is our daffodil show with 15 separate classes to exhibit the best of your blooms. It's a great section to enter as nearly everyone has a daffodil or two in the garden or a planter.

However, the classification of daffodils can be confusing, so – if you are thinking about planting a few bulbs this autumn – here's more of an explanation.

Daffodil is the common name for the botanical classification of *Narcissus* (plural *Narcissi*). This bulbous perennial (it comes back and will slowly spread over the years) is typically shades of yellow but also white/cream and orange/peach. But what are we talking about when we say trumpet, corona and perianth?

The stem and leaves sprout from the bulb planted in autumn and flower from February to May depending on variety and climate. The flower itself has two key parts: the corona in the centre, which is surrounded by the perianth.

If you think of the daffodil lying on the ground, sometimes it suggests a teacup resting on its saucer, and this gives a clue to one of the alternate names for the corona, the cup. Sometimes the corona is longer, so it's called a trumpet (imagine the cone-like shape of the musical instrument).

Still thinking of the flower lying on the ground, the perianth is the 'saucer' of six petals (they're actually tepals, but you don't need to care about that!).

Now that you know all that (you'll thank me later), it will help you work out what to exhibit in which class.

Our classes are guided by the Royal Horticultural Society's classification of daffodils into thirteen descriptive divisions.

Classes 1-6 are for trumpet daffodils, identified by gently folding one of the petals forward. If they are the same length or shorter than the corona, then you have a trumpet.



Identify your large-cupped daffodils by folding the petals forward again. If they are longer than the corona (cup), then you have a cupped daffodil – some of the cups are small and will reach less than a third of the length of the petal, others are much wider/longer and dominate the flower. The latter are the ones to exhibit here.



Double daffodils can be confusing. The flower itself should be doubled with a mass of petals. A daffodil with two or more flowers on the stem is NOT classified as a double daffodil unless each of those flowers has that mass of petals.



Two or more flowers on a stem is classified as triandrus and you can enter these in classes 13 and 14). These two



classes are essentially for 'any other' type of daffodil. These include miniatures (flowers usually less than 50mm in diameter), weird-looking (I think) bulbocodium, and the pretty split-cupped.



Then there's the pheasant's eye (classes 11 and 12) – also called poeticus – which has pure white petals and an almost flat corona with a red rim.

If you can't be bothered remembering all that (though if you're not sure, just enter everything on your entry form and we can help you out on the day), just find 12 daffs, make them look nice in a vase and enter class 15! So now you know a bit more about how to exhibit daffodils in our next spring show and have a year to prepare!

We hope you'll also have a go in our Autumn Show, when it's all about the dahlia. There's no fee to enter as many classes as you like in either show.

Don't forget to support the Horticultural Society on Saturday 10th May at our annual plant sale in front of Dedham's church on the High Street from around 9-11.30am. If you have any plants that you've divided and don't need or any leftover cuttings and seedlings, we'd love to take them off your hands. Just bring them along or let us know in advance

Elliott Frisby

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**Essex Newsman - Tuesday 09
January 1945**

CANON RENDALL DIES AT THE AGE OF 93. Canon Gerald Henry Rendall. 8.D., LL.D.. who has died at the age of 93, had lived in retirement at Dedham House. Dedham for nearly 34 years. He had been Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral since 1918. and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop since the foundation of the Diocese. Educated at Harrow (his birthplace) and Trinity College, Cambridge. Dr. Rendall distinguished himself early in his career in mathematics, history, and Shakespearean studies. To the end his interest Shakespeare was enthusiastic, for he was convinced that Edward de Vete, Earl of Oxford, was Shakespeare, a theory he expounded various books and articles. From 1880 to 1897 Dr. Rendall was Principal University College, Liverpool, and then, for thirteen years headmaster Charterhouse from which post he retired 1911, making his home at Dedham. Two of his books were "Dedham its History" and "Dedham Described and Deciphered." His wife, whom he married 1887, died in 1938.

**Essex Newsman - Friday 16
March 1945**

PAINTERS SILVER WEDDING Sir Alfred Munnings, president of the Royal Academy, and Lady Munnings, whose home is at Castle House, Dedham, celebrated their silver wedding on Tuesday. Sir Alfred, who is 66, famous for his paintings of horses.

**Daily Mirror - Saturday 14 April
1945**

WHISKY FOR £261. Major Atfield Brooks, Essex Regiment, of Dedham, Essex, a prisoner of War in Germany. wrote home to his wife telling her to give a bottle of whisky which had been saved for his homecoming to be put up for auction at a Red Cross sale at Colchester. It fetched £261. (*equivalent to £14,395 today*)

**Edinburgh Evening News -
Wednesday 06 June 1945**

MARRIAGE.

HAIG—SAGE. At St Mary's Church, Dedham, Essex, on June 2, by Canon F. G. Given-Wilson, Trooper ROBERT YORKSTON (Royal Scots Greys) youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. HAIG, Bavelaw Bank, Balerno, to MARY IRENE, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H, SAGE, Bargate Lane, Dedham, Essex.



V.E. party in the Hewitt Hall.

**Back row: ? Starling, Jean Bond, June Bennett, Angela Segwick,
? Starling, ???**

**Second: ?,?, Vincent, Sheila Denny, Roy Beard, Edevane, ?,
Bobby Bland, Tony Arnold, Arthur Beard**

Third: ?, Clifford, ?, Michael Soames, Barbara, Hazel Smith, ????

**Seated: ?? Reggie Appleby, /, Flo Vincent, Jean Bacon,
Barbara Parnell, ?,?, Michael Starling, Terry Starling, ?,?,**

**Front: Peter Jennings, ?,?,, June Wardley, Hazel Bennett,
Peter Beard, ?,?, Rosie Reason, ?**

The original photograph of the VE Party in the Hewitt Hall is held in the Muniment Room collection in the Church. A few years ago a CD of Photographs of Dedham was published and this photograph was appeared there, along with many other photographs of Dedham. The photograph had a scratch across the middle, so for the purpose of this magazine it was cleaned up using AI techniques, also a procedure called Upscaling was applied to it, to improve the resolution.

If anyone reading this magazine has any memories of this party or VE Day in 1945, we would like to hear from you.

With the drier and warmer weather now upon us, barely a week goes by when there isn't a sports event in the school calendar. We have lots of curricular and extra-curricular sport on offer in school, and with sailing, cricket coaching, Bikeability and Forest School already planned, as well as the imminent arrival of an on-site pond, there will be outdoor learning aplenty this summer term!

At the end March, we took part in the county finals for the winter athletics league. The children performed exceptionally well and ended up overall winners on the track, with six 1st places, three 2nd places, two 3rd places and one 4th place, meaning that many of our children are the fastest in the county! Overall, we came fifth out of the eleven county finalists; the best Tendring District has performed in over twenty years.



We are now excited to see what the summer athletics league has in store for us. We also had five children qualify for the cross-country district finals this year. Each race had sixty children competing and we achieved a 2nd, 3rd and a 4th place!

Having successfully made it through the Tendring and district rounds, Oscar then proceeded to the county finals where he finished 26th out of 120 athletes; a future Dedham 10k champion in the making I think!

Just before the Easter holiday, some of the netball team visited St Joseph's College for a netball festival. The children were very lucky to work with Maria Lutua, a former professional netball player who played for Fiji, and they spent some time working on skills before playing a high fives tournament with other schools from both Essex and Suffolk.



Both our Y3/4 and our Y5/6 football teams have taken part in matches over the past term, using a combination of losses, draws and wins to learn and develop as teams.



Further fixtures are planned for the summer term and our girls' football team are also looking forward to competing too. Good luck everyone!





Thursday the 8th of May 2025 we mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, when we will celebrate 80 years of peace in Europe since the end of World War II. It is a day to honour the millions of people who served in the war, and to remember the sacrifices they made.

On the evening of the 8th at 2100 hrs, beacons will be lit across the country. Everyone can get involved and candles can be lit and placed in a window to mark the occasion and to remember the fallen.

To mark the occasion in Dedham, and to raise much needed funds for the Royal British Legion, we will be running a stall at the Royal Square on Saturday the 10th of May. There will be VE metal pins available along with stickers for the children and tasty cupcakes, all for a small donation.

The stall will be manned from 1000hrs to 1600 hrs by our regular Poppy Appeal volunteers. Please pop along to say hi and purchase your Victory in Europe commemorative pins and why not sample a homemade cupcake at the same time.

I look forward to seeing as many people as possible and hopefully boost the wonderful Poppy Appeal total that we raised in November for the Royal British Legion.

Many thanks,

Airin Andrews

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We have to be honest about the items we collect, so below are the items we cannot use. This is not about what we want but about what the people can use.

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Brand new for this year, and receiving its premiere performance at The Essex Summer Opera Festival at Layer Marney Tower, is a production of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin, directed by Dominic Dromgoole, who was formerly Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe. A stunning exploration of life, death, love, and pride in pre-revolutionary Russia, the opera will be performed in period costume with a dazzling new English translation.



On the bill alongside this is a revival of Wild Arts' hit 2023 production of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*. With all the zip and joie de vivre of the original, director Guido Martin-Brandis has

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And as has become tradition at Wild Arts performances, alongside the music you can enjoy picnics on the lawns of these beautiful country-house venues.

Tchaikovsky, Eugene Onegin

17, 19, 21 June | The Essex Summer Opera Festival at Layer Marney Tower
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Donizetti, The Elixir of Love

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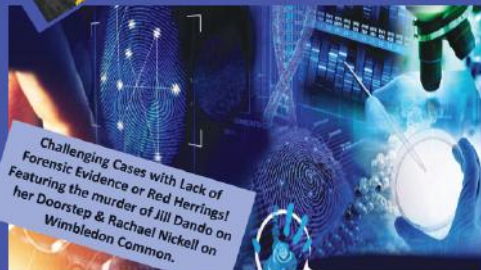
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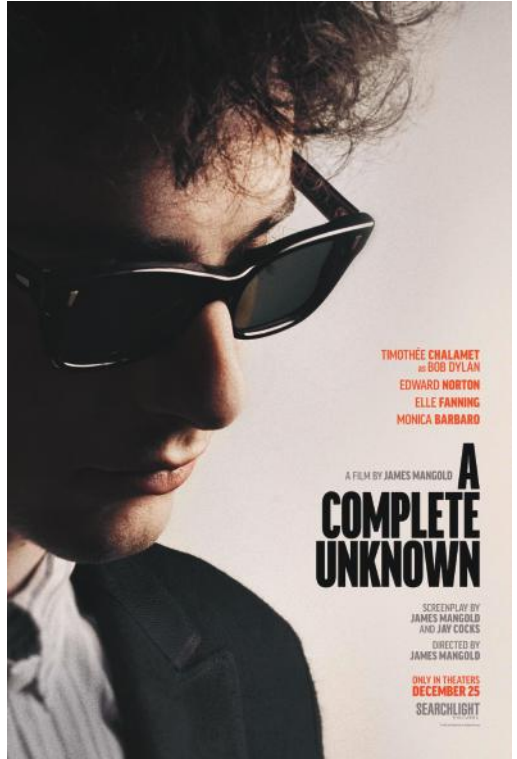


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Here are the sessions for this month, if you are interested in attending please call 07872334729.

Thursday 8th May

Painting outside 10am (full day) – Lavenham

Saturday 17th May

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Thursday 22nd May

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MAY 2025

- Sunday 4th - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Rise N Shine.
- Sunday 4th - 5.00pm, Dedham Church - Evensong.
- Wednesday 7th - 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms - DHS AGM and talk entitled "An Introduction to Bonsai"
- Saturday 10th - 9.00am to 11.30am Horticultural Plant sale and Mission Bake sale.
- Saturday 10th - 10.00am to 4pm, Royal Square - Royal British Legion Stall.
- Saturday 10th - 7pm, Dedham Church - Inaugural Organ Concert.
- Monday 12th - 12.30pm, Monday Lunch Club, Essex Rose Tea Room.
- Monday 12th - 6.30pm, Dedham Parish Council Meeting, Duchy Barn. The Annual Parish meeting takes place at 6pm.
- Thursday 10th - The Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm. Dedham Art Society.
- Sunday 11th - 11am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.
- Sunday 18th - 9.30am, Dedham Church - Easter Communion.
- Wednesday 21st - 7.30pm, The Assembly Rooms - Dedham Films, A COMPLETE UNKNOWN.
- Thursday 22nd - The Assembly Rooms, 2pm - 4.30pm. Dedham Art Society.

- Friday 23rd to Monday 26th, Duchy Barn - Dedham Art Society Summer Exhibition.
- Sunday 25th - 9:30am, Dedham Church - Holy Communion.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

- Meet up Mondays - The Sun Inn, 11am to 12pm.
- Social Table Tennis - Dedham Sports Club, 10:30am to 12:30pm.
- Watercolour Painting Group, Duchy Barn, 10am to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 13:30 to 15:30.

Tuesday

- Coffee morning - The Duchy Barn, 10:30 to 12pm.
- Mobile Post Office - Royal Square 09:00 to 11:00.
- Dedham Baby and Toddler Group Dedham Sports Club, 10am to 12pm (Term time only)
- Dedham Carpet Bowls Club - Dedham Sports Club, 7pm to 9pm.

Wednesday

- Bridge in Dedham - Assembly Rooms, 1.30-5.00pm.

Thursday

- Coffee morning - The Duchy Barn, 10:30 to 12pm.

Friday

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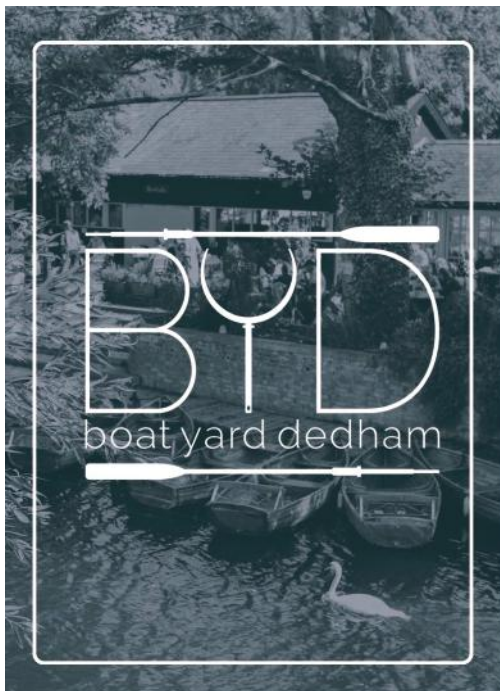
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