

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

# *The Yoxmere Fisherman*

MARCH 2023



# CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023

## Sunday 5th

10.00am Theberton

## Sunday 12th

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

09.30am Yoxford

11.00am Darsham

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Middleton

11.00am Peasenhall

## Sunday 19th

09.00am Yoxford

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Peasenhall

15.30pm Darsham

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Benefice service with  
Holy Communion

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Informal Worship  
Holy Communion

Morning Praise  
Holy Communion  
Morning Praise  
Morning Prayer - BCP

## 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Breakfast -  
09.30 family@church

Morning Praise  
Holy Communion

Morning Worship  
Holy Communion – BCP

Evensong

## Sunday 26th

Clocks go forward.

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

09.30am Yoxford

11.00am Darsham

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Middleton

11.00am Peasenhall

18.00pm Sibton

## 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Morning Praise

Holy Communion

Morning Praise

Holy Communion

Morning Worship  
- at the Methodists

Evensong

## APRIL 2023

## Sunday 2nd

10.00am Sibton

Benefice service - with  
Holy Communion

## Every Wednesday – unless stated.

10.00am Westleton Holy Communion



## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

### 5th March

*Lent 2 – Purple*

**Genesis 12. 1-4a**

**Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17**

**John 3. 1-17**

### 12th March

*Lent 3 - Purple*

**Exodus 17. 1-7**

**Romans 5. 1-11**

**John 4. 5-42**

### 19th March

*Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday*

**Exodus 2. 1-10**

**2 Corinthians 1. 3-7**

**Luke 2. 33-35**

### 26th March

*Lent 5 - Purple*

**Ezekiel 37. 1-14**

**Romans 8. 6-11**

**John 11. 1-45**

Thanks to Mark Mitchels for the cover photo of a magpie hitching a ride on a muntjac.

# RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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## Ministry, Masonry and Money!

Back in November I wrote about church buildings, especially the hundreds of ancient churches in Suffolk alone, each worth a visit. There are three key reasons why people have an interest in church:

You are engaged in the spiritual side of church  
You are engaged in the community-oriented side of church  
You love the history and architecture of church buildings



Most of us who show an interest in church sit somewhere in a triangle between these three. I, for example, am chiefly interested in the spiritual and community aspects. Others are very interested in the building for its history, and place in community.

Church is an expensive activity. At the local level everything is paid for through donations, fees (for weddings and funerals), and some fundraising activity. There is no government subsidy. There is no mythical deep pot of money by which the church funds itself. And those expenses cover (chiefly):

Clergy: paying for a rector to live and work here, the training of future priests and the support of the church hierarchy and the diocesan office.

Buildings: paying for the insurance, upkeep, repair and heating.

While those who are regular churchgoers are the greater beneficiaries of having clergy, it is important to know that I am here for everyone. The regulars also benefit from the church buildings, of course, but these churches can be enjoyed by anyone - they are all open during daylight hours for quiet prayer or to look around. They add history and character to each village. They are an asset regardless of whether you go to church.

And this leads me to ask if you could support your local church... each PCC is grateful for all kinds of donations, regular or one-off, or as a legacy in your will. You can make donations or legacies for the general running, or restrict the purpose of your donation - we will honour the intended use of that gift or legacy: be it church fabric or church in general.

I am so grateful and amazed at the generosity I see every day. I hope and pray not only that church worship will continue in each village long after we are all gone, but also that each church building will continue to be an accessible, beautiful community space for generations to come.

**Blessings, Tim.**

# YOXMERE BENEFICE LENT COURSE

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## Prayer

at Darsham Village Hall  
Monday 27th February, 2pm —  
and for the next five weeks

We will be discussing Christian Prayer, basing discussion on the book 'Prayer' by Richard Foster (but you'll still get a lot out of this if you don't have the book!)

Refreshments will be provided  
All welcome to any meeting

This will be repeated as a zoom meeting  
on Monday evenings at 7.45  
for those unable to attend in person -  
contact Revd Tim for the zoom link.



## ELSEWHERE IN THE DEANERY....

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### Leiston - Lent Course

*"A beautiful friendship"* - reflections and informal group discussions using the film *Casablanca* as inspiration. We shall be exploring various subjects including; exile, love, sacrifice and friendship.

Mondays at 10.30am, starting on 27th February (five sessions) at The Vicarage, Church Road, Leiston IP16 4HG.

Please contact Rev Richard Finch in advance if you wish to attend, [vicarleston@gmail.com](mailto:vicarleston@gmail.com)

### Saxmundham - Lent Course

Dust and Glory: Tuesday evenings from February 28th

Dust and Glory is the Church of England's Lent book for this year. Meetings will be held each Tuesday evening during Lent, at 7:30pm in St John's Church or Hall, Saxmundham, depending on the numbers. For a copy of the book, please contact Doug at [atthecrossroads@skc.church](mailto:atthecrossroads@skc.church). A free digital copy can be downloaded from the Church of England website. If you are planning to attend on Tuesday evenings please let either Dave ([david@skc.church](mailto:david@skc.church)) or Nic ([nic@skc.church](mailto:nic@skc.church)) know, so as to enable better planning of space.

## THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

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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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

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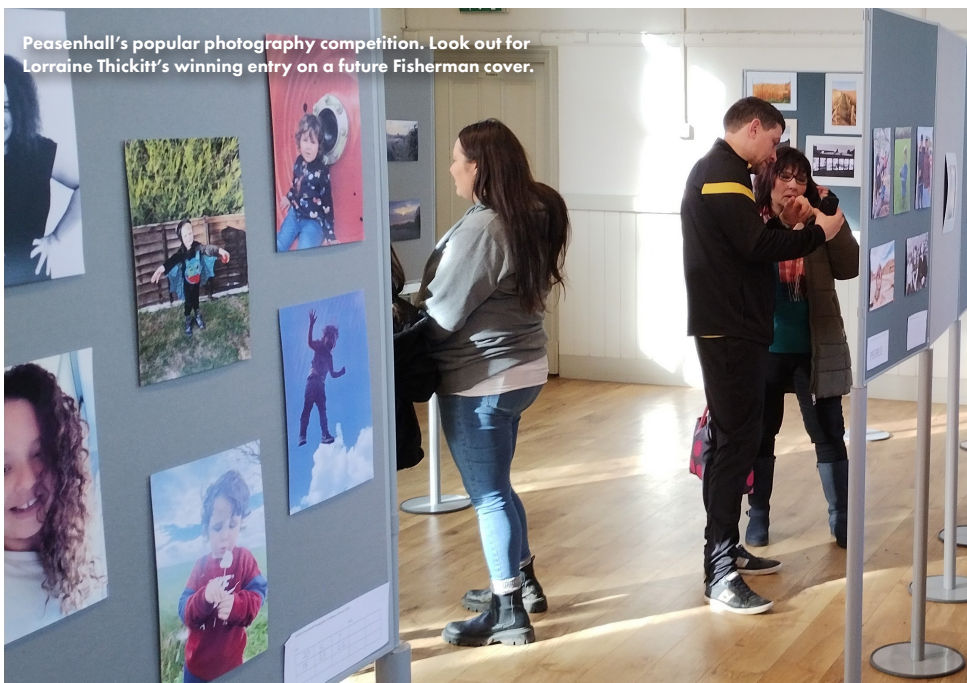
Well done Kathryn Branch for digging out a KJB and baking the Bible puzzle cake from last month's magazine – birthday celebration for Charlotte Klein.



Service and refreshments in Theberton Village Hall to say a big thank-you to all who contribute to the life of the church.



There were two magpies with that muntjac on the cover – here's the second so that's for joy.



Peasehall's popular photography competition. Look out for Lorraine Thickitt's winning entry on a future Fisherman cover.

# UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

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Just as it is important to understand that the Bible has different writing styles, which should be read in different ways, so it is also helpful to have a mental picture of the overall narrative of the Bible. Armed with a sense of when things happen, which books and people fit in each period makes reading the Bible - especially the old Testament - much easier to navigate.

I break the narrative down into 12 chunks.

## 1. Beginnings

The Bible starts in Genesis with the creation, Adam and Eve, their expulsion from the garden of Eden, then Cain and Abel (the first murder), which signals a moral downward slide before Noah

and the flood, and the tower of Babel.

## 1. Patriarchs $\approx$ 1850BC

The rest of Genesis covers the patriarchs, the first believers in the Lord. Abraham is called from Ur to Canaan and makes a covenant with the Lord. His son is Isaac; his is Jacob, who tricks and is tricked, sees a ladder up to heaven, has twelve sons. One of these is Joseph (of the technicolour dream-coat) who is sold into slavery in Egypt, but ends up saving his family from famine.

## 2. Exodus $\approx$ 1250BC

Hundreds of years later, the Israelites are now slaves in Egypt. God calls Moses to lead his people, there are 10 plagues, they have the first passover, and cross the Red Sea. In the desert for 40 years God feeds the Israelites on manna, gives them the 10 commandments and the law.

## 3. Joshua and Judges

Moses's successor, Joshua, leads a conquest of Canaan, including Jericho, where the walls falls down. But the new settlers repeatedly fail to remember what God has done for them, and they mess up. They are rescued by 'judges' including Deborah, Gideon and Samson, but the country descends into anarchy.

## 4. Monarchy $\approx$ 1000BC

The people ask God for a king. Saul, the first king, turns out to be no good. David, the shepherd boy who defeats Goliath, has many adventures and becomes Israel's best ever king, but he is far from faultless. Solomon succeeds him, prays for wisdom and builds the temple in Jerusalem, but ends up failing as a king.

## 5. Division $\approx$ 930BC

Solomon's son, Rehoboam is cruel and the country splits into Israel (in the north, under Jeroboam)

and Judah (in the South). In each of these kingdoms a succession of faithless kings rule badly. Israel is worse, and is conquered by Assyria in 722BC. Judah has a few good kings. Prophets such as Elijah and Jeremiah speak truth to power. The first parts of the Bible are written.

6. Exile — 587BC

Jerusalem falls to Babylon, the temple is destroyed and the people exiled. Ezekiel gives hope, the Medes and the Persians defeat Babylon, Daniel survives the lion's den, Esther is made queen of Persia.

7. Start of Return — 539BC

Cyrus allows the Hebrews to return home. Zerubbabel rebuilds the temple, Ezra teaches and reforms, Nehemiah rebuilds Jerusalem's walls. Jews renew their covenant vows.

8. Gap ≈ 400BC to 6BC

Most Bibles include nothing of this period. The Persians ruled until 336BC, when Alexander conquered the whole of the middle east. Greek becomes the common language. In 166BC Judas Maccabaeus leads a revolt. The Romans rule from 63BC, setting up Herod the Great as a puppet king in 40BC. During this time hopes for a 'messiah', a new king appointed by God, rise.

9. Jesus ≈6BC to 27AD

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and grows up in Nazareth. He announces the kingdom of God with words and miracles, attracting the enmity of those in power, Jewish and Roman. He is falsely tried and crucified, but rises from the dead, and ascends to heaven.

10. The early church ≈27AD

The church grows rapidly, despite persecution. 'Acts' charts this growth, focussing on Peter, then Paul and his missionary journeys which take the good news across Turkey and Greece to Rome.

11. The end — ?AD

The Bible finishes at the book of Revelation. Written in a time of persecution, this book is honest about difficulties but foresees God's kingdom coming, evil defeated and Jesus' return...

This is a long narrative that contains many good stories. Having a stronger sense of what has happened and what is to come in the story, whatever part we read, can provide us vital context to make sense of what we are reading, and that in turn makes it more enjoyable and more meaningful.

Some Bibles include a timeline and maps in the front or back cover. These are incredibly helpful. I'd recommend looking at this if you're ever reading the Bible and don't know when or where you are in the story!

Blessings, Tim.

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**Derek Gauntlett Anns**; aged 90 years, on Monday, 23rd January, in St Peter's Church, Westleton, followed by cremation on Tuesday, 24th January 2023 at the Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich.

**Kenneth Anthony Cordeiro**; aged 81 years. On Wednesday, 25th January, in All Saint's Church, Darsham, followed by burial in the Churchyard of Darsham.

**Gordon Hugh Turner**; aged 86 years, on Monday, 30th January 2023. The cremation service took place at Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



You are invited to share a  
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Breakfast 9.00am Service 9.30am

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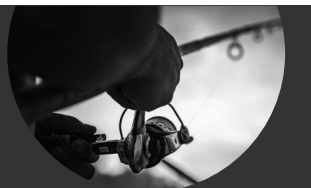


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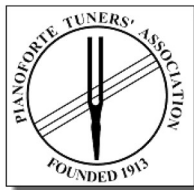
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# DARSHAM

## DARSHAM CHURCH

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Service details are shown on the church notice board. Refreshments are served after services, and we can enjoy coffee and a chat. The church will also be open daily for quiet time.

### Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 in the church.

## DARSHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY - VACANCY

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From April, the parochial church council has a vacancy for the role of secretary. There are four meetings a year including an annual open meeting for the parish.

For more information contact: Mary Millward 01728 668712 or email: mary.millward@btinternet.com

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY & THE COST OF LIVING

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Tuesday 4 April at 19:00

Darsham Village Hall, The Street, Darsham, IP17 3FA

All welcome

Darsham Parish Council is delighted to host a free seminar that will take a broad look at energy efficiency and its impact on our cost of living. We will discuss a variety of practical ways to help us

all improve our energy efficiency through simple everyday changes.

We will also have an impartial discussion about 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 on a one-to-one basis. If there are any issues that you would like us to discuss, please write to: darshamenvironment@gmail.com

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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At the February meeting of the Parish Council, the following dates were agreed.

**2nd April:** Litter Pick. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am

**8th May:** Coronation Lunch at the Village Hall. More details to follow.

**16th May:** Annual Parish Meeting. 6pm in the

Village Hall.

The go ahead was given to purchase two further poles to site the speed indicator device nearer the centre of the village.

It is also planned to arrange a training session on how to get the most from your smart phone. Date to be decided.

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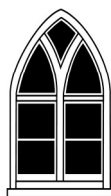
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# DARSHAM

## FILM NIGHT

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### **Saturday 11th March**

Who doesn't enjoy a good old fashioned murder mystery?..... See *How They Run* is a cracking comedy mystery inspired by Agatha Christie and set in 1950s London in the West End.

Plans for a movie version of a smash hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered and Inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) and eager rookie Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) find themselves thrown into a puzzling whodunnit within the glamorously sordid theatre underground, investigating the mysterious homicide at their own peril.

As usual we will have a bar, snacks, ice creams and soft drinks. Tickets are £5 on the door or at the Village Coffee morning on the 11th. Doors open at 1845 and the film starts at 1900. This promises to be a wonderfully entertaining evening!

In April we will be showing the hugely popular *Living* starring Bill Nighy and this will be the last film until October when we will have a new selection of recently released films. For any further information please call Anne on 01728 668270

## VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

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The planning and research into the Village playground is progressing.

A Pre-Planning Application Advice was submitted to East Suffolk Council, which decided we do in fact need planning permission for whatever we do, which will naturally extend the project.

We are in the process of establishing the exact details of funds available to us, mainly through Sec 106 Planning Obligations.

Due to a recent change of governance, the Playground Working Group will now act as an informal group but will still be able to submit a proposal to the Village Hall Committee.

As trustees of the Village Hall and the Green the Village Hall Committee remain the decision-making body for the playground project.

Please address any queries to: darshamweb@gmail.com

## DARSHAM 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY

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1st Prize: £100 Mr. J. Williams

2nd Prize: £50 Mrs. E. Wall

3rd Prize: £25 Mr. J. Meggison

# DARSHAM

## WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

### MARCH 2023 CLASSES

#### 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)

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**Dash Astro** - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. (See website: <https://www.dash-astro.co.uk/>)

**Crafty Club** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am. (Contact Heather Ballantine on 07860 278955)

**Darsham Dames** - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. (Contact Heather Meggison on 07516 540638)

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

**Patchwork & Quilting** – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

**Coffee Morning** – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

**Film Club** – *See How They Run*. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open 6.45pm, film starts at 7pm

**Parish Council** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm

**UK Church Fellowship** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

**Earthdance - Soulful Sunday** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

**Diss Guitar Ensemble** - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. Tickets £8 on the door

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Darsham Walking Market - Sunday 11th June

Darsham Village Fete - Saturday 5th August



## Guitar Concert

Darsham Village Hall

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

3.00 p.m.

£8 on the door

[to include refreshments]

*Proceeds to Village Hall funds*

*Diss Guitar Ensemble*



# DUNWICH

## THE LEPROSY MISSION STAMP BUREAU

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To those people who have carefully and kindly collected stamps for me to trim, sort and send to the Leprosy Mission, for the relief of patients with leprosy.....Thank you!

Unfortunately, the market for the sale of stamps has greatly reduced of late, and now that bar-coded stamps are being introduced, the value

will be further reduced, and so the decision has been taken to wind down and close their Stamp Bureau, as from 31st March, 2023. Should you have some stamps, you can send them (preferably trimmed and sorted) to: TLM Stamp Bureau, The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, PETERBOROUGH, PE2 5GZ.

Joan Godfrey

## COFFEE 4 U

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Our next dates for March are Thursday 2nd and Thursday 16th in the Reading Room. Hope you will drop in to see us. Coffee is usually ready by

10am until 12noon.

**Heather Cook**

## DUNWICH HEATH

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Spring is in the air, though to be fair it feels like it has been since the start of February! There are signs of nature waking up for the warmer months ahead, with the first buds on the trees and wildlife appearing more and more frequently. As a result, our ranger has finished all of his more disruptive conservation work on the heath and will now focus more on the low-key work, and surveys of the wildlife. One important thing to mention now spring is here, is that dogs must be on a lead while on site (unless on our woof walk) so as not to disrupt the ground-nesting birds which are just coming into nesting season. It also prevents your dog getting a nasty surprise from an adder should they wander into the undergrowth and disturb one!

In terms of what's coming up this month, it's a little quieter with Easter just over the horizon, but we do have our penultimate Turbulence to Tranquillity history talk and the first of our early morning birdsong walks. These are where our ranger takes you out on to the heath to listen for the wide array

of beautiful birdsong that can be heard in the early hours at this time of year, with breakfast and a hot drink at the end to warm up. Tickets and more information are on our website, but do book early as these walks usually sell out fast!

Looking ahead, as mentioned Easter isn't far away, and as usual we will have an Easter egg trail running over the bank holiday weekend, with all sorts of nature themed fun to take part in as you head round, with a chocolate treat at the end. There is a non-chocolate prize if you would prefer, or if trails aren't your style we will still have the geo-caching, den building, tracker packs and of course our miles of walks across the beautiful heath. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Dan Payne**

Visitor Experience Officer  
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## MIDDLETON WI NEWS

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At our January 2023 meeting Gary Doy came to talk about his service with the Southwold Lifeboat. He has recently retired but his service began in 1980 when he needed to be rescued. Before they would do so, he was made to promise that he himself would join the lifeboat crew! A fisherman by trade, his father and his grandfather had also been lifeboat volunteers. He worked his way up from "newbie" crew to Station Operations Manager who says nay or yay to the boat going out. On the books there are 19 crew and a doctor. Training used to be done as you went along, with a year's probation before you were allowed to join permanently. Now the training is by the book and there is even a Lifeboat College in Poole.

The beginning of the Southwold Lifeboat service was in 1841 when there were two boats on the beach. In 1928 the boats were moved to the harbour and in 1940 the largest boat went to Dunkirk. After the war a small boat was kept in the garage of the Harbour Inn and a slipway was used to launch into the river. Now, kept in the 'Shed' in the harbour and launched by crane and pushed out on tracks into the water, is a state-of-the-art Atlantic 85 inflatable boat. Hand built on the Isle of Wight, this £250 million (donated by Tranmere House, Sutton Hoo) can go 6.2 knots (45 mph), has an electronic plotter with screen, uses water as ballast in the bow and is open at the back. The crew of four are strapped in by their feet: helmsman, radio operator, navigator, and "eyes" at the back (usually a newbie). When there is a call the boat can be launched in 10 or 11 minutes. Every volunteer has their own kit hanging in the shed. The kit consists of a full body fleece that goes under an all in one waterproof suit with boots attached

and many outside pockets for gloves, medical cards etc. The lifejacket has satellite positioning, flares, whistle, hood with windscreen and buddy lines to hook members together if needed. When inflated the jacket can act as a life raft. The crash helmet has inflatable insides for a secure fit, and a microphone to talk to other crew.

The "shouts" are usually for breakdowns, dogs in the river, kite surfers, swimmers, searches, and drifting inflatables. If any medical treatment is given during the rescue, it must be recorded on the medical card accurately.

Unfortunately litigation is common these days, people will sue even when being rescued. There are about 18-19 shouts a year in the Southwold-Sizewell area, a reduction compared to past years which might be due to better health and safety education of the public.

Recruitment for the lifeboat these days is getting harder. There are not as many young people living and working locally as there were and fewer businesses who are willing to let their employees go off when needed. In the past most of the lifeboat volunteers were fisherman or worked for Adnam's Brewery.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday the 15th of March at 7:15pm. Victoria Hayden will give us a talk on Pilates. All are welcome.

**Lynne Venn**

# MIDDLETON

Save the date  
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# PEASENHALL

## POSITIVE PEASENHALL - TREE PLANTING FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Peasehall and Sibton have planted 44 trees. Thank you to all participants. If anyone missed out on a tree please contact the parish clerk.

## PEASENHALL VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Saturday 11th March at 9.30am. Please meet at the Assembly Hall at 9.15am

## POP-UP CAFE

Peasehall Assembly Hall Wednesday 1st March from 10am till noon. Free tea, coffee, biscuits and maybe even a slice of cake! (Donations in The Teapot welcome.) If you're wondering what it's all about, it's just a bunch of villagers of all ages getting together for a bit (well quite a lot) of a chat and a cup of tea. To find out more, contact Sara at Weavers Tearoom 01728 660548.

## PEASENHALL PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS

1. Thermal imaging project - this is a project of Warmer Suffolk, who lend villages a thermal imaging camera. It records the image from the Infra Red spectrum, and the colours show the hot and cold spots in your homes. I photographed about 20 homes around the village and gave a brief consultation about where and how they could save money, and improve comfort, with insulation etc. Grants and advice are accessed from the Warmer Suffolk and Groundworks East websites.

2. Positive Peasehall Photo project - grant funding (for several projects in the village) paid for a Photography competition and exhibition of photos taken by local residents (ages ranging from 5yrs to retired). Cash prizes were awarded for several themes, and visitors to the exhibition voted on Best in Show, which was won by Lorraine Thickitt.

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# SIBTON

## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S SIBTON



### Celebrating 'Coming of Age'!

The Friends of St. Peter's Sibton celebrated their 25th anniversary in style last year, with the extensive events programme at the church and the splendid medieval pageant in July. So what's next?

This year, our events programme has been finalised with monthly events at the church during the summer, several concerts, our usual popular three day book

sale in May and a major weekend event planned for July. Lots to do and enjoy!

The Friends would welcome enthusiastic helpers to join our cheerful group; it meets around four times a year. If you are interested in local history, or could help us with IT or advertising you will be welcomed with open arms. Why not phone to find out more? 01728 660253  
660869  
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453349  
Or email: sibtonchurchfriends@gmail.com

## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH SIBTON

The first part is a meeting to elect a churchwarden and that is followed by the annual church meeting. These will be held in the church on March 27th at 10.30am. All are welcome!

Over the past year work has continued to secure the

future of our wonderful medieval church building, and firm plans are in place for a lot more to be done. Do come to the meeting and hear about what is happening.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm:** The first in our calendar of events organised by the Friends of St. Peter's, Sibton is a concert of baroque music by Zephyr Baroque. Tickets will be on sale from The Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store before the event. The music involves the use of fascinating musical instruments: Recorders, Baroque bassoon, and Harpsichord. The music played often has a light touch, but can be languorous and moving in turn; well worth hearing in the medieval space of Sibton Church's nave with its beautiful ancient carved roof. Tea will follow the performance.

**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 free & ample parking.

**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.

# THEBERTON

## CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

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Applications are invited for the part-time role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the administration and financial management of the Parish Council.

The role involves:

- Advising Councillors
- Supporting Council meetings
- Implementing Council decisions
- Ensuring the Council complies with relevant legislation
- Basic accounting
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- Managing the Council's facilities including the Playing Fields and the Burial Ground

No previous experience is necessary as the successful applicant will be offered training to support this role. A good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is essential.

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Wednesday of every month and you will be expected to attend this evening meeting.

Remuneration will be between SCP 7 and SCP 17 (currently £11.63 per hour to £13.95 per hour) and will be dependent on qualifications and experience.

The role is for 6.25 hours per week, working from home.

To apply please forward your CV and a covering letter to the Chairman at [stephen.brett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephen.brett@hotmail.co.uk).

All applications will be treated confidentially.

## SPRING QUIZ

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Sunday 26th March at 7pm at Theberton village hall.

£5 per person, max 6 people per team. Refreshments, and raffle. Bring your own drinks. For more details and to book a table phone Sally on 01728 832386 or Kath on 01728832503.

# WESTLETON

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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St Peter's Westleton, 3rd March 10.30 - 12noon

A deanery service will be held at Kelsale at 2pm.

A morning of quiet reflection and friendship.

Followed by a Taiwanese themed lunch.

All are welcome to join us.

More information Tel. Joyce 01728 649045

## WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL

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Westleton Village Hall

The film for  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

March's **Film  
Night** is See How

*They Run*. April's Film Night *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Tickets are £5 and available from the Hall's Foyer, the Westleton Stores or on the door on the night. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

We are continuing to have **fun Bingo** monthly in the Foyer! 2.30 – 4.30pm, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome, no experience or booking in advance required. £5 each to play, for small cash prizes, all equipment provided. Refreshments will be available. Better than staying in!

Throughout March we will have local artist **John Mills** exhibiting in the Foyer - his lovely watercolours of people will be available for viewing and purchase, 10am - 12noon weekdays.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 12noon, Linda Freeman will be **hairstressing** in the Consultation Room. Contact her on 07765971774 to book. 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 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton to book: 07930 341901. Visit: [www.julietoverton.co.uk](http://www.julietoverton.co.uk)

Also on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm we have an **Auction of Promises** in the main hall. This is a fun fundraising event for the hall, where you can bid for items or promises of interest e.g. entry to Duxford Air Museum, plus a guided tour around a working hangar along with a chance to sit in a Spitfire, or a delicious breakfast from one of our local B&Bs, or even a nice box of chocolates! With around 40 entries we should have something to interest everyone. All welcome. Liquid refreshments will be available.

To see our latest timetable of activities, events and groups please see our website: [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://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. All welcome.

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# FUNERAL OF ROY JONES

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The Funeral of the late Kenneth Roy Jones of Westleton is to be held at St. Peter's Church, Westleton at 1.00pm on Friday 10th March. The family would also like to invite you to join them in the Village Hall for light refreshments after the service.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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Eastern Angles at Westleton Village Hall on Tuesday April 11th, 7.30pm with *Medieval Miracles*

## WESTLETON WI

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While the weather was trying to make up its mind and we could feel the cold biting at our heels we had a very sobering and thought-provoking talk and discussion on homelessness.

The speaker was Jan Sheldon, the Chief Executor of St Martin's in Norwich with the aim of combating homelessness and helping people who are sleeping rough. The several homes and centres in Norwich not only aim to provide shelter but also offer a rehabilitation programme that makes it much more than just a night shelter. As

was commented - for many people the possibility of homelessness is just two pay cheques away.

We are already looking for signs of spring and new growth all around us and therefore we also need to remember our annual Jumble Sale in September as we are doing our spring clean!

Our next meeting is a social evening and we are already looking forward to the promised fish and chips! Hoping to see you all there.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS 2023

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A big THANK YOU from the Fireworks Group for a great attendance and support. Hope you all enjoyed the fireworks and bonfire. Thanks to the Parish Council for their support, also to everyone who helped with the food and drink. Thanks to

Nat Bacon and Warrior Fire and Rescue. See you all Jan 1st 2024.

**Nick Shearme**

Chair of Bonfire Advisory Working Group

## WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS MARCH 2023

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**The last spring working party will be held on: Saturday, March 18th**

**10am - 12.30pm.**

Please wear tough gardening gloves, and thick trousers are advised - gorse is very prickly! Refreshments will be served at half time. Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

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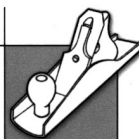
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# WESTLETON

## WESTLETON GARDENERS - OPEN TO ALL

Our final meeting for this season is on Tuesday 21st March in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Ivor Murrell will be presenting 'Westleton Garden Trail' - a photographic tour DVD of last June's Westleton Garden Trail open gardens. Come and take a trip down memory lane and a peak into some

of the lovely gardens in the village.

We will also be taking bookings and payment for the group's 'Summer Garden Trips' - preferably in cash. Entry is £2.50 each. Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be refreshments and time to chat after the talk. For queries contact Marilyn 01728 649088

## WESTLETON WOMBLER WALKS

### **Saturday 11th March, 2pm**

A 60 minute walk through Westleton Woods starting from the Westleton Heath Nature Reserve car park Dunwich Road.

Wednesday 22nd March, 10.30am

An 80 minute walk from Hogs Grove Forestry England car park Dunwich.

### **Sunday April 2nd, 10.30am**

A 60 minute walk through woodland from Westleton

Heath Nature Reserve car park Dunwich Road.

### **Uplifting Seasonal Strolls**

**Wednesday 29th March at 10.45am**

**Tuesday 25th April at 10.45am**

Westleton Womblers are trialling two shorter (30mins) springtime strolls from the village hall with an optional café social. Free and open to all. Do join us.

## TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



**St Peter's Church, Westleton, Suffolk**

**Sunday 12 March 2023, 3.00pm**

**Conductor ~ Jack Gonzalez-Harding**

**Soloist ~ Sue Treherne (oboe)**

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Oboe Concerto in D minor – A. Marcello  
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## YOXFORD TWO CHARITIES COFFEE MORNING

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

We will have a variety of stalls and plenty of refreshments. Please come along for a chat with friends, hopefully some laughter and help Yoxford Two Charities raise some money to donate to The Air Ambulance Service and EACH (East Anglia

Children's Hospice).

Thank you, all support is very much appreciated, Margie Saker.

For further information and enquiries regarding having your own stall at this event please contact Margie telephone 01728 668581.

## YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON

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**Outreach Post Office** – Mondays, 1.30am - 3.30pm

**Meet Up Tuesday Group** – Tuesdays, 11am – 12 noon

**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 to 9pm

**Boules/Pétanque Pistes** - available for community use, no need to book.

**Tennis Courts** - to book, contact Laura Greenberg on 01728 668053.

**Hall and Marquee Hire** - to book, contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748 784909.

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We meet in St. Peter's Church Yoxford on Wednesday at 7.30pm. We hope to see you there, especially if you have a lower range singing voice: Tenor/Bass

For more information: Email: [singoutyoxford@gmail.com](mailto:singoutyoxford@gmail.com) / Website: [singoutyoxford.co.uk](http://singoutyoxford.co.uk)

## CAEDMON EVENING IN WRENTHAM CHAPEL

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Wrentham Chapel will be hosting its Springtime Caedmon Evening on Friday March 12th at 7pm. This will be a seasonal celebration in music, word and song, brought along by some of the audience on the night – all contributions welcome. The

evening includes a light buffet with wine and fruit juice and time to chat. There is no charge for this event but donations to a retiring collection for upkeep of this historic chapel will be welcome. Further details: Sue on 07771 882738.

## CRAFT FAIR

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Looking for that special Mother's Day or Easter gift? Then come along to a Craft Fair being held at St. Margaret's Church in Leiston on Saturday 11th March (10am-2pm).

The church will be filled with stalls selling a wide variety of hand-made goods and unique gifts.

There will also be a raffle for church funds, charity stalls and delicious home-made refreshments sold throughout the event. Admission is free and there's plenty of parking.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## STOP SIZEWELL C

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While it's been a seemingly eventful time for Sizewell C, there is still at least a year before we know whether or not it will get the final go ahead. Here's a recap on where we are and a few reasons it might still never happen.

**Money.** The UK government now jointly owns Sizewell C, however other investors must still be found before construction can go ahead. Pension Funds are still wavering. On 1 February the Daily Mail reported that two of the UK's top funds - BT and NatWest - won't back Sizewell C, joining Nest, and the UK's biggest infrastructure investor, Legal & General who already said "no". Stop Sizewell C has launched a new advertising campaign in the City of London, calling on Fund Managers to "Pension Off" Sizewell C, and is appealing to supporters to help by writing to their Pension Fund. See [www.stopsizewellc.org/pension](http://www.stopsizewellc.org/pension).

**Planning & Technology.** Sizewell C's planning

consent is being challenged by Together Against Sizewell C, supported by ourselves and Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth, with a two-day hearing in March. Meanwhile the "EPR" reactor continues to give concern: commercial operation of Finland's Olkiluoto 3 has been postponed yet again and EDF has announced more delays and cost increases for Flamanville 3 in France.

**Politics & Timing.** Sizewell C's new owners all agree it will be 12-18 months until a Final Investment Decision is made, and with Rishi Sunak splitting up Whitehall to create a new Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, we can be confident the next few weeks will be taken up with deciding where everyone will sit!

Finally, we've some striking new campaign boards available for your fences and verges. Contact [info@stopsizewellc.org](mailto:info@stopsizewellc.org) to get your hands on one.



## Situation Vacant House Sitter, Pony Sitter, Dog Sitter Required



We are seeking a reliable, conscientious animal caring person to house sit our coastal home in a quiet village & look after our ponies and two dogs.

This position is a house-sitting position with full responsibility for the animals and house. This paid position would suit someone who enjoys country life, in a relaxing home with beautiful views with experience of equines. This position is for when we holiday, in the Spring & Summer.

You would be required to live in the house; the ponies need turning out & turning in every day, the 'mucking out' of a large field shelter, followed by 'skipping out'

daily as well as field manure picking daily. The dogs are friendly, content and will just require company, feeding and walking on the grounds.

We are looking for someone who lives in the Suffolk area, who has equine experience and a love of dogs, who can house sit for periods of a week to ten days and two weeks when we travel overseas. When we holiday in England the dogs accompany us and as such it would be just the house sitting & pony sitting responsibilities.

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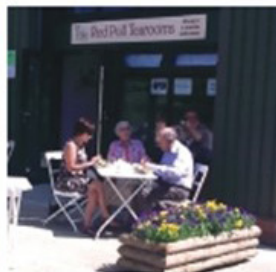
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