

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman

APRIL 2023



CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd	Palm Sunday	Sunday 23rd	3rd Sunday of Easter
10.00am Sibton	Benefice service with Holy Communion	09.30 Theberton 09.30 Westleton 09.30 Yoxford	Holy Communion Informal Worship Morning Praise
Thursday 6th	Maundy Thursday		
18.30 Westleton	Holy Communion - with washing of feet	11.00 Darsham 11.00 Dunwich at Theberton 11.00 Middleton at Theberton 11.00 Peasenhall	Holy Communion Morning Worship - with the Methodists
Friday 7th	Good Friday	Sunday 30th	4th Sunday of Easter
11.00 Yoxford 12.00-15.00 Westleton	Stations of the Cross Meditation Service	09.30 Theberton 10.00 Dunwich 11.00 Darsham 18.30 Westleton	Healing Service 5th Sunday Benefice Service with Holy Communion Morning Prayer Informal Worship
Sunday 9th	Easter Day	MAY 2023	
06.00 Dunwich Beach	Sunrise Service	Every Wednesday – unless stated. 10.00 Westleton	
09.30 Theberton 09.30 Westleton with Dunwich 09.30 Yoxford	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion		
11.00 Darsham 11.00 Middleton 11.00 Peasenhall	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion		
Sunday 16th	2nd Sunday of Easter		
09.00 Yoxford	Breakfast - 09.30 family@church		
09.30 Theberton 09.30 Westleton	Morning Praise Holy Communion		
11.00 Dunwich 11.00 Peasenhall	Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP)		
18.00 Darsham	Evensong		

APRIL 2023 LECTIONARY

2nd April	Acts 10. 34-43	1 Peter 1.3-9	30th April
<i>Palm Sunday – Red</i>	Colossians 3. 1-4	John 20. 19-31	<i>Easter 4 - White</i>
Matthew 21. 1-11	Matthew 28. 1-10		Acts 2. 42-47
Psalms 118. 1-2, 19-29			Psalms 23
9th April	16th April	23rd April	1 Peter 2. 19-25
<i>Easter Day - White</i>	<i>Easter 2- White</i>	<i>Easter 3 - White</i>	John 10. 1-10
	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32	Acts 2. 14a, 36-41	
		1 Peter 1.17-23	
		Luke 24. 13-35	

Thanks to Irene Lucas for the cover photo this month. **Apology:** Last month's cover picture

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

A few years ago I went on a short trip to the Holy Land, to see some of the important sites in the Christian story — from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Around Jerusalem we saw the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. We walked up the hill to Jerusalem beside stone steps that Jesus would have climbed on the night of his arrest. We saw cells, dug from the limestone, in which Jesus might have been detained that night, the night Peter denied him. Then we followed the Via Dolorosa, the route Jesus took, carrying the cross to the place he was crucified. Along that route we marked the stations of the cross: fourteen stopping points at which to think about what happened on Good Friday. Fourteen points to think about the evil and violence we are part of: even against the innocent, even against the Son of God... before we moved on to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and 'the Garden Tomb' and remembered that despite the worst that evil could throw at him Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning — a promise of new life to us and all the world.



In Yoxmere we mark these four days beginning on Maundy Thursday evening at Westleton with a service of communion and foot-washing to remember the Last Supper, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

On Good Friday morning we remember Jesus' trial and death on the cross with a family@church (i.e. family friendly) stations of the cross at Yoxford.

And on Easter Day itself we begin with a 6am sunrise service on Dunwich beach (warming ourselves afterwards with hot drinks and hot cross buns) — and then communion services and joy-filled singing at services across our benefice to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

All are welcome to any of these services — young, old, seasoned worshipper or simply curious. If you are not accustomed to receiving communion, that's ok — you may come up to receive a blessing, or simply remain in your seat — we're just glad to have you.

And whether I see you or not over Easter I wish you and all whom you love a very happy Easter.

Tim and the whole ministry team.

FROM THE REGISTERS – MARCH 2023

FUNERALS

Stephen William Brown; aged 79 years. On Thursday, 16th February 2023. The funeral service took place in St. Michael's Church, Peasenhall, followed by burial in Peasenhall Cemetery.

Rosa Miriam Eleanor Boulton; aged 99 years. On Wednesday, 22nd February

2023. The funeral took place in All Saints Church, Darsham, followed by burial in the Churchyard of Darsham.

Kenneth Roy Jones; aged 87 years. On Monday, 10th March 2023. The funeral service took place at St. Peter's Church, Westleton, followed by cremation at Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich.

STOP MASS DESTRUCTION OF THE HERITAGE COAST

The map opposite shows the cumulative impact of the proposed and planned energy projects on the Suffolk Coast. The map uses information that EDF, Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid have shared in their public consultations.

The combination of all these projects will have a significant impact on traffic, habitat and biodiversity. If you are interested in

finding out more about what some of the possible implications are or if you would like to hear about what local community groups are doing to engage in the public consultations with the energy companies, please contact

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THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The Yoxmere Fisherman is published for the Yoxmere Benefice, which comprises the Church of England parishes of Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Peasenhall, Sibton, Theberton, Westleton and Yoxford. More information at www.achurchnearyou.com.

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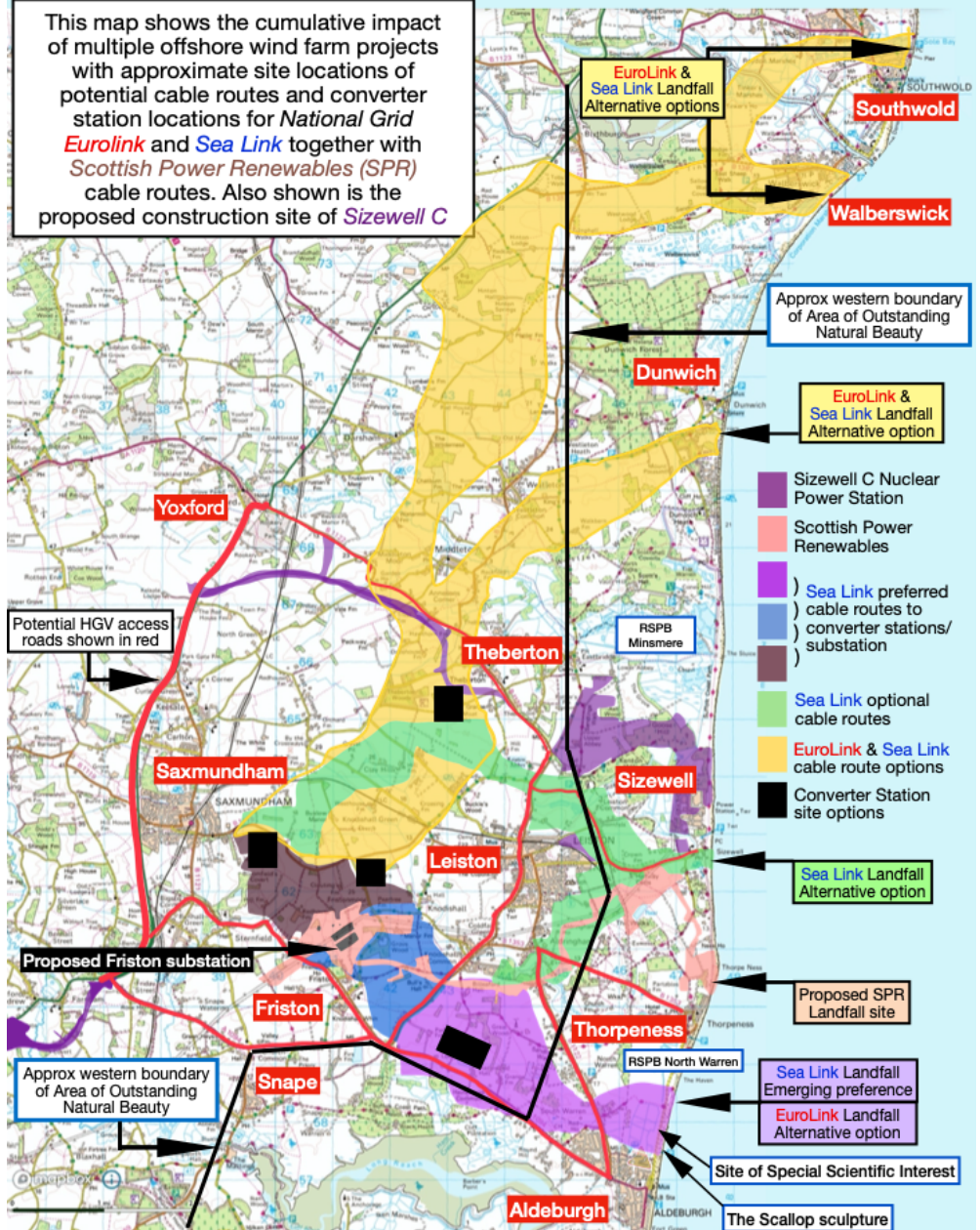
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This map shows the cumulative impact of multiple offshore wind farm projects with approximate site locations of potential cable routes and converter station locations for National Grid *EuroLink* and *Sea Link* together with *Scottish Power Renewables* (SPR) cable routes. Also shown is the proposed construction site of *Sizewell C*



Please note - there is some overlap between the different route options in order to connect landfall sites to converter stations and to Friston substation

Source: Cumulative impact multiple energy projects
Artist's impression

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THEOLOGY CORNER



I can't begin to tell you all that Easter means to Christians, except to tell you that far more than Christmas, this is the beating heart of Christianity, the spine-tingling reality of what we believe. And what is more, Christians believe this is not simply a matter of faith (though in the end it takes faith to agree with what I'm saying) - we think the events of Easter are historically credible. Let me explain.

Firstly, Jesus was a real person living in the early decades AD, who was also crucified. If you were sceptical of the gospels as a historical source, then there is Josephus, a Jewish historian who wrote for a Roman audience. He records that Jesus did wonderful things, a teacher who drew both Jews and gentiles to himself, and that his followers, Christians, did not give up on him after his crucifixion. Josephus was not a believer, but a historian. He was not the sort to include fiction in his historiography.

Christians also believe that Jesus rose from the dead. The evidence for this is that:

- the disciples all believed it and said they had seen him multiple times
- Saul (later known as Paul), an enemy of Christianity suddenly became a Christian
- James, a brother of Jesus became a Christian after the crucifixion
- the tomb was empty.

There is no theory that can explain this without the resurrection.

Was it a conspiracy? That hardly seems likely. The gospels record the disciples as failing to understand what Jesus was saying about rising again, and were shocked and terrified at Jesus' arrest. Were they likely, with complete unity, to proclaim the resurrection and all tell the same story? Were they likely to continue to proclaim this story despite rising levels of persecution and the martyrdom of a number of them, without recanting the lie they had come up with? Were they even likely to have overpowered the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb, rolled away a heavy stone and then hidden the body so that it couldn't be found - despite

Romans and Jews alike wanting to find the body to prove the lie? If they were making up the story, were they likely all to say it was Jesus' female followers (whose testimony was worth less in court) who first discovered the empty tomb?

And if it was a conspiracy, what on earth could persuade James, the brother of Jesus, and also Saul/Paul, a pharisee and persecutor of Christians to suddenly convert and become pillars of the early church? Why would they be willing to die for the faith? It's a bit far fetched.

So what if it were some sort of mass hallucination? They all thought they saw Jesus because of their closeness to him, and the stress of the circumstances?

This would be fine if it were a single witness, but Jesus appeared to lots of his disciples, and mass hallucinations like this don't happen. And this doesn't account for the empty tomb - as soon as they started gabbling about Jesus rising, either the Romans or the Jewish leaders would only need to produce a body to ridicule them as lunatics. Hallucinations would hardly account for the sudden courage that they found, and the cogency of their theological debate... not to mention the astonishingly swift spread of Christianity in the first century, in the face of persecution.

Hasn't science disproved miracles? No. Science deals with what is repeatable, predictable and logical. It deals with hypotheses which it seeks to disprove, until that hypothesis is left as the only explanation left, and proves useful for predicting behaviours. Miracles are not repeatable or predictable. They cannot be proven, or disproven. An absence of evidence is not an evidence of absence! I cannot prove the resurrection of Jesus - I wouldn't try to - but the circumstances briefly discussed above suggest that it should not be lightly dismissed. These circumstances, together with other reflections on the gospels, led me to faith in Jesus.

If this makes you think, and you would like to talk about it more, do get in contact with me, or another member of the ministry team - we'd be delighted to talk through our faith (without pressure on you), and answer any questions you may have to the best of our ability.

Happy Easter!

Tim

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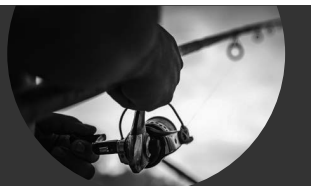
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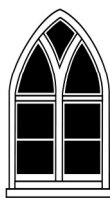
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DARSHAM

DARSHAM CHURCH

Darsham Worship

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will also be open daily for quiet time.

Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 in the church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday 11th April 2pm

The meeting will be held in the church and will include reports on the church and the Darsham Town Trust.

If you are on the civil parish electoral roll, you are eligible to vote in the election of churchwardens, and if on the church electoral roll, you are eligible to elect members of the Parochial Church Council.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the March meeting of the Parish Council, Further details were agreed on the following:

The Coronation Lunch will be in the village hall at 12.30 on Monday the 8th May. Tickets are £10 each, available from Jasmine Backhouse (668059) or Jean Loveridge (07949 263972). At the lunch Darsham coronation mugs will be sold for £10 each.

The annual parish meeting will be in the village hall at 6pm on the 16th May. As in recent years, this will be in the form of a party with wine and canapés, followed by the serious business of welcoming the new incoming council. Volunteers to provide canapés should contact Robin Leggate (668461)

The smart-phone training session is going ahead, thanks to Phil Robinson. Further details to follow.

DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

Saturday 1st April 2023 - Flowers/Domestic.

Schedules available on Darsham village website - www.darsham.onesuffolk.net or from show secretary

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We will discuss a variety of practical ways that we can all improve our energy efficiency and help lower our cost of living through quick and simple everyday changes.

We will also have an impartial discussion about more significant investments such as solar panels and heat pumps. We have invited a number of experts who we hope will be able to attend and offer more in-depth advice and guidance on a one-to-one basis at the end of the seminar.

Topics:

- Everyday energy efficiency and cost savings
- Heat loss
- Insulation
- Heat recovery
- Solar panels and home batteries
- Heat pumps and domestic heating

If there are any issues that you would like us to discuss, please write to:
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DARSHAM

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

APRIL 2023 CLASSES & CLUBS

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 1pm

- Sequence Dancing. (Contact Carol 01986 784642)

Thursdays, 9.30 to 10.30am - Pilates. (Contact Maria 07999 848655)

Thursdays, 11am to 12noon - Seated Exercise. (Contact Maria 07999 848655)

Fridays, 10.30 to 11.30am - Yoga. (Contact Debbie on 07906 346545)

CLUBS

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League match v Kelsale. Tuesday 21st Mar at 7pm. (Contact Heather Shipp on 01728 668251)

Table Tennis - Thursdays, 7pm to 9pm. (Contact Alan Holland on 01728 668451)

Dash Astro - Sunday 2nd & Sunday 16th April at 7pm. (See website: <https://www.dash-astro.co.uk/>)

Crafty Club - Monday 3rd April at 9.30am. (Contact Heather Ballantine on 07860 278955)

Darsham Dames - Thursday 13th April at 2pm. (Contact Heather Meggison on 07516 540638)

Pétanque - Every Tuesday at 6pm (contact Ron Clark on 07423 399406)

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Horticultural Show - Sat 1st April, 2.45pm

Village Litter Pick - Sun 2nd April, 10am

Energy Seminar - Tues 4th April 7pm

Patchwork & Quilting - Wed 12th April, 9am

Coffee Morning - Sat 8th April, 10am

Film Club: *Living* - Sat 8th April, doors open 6.45pm, film starts 7pm *Living* was released in the UK in November 2022 with positive reviews and Bill Nighy receiving particular acclaim – he was nominated for an Oscar.

It is 1950s London and Mr Williams (Nighy) is a London Civil Servant reduced by the years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence but he is diagnosed as terminally ill and decides he wants to achieve something in his life and LIVE!

Tickets will be available on the door and at the coffee morning in the village on the 8th. We will have a bar and refreshments. Doors open at 6.45pm – film at 7.00pm, and there will be an interval. Please contact Anne 01728 668270 for more information

We look forward to meeting our regulars and newcomers for another great evening.

Parish Council - Tues 11th April 7pm

UK Church Fellowship - Sun 9th & Sun 23rd Apr 10am

Earthdance: Soulful Sunday - Soulful Sunday

Diss Guitar Ensemble - Sun 30th April 10am

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Darsham Walking Market - Sunday 11th June

Darsham Village Fete - Saturday 5th August

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2nd Prize: Mr B. Davies

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DUNWICH

COFFEE 4 U

Our next dates for April are Thursday 13th and Thursday 27th which will be our last one for winter. These will be held in the reading room from 10am until 12noon. It's Harding time now!!

Hope to see you all again in September. Thank you all for your support.

Heather Cook

DUNWICH HEATH

April is the month when most of our summer migrant bird species arrive from warmer climes, so we're looking forward to seeing sand martins, stone curlews, hobbies, and a whole host of other species winging their way around the heath and setting up their homes for the summer. Closer to ground keep an eye out for common lizards, adders, green tiger beetles and ant-lion larvae as we get more and more sunny days. Our ranger, Sam, is well into his surveys now so it will be interesting to see which species are thriving and which are struggling. We'll also be keeping a close eye on the heather to see whether it is showing signs of recovery after last year's drought... Fingers crossed!

The Easter holidays promise to be a very busy time and it will be brilliant to welcome so many people to the beautiful surroundings of the heath. Over the bank holiday weekend we are running

an Easter egg trail, exploring the sights and sounds of nature with, of course, a chocolate egg reward! It's £3 per child to take part, with games and activities aplenty. Outside the Easter trail we have our final 'Turbulence to Tranquillity' history talk on 15th April exploring the chequered history of the area, and our first Ranger walk and Early Morning Birdsong walk on the 18th and 5th respectively, all of which are bookable on our website. If you'd rather do your own thing, there will still be the usual trails, den building, geo-caching and tracker packs. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY, MIDDLETON

A Fond Farewell to Margaret

On behalf of Holy Trinity PCC I would like to say 'thank you, Margaret' for being such a good friend to our church and all in Middleton. Margaret has been a hard working churchwarden for a number of years and will be kindly remembered, along with her husband Rob,

for all their support, over 16 years in the village. I personally will miss her, not just as a joint churchwarden, but as a friend and, though sad to see her leave, all PCC members and Holy Trinity send love and wish her much happiness in her new home.

Rita Pateman, Churchwarden



NGS - SNOWDROP FESTIVAL AT MANOR HOUSE

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who was able to come along and support our Open Garden for the NGS on 26th February. It was a bitterly cold day, but dry and bright - so a huge improvement on last year's effort(!) - as was the end result: 120 visitors raising a magnificent £720 for the NGS charities.

An extra big thank you to all the lovely locals who braved that cold and shared the day with us,

either as volunteers, visitors and/or book & food donators - you are all wonderful. The snowdrops and aconites held on and many other bulbs were starting to show, as well as shrubs and trees budding optimistically! It was altogether a lovely day and well worth all the effort. Next opening: the Middleton Open Gardens weekend of 3 - 4 June!

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MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

In February, instead of our usual evening meeting we decided to have a daytime meeting - a short trip to the seaside, to help banish the winter blues. We decided on a lunch-time get-together at the Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh. We gathered in the comfy chairs of the lounge and then went to our tables in one of the dining rooms for lunch. For the next couple of hours we chatted and enjoyed a 2 or 3 course meal. Service, food and company were all excellent. What a pleasant way to spend a dreary February afternoon.

Our President Lynda added this message:
Middleton WI has been supporting the Lighthouse

Women's Refuge with their "kettle food appeal". The ladies donated a range of items including Pot Noodles, Cup a Soups, hot chocolate, treats for children, toiletries and books. For some women and children these kettle foods may be the only hot meals they have when they are in emergency hotel accommodation after leaving their homes. The donations were gratefully received and we continue to collect these items for the Lighthouse.

Our meeting in April will be on the 19th at 7:15pm. "Supper, Subs, Resolutions".

Lynne Venn

Save the date for the 2023 Middleton Open Gardens 3rd and 4th June

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton; natural, formal, cottage, wildlife, courtyard, and gardens in progress, with people coming back time and again to see the development through to completion.
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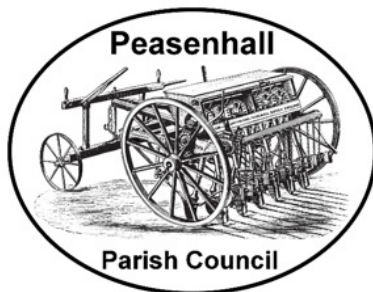
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The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on
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We're delighted to welcome the Sounds Saxy group to Peasehall on Saturday 13th May for a stunning evening of music. These four talented musicians will play for us in this lovely setting demonstrating the amazing versatility of the saxophone, from sultry jazz to stirring orchestral pieces. All four variants of this fascinating

instrument will be there, and you'll have the chance to see and hear the development and history of this marvel of the woodwind section.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, tickets are £15, and you can reserve yours on peasehallassemblyhall@gmail.com or on 01728 660339. Do join us for an evening of magic!

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SIBTON

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S SIBTON



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm: A concert at Sibton Church IP17

2NB: Zephyr Baroque are making a name for their concerts in south Suffolk, and so we are delighted that they are coming to Sibton. The music is easy to listen to, with a light touch. It can also be languorous and moving by turns; well worth hearing in the medieval space of Sibton Church's nave with its beautifully carved ancient roof. Liz Alexander - Recorders; Karen Bainbridge - Baroque Bassoon; Geraldine Taylor - Harpsichord. Tea follows the concert. Tickets: Adults £10, Under 18s £5, on sale in advance (cash only) at the Peasenhall General Store and the Weavers Tearoom, or on Eventbrite and the door. ALL WELCOME!

May 27th to May 29th, 10.30am -

4.30pm: These are the dates for the **Annual**

Book Sale Weekend: good quality second-

hand books - fiction and non-fiction; children's books and toys; plants; bric-a-brac; all items individually priced; cream teas and refreshments available. Admission is free and there is ample parking on the old glebe meadow (on your left as you come from the Yoxford direction, before you arrive at the church). If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the church on Wednesday 24th May.

June 18th at 3.30pm: A concert by Suffolk Strings. Tickets will be on sale from The Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store before the event. This informal occasion with tea to follow has become a very popular and enjoyable annual event showcasing interesting music in a variety of styles, with music often arranged specially by Peter Bumstead who is the orchestra's conductor.

The events programme continues through the summer with a large-scale event being organised in July, and more planned events to be publicised later in the year.

WESTLETON

EASTER AT ST PETER'S WESTLETON

Maundy Thursday April 6th 6.30pm

Communion Service including feet washing (optional)

Good Friday April 7th

Join us for a quiet time of meditation, a peaceful time for thought and prayer. You can spend time on your own, with your own thoughts or with others from the Church. Drop in anytime from 12 - 3pm, stay for anytime....

Easter Sunday April 9th 9.30am

Come and celebrate the 'Risen Lord'

Informal Worship with Holy Communion
Followed by our Special Easter Egg Hunt
Everyone is welcome

Date for your diary Wednesday May 3rd 11.30am

St Peter's Westleton Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Followed by a Light Lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Wildflower Festival July 29th & 30th

Come and join us decorating the church with wildflowers. If you can help, please phone Kathryn 648140

WESTLETON

ROY JONES 1935-2023

In 2005 Arlette Smith, then Chair of Westleton Parish Council, asked Roy Jones, a fellow councillor, if he would lead the Common Advisory Group. Roy had always taken a keen interest in the common, so he was happy to accede to Arlette's request. Roy chaired the group from 2015 until 2020 and continued as member till his death in 2023.

The common was very important to Roy and he understood how valuable it was to Westleton and its people. He saw it as a resource for leisure, exercise and stimulation, and appreciated its importance in maintaining local and national biodiversity. Westleton is and must remain an attractive place for visitors and Roy understood how the common makes Westleton a place worth visiting. During his time as our chairman Roy always made sure we kept all these factors at the heart of our discussions.

In our Annual Report for 2022 we wrote;

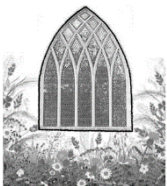
Roy provided the group with strong leadership and kept the rest of us focussed on the issues that mattered when we showed signs of getting side-tracked onto less important topics. He would always make sure that proper procedures were followed and that we abided by the various obligations under the funding agreements and, of course, our statutory duties. He had a clear vision of what was important to the success of the common project.

Roy will be missed by everyone who has an interest in the common.

**Nick Shearme and
Westleton Common Advisory Group**

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Flower team - Our church is made more joyful and brought alive by the team who provide and arrange flowers taking turns throughout the months.

Sacristan duty - starting in May - preparing and tidying away for communion one Sunday per month plus occasional benefice services; changing the colours on the pulpit and lectern.

PCC (Parochial Church Council) vacancies - member of the PCC

- the PCC meets throughout the year, generally four occasions. Could you contribute to this group, by joining the PCC as a congregational/general member to help support and contribute to the running of the church? No prior experience or specific skills are required. We need new voices, new perspectives... additional support is urgently required. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment.

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The film for Saturday 1st April's **Film Night** is *Mrs Harris goes to Paris*, a 2022 historical comedy-drama, based in 1950s London. Tickets are £5 and available from the hall's foyer, the Westleton Stores or on the door on the night. Refreshments will be available from 7pm and in the interval.

From Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April on **weekday mornings**, 10am - 12noon, we will have a **Westleton Easter Quiz Trail** running. Starting in the Foyer it's £2 per trail, £1 for the children's picture trail. Each quiz takes approximately an hour to complete. 12 correct answers on either trail = an Easter prize! All welcome. All proceeds go towards the hall upkeep.

Tuesday April 11th, 7.30pm **Eastern Angles present Medieval Miracles**, two tales of mischief, devils and song. *The Trials of Mary & Joseph* (featuring sceptical midwives, starry-eyed shepherds and a bit of scandal) and *Mankind* (dating from 1490s), adapted and translated by Ivan Cutting and Tony Ramsay. For more information see <https://easternangles.co.uk/event/medieval-miracles>. Tickets (£12) are available from Westleton Village Hall from 10am -12noon Monday-Friday, from Westleton Village Stores or online from easternangles.co.uk.

We are continuing to have **fun Bingo** monthly in the Foyer! The next session will be 2.30 - 4.30pm Thursday 20th April. All welcome, no experience or booking in advance required. £5 each to play for

small cash prizes, all equipment provided. Refreshments will be available.

Friday 28th April, 7.30pm we have a **Blooming Marvellous Spring Quiz!** Rounds include fashion through the ages, biology, places, music, in the news and lots more. (See notice on Page 29.)

Throughout April we will have a mix of art exhibiting in the Foyer; **Art for All** will be run by Barbara Buckley and in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Research. All available for viewing and purchase 10am-12noon weekdays.

Thursday 6th April, 9am - 4.30pm we have **Footcare** in the Consultation Room with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book please call her on 07497 371073. We also have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** - Emma Strachan - in the Consultation Room fortnightly (variable days). For further information or to book please contact her on 07821 055404. **Reflexology** is available in the Consultation Room monthly; the next date is Saturday 29th April 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton to book: 07930 341901 www.julietoverton.co.uk

To see our latest timetable of activities, events and groups please see our website: www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk and do join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly 'What's On' in the Foyer. The Foyer is open 10am - 12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers.

PHIL KENNY DOMESTIC REPAIRS

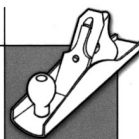
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WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS APRIL 2023

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of year, along with spring flowers and mosses.

Please meet near the main common noticeboard at the top of Mill St, down a short track on the right.

WESTLETON WELLBEING WALKS

Sunday 2nd April, 10.30am: Woodland Butterfly Walk. 1 hour. meet at Westleton Heath National Nature Reserve Car Park Dunwich Road.

Tuesday 18th April, 10am: North of Westleton. 75 minute walk from the village hall.

Tuesday 25th of April, 10.45am: A stroll on Westleton common. 35 minutes. Meet

at the village hall.

Saturday 29th April, 11am: Dunwich Greyfriars Wood. 90 minutes. Meet at the beach car park, Dunwich.

Friday 5th May, 7am: Westleton Early Birder. 90 minute walk to hear the spring arrivals. Meet at the Westleton common car park on Mill Street.

ANOTHER BLOOMING MARVELLOUS SPRING QUIZ

Teams of up to six can compete for the Westleton Quiz Champions Cup!

Friday 28th April 2023 at Westleton Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 from the Westleton Village Stores or Village Hall Foyer (weekdays 10 - 12noon).
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WESTLETON

WESTLETON WI

There are certain nights of the year with wild winds when it is cold and dark and you need to sit and talk with friends about "shoes and ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings" (Lewis Carroll) and feed body and soul. Such a night was our last meeting.

And what else but fish and chips and wine? And

time to enjoy warm company and realising how important friendship and having a meal together really is. There will be time again later to plan and vote and work and welcome new members but for the moment it was time to pause and be grateful. Strange how, with good company, the night becomes less cold and dark.

WESTLETON 100 CLUB

The 100 club for 2023-24 has 80 individuals or couples signed up and 270 tickets have been sold. This means that the church and hall will each receive £1,100 to support their contribution to the village. Many thanks to all involved.

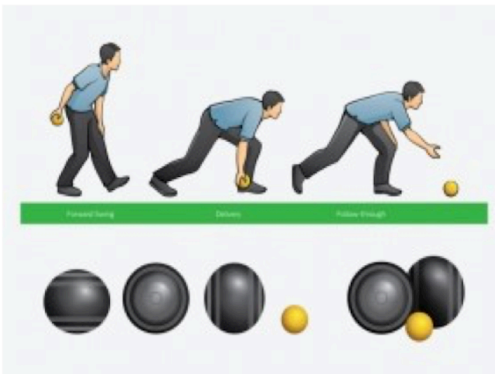
March winners are

1st prize- Linda Price

2nd prize - Mark Solomons

YOXFORD

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YOXFORD

YOXFORD OPEN GARDENS

If anyone is interested in opening their gardens for the Open Gardens please get in touch. It doesn't have to be a show garden, and size doesn't matter either; ours is always a "work in progress".

We are hoping to have the Open Gardens on Sunday 18th June.

If you would like more information or you are able to help sell tickets at the hall on the day, please contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748784909 or hazel.temperton@talk21.com.

YOXFORD TWO CHARITIES COFFEE MORNING

Yoxford Village Hall 11am - 2.00pm, Saturday 8th April.

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Meet Up Lunch Group - last Tuesday of every month

Zumba with Ellen – Tuesdays, 7.15pm to 8.15pm

Outreach Post Office – Wednesdays, 9.30am – 12 noon

Art Classes – Thursdays, 2pm – 4pm

Mobile Fish and Chip Van – Thursdays, 5pm – 7.30pm

Youth Club for 11 – 18 year olds – Thursdays, 6pm to 8pm.

Parish Council - first Thursday of the month - 7pm - 9pm

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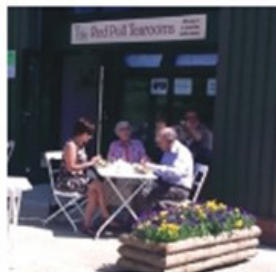
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