

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The Yoxmere
Fisherman*

April 2024

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2024

Sunday 7th April ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.00am Westleton Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Taizé
11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer
3.00pm Westleton Tea & Biscuits followed by
Informal Worship

Sunday 21st April ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Yoxford family@church
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Morning Praise
11.00am Peasehall Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday 28th April ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
10.30am Croissants@Church
9.30am Theberton Holy Communion
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer
with the Methodist Chapel
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion
6.00pm Sibton Evensong

Every Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

7th April, white
Acts 4.32-35
1 John 1.1 – 2.2
John 20.19-31

14th April, white
Acts 3.12-19
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24.36b-48

21st April, white
Acts 4.5-12
1 John 3.16-24
John 10.11-18

28th April, Easter 5, white
Acts 8.26-40
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS



In the summer of 1996 I was in Nicaragua. Most of my time was spent in a small place called Juigalpa, and my most powerful memory is when hurricane Cesar crossed the country on 17th July. My gap-year team mates and I were sleeping in simple breeze-block huts with zinc roofs (with gunshot holes in — I'm not kidding) and no glass in the windows. It was a pretty scary night.

But the other amazing memory was that we took a trip to the Caribbean coastal town of Bluefields. The mosquitos were huge, the music was Reggae, the language was English with a strongly Caribbean accent, and you wouldn't know you were in Nicaragua at all. It was quite amazing.

Is it for this reason that I'm fond of *Death in Paradise*? Probably not, because this has been one of the most enduringly popular series over the last thirteen years. *Death in Paradise* manages to be a bit of lots of enjoyable things — a crime drama set in a sunny, laid-back climate (great for winter viewing), with fish-out-of-water comedy for its protagonists, and occasional hints at romance. Sunday evening? Don't want anything too heavy? Need a 'nice cosy murder'? *Death in Paradise* fits the bill. It's *Midsomer Murders* with sunnier scenery. Yes, people die, and no, no one ever comments on the high mortality rate of Saint Marie either, because in the end the mystery gets solved and we can all go for a drink at Catherine's Bar and order chicken and chips.

Part of the reason it works is how formulaic the series is. The opening scene introduces guest characters, sets the scene and gives you a body. Before long the DI asks 'What do we know?' and the others give exposition while gathered at the whiteboard. Before you know it, they're talking to British ex-pats with a shady past, and then the DI has a moment of revelation and gathers everyone for the Miss-Marple-style big reveal.

It pays so much debt to Agatha Christie that the main town, Honoré, is named after the location for her novel *A Caribbean Mystery*.

Last year I wrote about *Endeavour*. Lots of people told me how much they, too, enjoyed it. *Death in Paradise* is nothing like it — it lacks the ambition or scope, it lacks the deliberate historical sweep and arch-plot. But it has got a CGI lizard called Harry and a clever twist in the denouement, so it's just what you need before launching into the coming week. I pray you have a good one!

Blessings, Tim.

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Thursday 18th April

Saint Felix

A Saint for our Time

Revd Andrew Vessey

Westleton Church
2.30pm

All Welcome

Contact Sue Norrington 660280 or
Jennifer Clough 648597
for more information

family@church

Sunday 21st April 9.30am
Yoxford Church



YOXMERE
BENEVOLENCE

An informal family-friendly service
for the young and the not so young

The Children's Society is a National Charity working with young people to counsel and support them through their most serious life challenges.

Since 1968 Christingle Services have been held in many churches to raise funds for the work of the Children's Society. Another way of fundraising is through collecting boxes in people's homes which are emptied each year.

Collecting the boxes and counting the contents has been done by Jan Belton and Sue Norrington over many years. They would like to pass this task on to somebody else. Could you help with this? If so, please contact Jan on 01728 660111 or Sue on 01728 660280.

**The
Children's
Society**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This will be on Monday 29th April at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. A safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from Revd Tim.



There were two notable birthdays in Westleton at the end of February: Hope (seated) celebrated reaching the age of 104 on the 28th; and Margaret's birthday was the 29th - her 20th. This is at Hope's party (see P. 21).



Altar from the World Day of Prayer service held in Westleton Church on 1st March, decorated with citrus fruits and olive branches, each detail of the service prepared some time ago by Christian women in Palestine.

THEOLOGY CORNER



Revelation is the last book of the Bible, and possibly the most extraordinary. It is a letter, written at the end of the first century, from John to various churches spread across Asia Minor. It was a time of persecution, and this letter comes by way of encouragement, though in a remarkable way. Most of the letter consists of visions, full of trial and tribulation, and yet still promising good for the faithful. The climax sees an end to all this trouble: Satan is defeated, God has the victory, and God reveals a new (or rather, renewed) heaven and earth, and a new Jerusalem. God and goodness are victorious, and there will be no more tears or

pain, because all of that has passed.

The style of writing is called ‘apocalyptic’ by Biblical scholars, which simply means revelatory. But it is a style of writing that can be found in parts of the book of Daniel and Ezekiel in the Old Testament, and in lots of texts that were written by Jewish writers during times of persecution, but which fall outside the Bible. The imagery is larger than life, and not to be taken literally. Numbers are significant, and have a meaning and, again, are not to be taken literally. So, for example, the number seven signifies *completeness*, more than it does simply a numeral between six and eight. Some have called this ‘God’s picture book’ because of the reliance on startling images. Imagery is drawn from across the rest of the Bible. So for example, when we ‘see’ God’s throne room, we are told of a rainbow (reminding us of God’s promise to Noah), thunder and lightning (as there was on Mount Sinai), and in front of the throne is a ‘sea of glass’, a reminder for the well read of the inner room of the Jerusalem Temple. As such, revelation is highly allusive, drawing much of the rest of the Bible into itself for its final analysis.

Apocalyptic writing, this sub-genre of prophetic writing, evolved particularly during times of persecution. In this it shares much in common with the comic book *Superman*, which provides a helpful comparison.

Superman was conceived by Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster in 1938, as Nazism in Germany was increasing in both its persecution of Jews and its threat of war. Siegel and Shuster, both American Jews, saw what was happening and felt powerless to help. They were drawn to create a great hero who would battle the inconceivably powerful forces of evil, and win the victory. It wouldn’t all be plain sailing, but his victory would be assured. This was Superman, a messianic figure, come to win the cosmic battle of good and evil. Superman’s Krypton name, Kal-el, sounds quite close to the Hebrew for ‘voice of God’.

Other superheroes — Captain America, Wonder Woman and Batman — arrived soon after, following the same formula: super-powered heroes and villains in a battle of good and evil. The ‘golden age’ of comic books was born as the Second World War was raging. I don’t think it is a coincidence that the ‘silver age’ of comic books occurred during the 1960s, coinciding with the Cold War and the Cuban missile crisis, nor that Marvel’s spectacular success in the cinema has all happened since 9/11.

Apocalyptic writing, similarly, became popular as a means of ‘processing’ a people’s hopes for the great struggle of good and evil whenever persecution was at its greatest. Just as comic books have their own language, rules and expectations, so too does Revelation and other apocalyptic writings.

There are two things that I suggest will help in reading Revelation. Firstly, don’t take the images literally. If it talks of stars falling, think of ‘earth-shattering events’; if it mentions locusts, don’t think of insects, so much as whether they represent the armies of mighty tyrannical nations destroying all in their path.

Secondly, the book goes through various scenes in turn: seven seals opened, seven bowls poured out, and so on. This is not necessarily one long narrative of events, but perhaps separate ways of looking at the present and the future, much like if I were to talk about God as Trinity I might suggest God is like the leaves of a clover, or like the sun and its rays and the warmth. I wouldn’t be implying either that God looked like a shamrock, or that over time God was first a shamrock, and then the sun. We would understand that these are both images that are reaching at the limits of language to describe that which is beyond our experience or comprehension.

Revelation is a remarkable book, very worth reading — especially with a commentary beside you. It is a book full of hope and expectation, and assurance for us, during our own often troubled and difficult times.

Blessings, Tim.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages

Bethany Jane Edwards to Christopher John Marshall, on 24th February 2024, at Holy Trinity, Middleton.

Funeral

John William Saunders, aged 88 years on 18th March, at St Peter's Westleton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Interment of Ashes

Francis Keith Tovell (Frank) aged 92 years, on 19th February 2024, at All Saints, Darsham.

Andrew Philip Smith on 29th February, at All Saints, Darsham.

Rosalyn Carol Garnham on 2nd March, at St Michael's Peasenhall.



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Sunday 12th May at 11.00am.

This will be followed by a lunch in the village hall. As usual book your lunch with Jean or Shirley. Further details later.



Darsham Horticultural Society Open Spring Show Village Hall on 6th April 2024



Viewing from 2.45pm

All welcome

Refreshments available

Schedules available from the boxes outside the Village Hall and “Springfields”.

Also available from the website at:- www.darsham.onesuffolk.net

Clubs/Horticultural Society

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT, SATURDAY 13TH APRIL - *The Miracle Club*



This comedy drama begins in 1967 in a hard-knocks community in outer Dublin where three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates) and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) have a dream to win a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France, the place known for healing miracles. With a little interference from their rebellious priest, the friends are the “lucky” few to win this prize at their local raffle night. Meanwhile, Chrissie (Laura Linney), the daughter of another friend, has returned from forty years in Boston USA, only to find that her mother has died, and she joins the trio on the trip.

This is a heartwarming film with wonderful performances from the lead actresses and excellent attention to the period detail. It's sure to be a good evening.

Tickets are £5 and are available on the door or at the coffee morning in the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm - the film at 7.00 with a short interval. We will have a bar with wine, beers, soft drinks, snacks and ice creams. Please get in touch if you need any further information - Anne 01728 668270 or 07852 237389.

Anne McPhail

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100 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

1st Prize: £100 R. Clark 2nd Prize: M. Flower 3rd Prize: A. Davidson

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council held a well-attended meeting on Tuesday 12th March.

County Councillor Richard Smith's report touched on the impact of the LionLink project in our area, which was seconded by District Councillor Paul Ashton. Due to the impact of the project in Darsham, councillors agreed to establish a sub-committee for LionLink, to be co-ordinated by Cllr Taylor. A response will be submitted by 4th April to the environmental impact assessment, and members of the public are encouraged to share their views.

The Village Hall requested the Parish Council's help with the raffle and tombola at this year's village fete, to which all councillors agreed. The hall's treasurer, Paul Diamond, also gave a brief presentation on his efforts to unlock historic community funds for Darsham, in which the Parish Council has agreed to assist. Although flooding continues to be an issue, progress has been made on The Street, with Denbury Homes conducting a site visit and agreeing to carry out remedial works to the ditches fronting the Greenside development which appear to be the cause of the issues.

Two planning applications were discussed, one of which related to the proposed village playground, and both were supported by the council by way of a majority vote. Cllr Ballantine noted that Suffolk Highways' response to the proposed 110-home development south of Darsham station at the A12/Westleton Road junction has been amended to be in favour of the development, subject to the provision of a formal signalised crossing over the A12.

Darsham Parish Council's next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm in Darsham Village Hall.

Richard Green, Vice-Chair of Darsham Parish Council

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL - APRIL 2024

Play Area Update

Planning permission has been applied for and is awaiting a decision.

Projects:

Several other large-scale projects are being discussed by the Village Hall

Management Committee. Large-scale projects mean large budgets and we will need to look at ways of fundraising to be able to fulfil the projects. These include.

- Playground
- Tree Work
- Curtain Cleaning & Fireproofing
- Village Green/Field

Could you help kickstart our efforts by developing fundraising ideas? Could you help us explore fundraising opportunities and search for those ideas which could support our community? We are looking for anyone who may have expertise in this area, or an interest in helping, to join us in our quest to make the Village Hall and the surrounding area the best it can be for the use of everyone in the village.

If you are interested and feel you can support us in this area, or would like to know more, please contact either Jill Edwards or Heather Ballantine to discuss it further or email info@darshamvillagehall.net

Walking Market:

The VHC is proposing to hold a Walking Market on Sunday 30th June. We would like to know if there is any interest in this. We have had a number of responses via WhatsApp but anyone else interested please email info@darshamvillagehall.net

What has happened this year:

- New water softener - purchased & installed
- New hot water boiler - purchased & installed, helped by a generous donation from the Majyk Scraps Quilting Group
- Heating controls repaired
- CCTV cameras - purchased & installed

Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (contact Carol 01986 784642)

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30 to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11am to 12pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)

Yoga – every Fri. 10.30 to 11.30am (contact Debbie 07906 346545)

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7pm to 9pm (contact Alan Holland 01728 668451)

Carpet Bowls – Every Friday 2.30pm (contact Heather Shipp 01728 668251)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tues. 9.30 -10.30am and 11am to 12pm (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146)

Crafty Club – Mon. 8th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Dash Astro – Sun. 7th - 7pm (Observing) & 21st 7pm (Meeting), (contact Chris Mead - chrismeadhome@hotmail.com)

Events and Meetings

- Coffee Morning – Sat. 13th at 10am hosted by the Bowls Club.
- Film Night – Sat. 13th – *The Miracle Club* (see notice on page 9).
- Parish Council Meeting – Tues. 9th at 7pm.
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 10th at 10am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577).
- Writers' Group – Mon. 15th at 2pm (contact Russell 07496 096056)
- Watercolour Classes – Mon. 15th 9.30am to 12.30pm (contact Colin 07528 515214).

Forthcoming events

May Half Term – Children's Craft Afternoon, date to be finalised.

10th August - Village Fete - stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola.

DUNWICH

COFFEE 4 U

Our dates for our April meetings are on Thursday 4th April and Thursday 18th, all in the reading room at 10.30am until 12 noon. Our last one is on May 2nd - just in case the Fisherman is late.



Heather Cook

DUNWICH MUSEUM

Dunwich Museum will be open daily from 11.30am – 4.30pm from April 1st. Visit us and learn about the city lost to the sea. Our special exhibition this year is on Pilgrimage and will feature some unique pilgrim badges.

We are delighted that the National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded us a grant to support the charity through the next phase of the Dunwich Community Heritage Hub project. We are very grateful to lottery players for enabling this wonderful opportunity.

The museum is looking for volunteers. We have a few projects in the upcoming year with a variety of different volunteering opportunities. If you have an interest in local heritage, enjoy sharing the stories of our history, caring for collections, or if you enjoy a bit of admin, drop us a line at admin@dunwichmuseum.org.uk or call us at 01728 648796.

April 4th and 11th, 12.00 - 4pm – Easter Family Activity Days

Make a pilgrimage charm out of shells and beads, decorate Easter biscuits, and join Sister Luke at 2.30pm on a medieval walking tour of Dunwich. Dunwich Reading Room.

April 20th 12 - 4pm – Earth Day Activity

Learn about herbs and plant your own mini herb garden to take home with you. Outside the Dunwich Reading Room.

Our **Dunwich Summer Sale**, on **Saturday July 6th**. Local crafts, collectables, and bric-a-brac tables welcome.

If you want to be one of our crafts-folk and vendors, please let us know.

Our **Art Show** will run from **August 2nd – 5th**. Artists are invited to submit art works for consideration for our Summer Art Show which will run at the start of August in the Reading Room.

Works can be for sale or simply for exhibition; a small fee will be charged per painting and commission will be taken on sales.

Please submit sample JPEGs of your work to Sarah by June 30th.

Send applications for both events to Sarah at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

NEWS FROM 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. Hopefully the heather's recovery will continue, so fingers crossed for a prolific flowering season.

April will be packed with activities from history talks to birdsong walks, and pond dipping to Dartford warbler tours. On the 21st, 11am-3pm, we have the earlier return of the Dunwich Heath dog show. It will be a brilliant day, so whether you're a dog owner or just love our furry friends, do come along!

Daniel Payne

DUNWICH TOWN TRUST ANNUAL MEETING

Villagers of Dunwich are invited to attend this meeting on Saturday 25th May, 2.30-4pm in Dingle Marsh Barns, The Granary, Dunwich, IP17 3DZ. by kind permission of the Barham family There will be an introduction to the Trust members and informal discussion, followed by a cream tea.

Please confirm if you would like to join us and advise of any dietary requirements: to sharonearp@outlook.com or to Little Greyfriars, High Street, Dunwich, IP17 3DN.

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MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON

It is good to report that Holy Trinity has had a hopeful start to 2024 enjoying a mixture of services which included a welcome return of 'Poetry and Pastries'. The church was also privileged to host an enchanting wedding in February and a baptism in March; the sun shone on both occasions and as we journeyed through Lent together, mindful of all that is broken in our world, we remembered that Easter was in our sights....

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

In February instead of an evening meeting we took a trip to the seaside. Thirteen members went to lunch at the Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh. We dined in the conservatory with a view of the beach, fish huts and strolling visitors. We enjoyed delicious food and good company. How relaxing it was: no shopping, no cooking, no washing up! A very welcome treat in the midst of a cold, rainy winter.

Our next meeting is 17th April at 7.15pm. It was to be "Soup and Subs". There has been a change to the programme: subscriptions had to be paid in March instead of April. We will still have a supper but we are now hoping we can arrange a speaker for that night.



Lynne Venn

MIDDLETON-cum-FORDLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

presents an entertaining talk by local residents

**Neill from Fen Lodge: 'The Principles of Planting Design -
how to improve your beds & borders'**

&

**Mandy & Steve from Manor House:
'The Evolution of a Garden'**



MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 6th APRIL 2024

7pm-8pm (doors open 6.45pm)

Refreshments provided

Entry is free but donations gratefully received



Save the date

Middleton Open Gardens

1st and 2nd 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.
Funding raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting Suffolk Mind and Project40seven(Leiston)

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS



PEASENHALL

A Celebration of the Life of

Valerie Jean Farquharson

at St Michael's, Peasehall

Tuesday 2nd April, at 3.00pm

All friends and neighbours welcome.

Tea following the service.

Contact Lisa on 01728 660879 for more information.

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

If you haven't already seen, the path at the Assembly Hall has now been completed. Our thanks to Nice Touch Landscapes for doing such a fabulous job.

Dancefit - £5 per session. Pre-booking is required at <https://www.fleighactivewear.co.uk/book-online>

Every Tuesday evening 6.00-7.00pm.

Friday 5th April - **Peasehall Picture Palace** will be showing *The Miracle Club*. The film stars Laura Linney, Kathy Bates, Maggie Smith, and Stephen Rea. There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime. Doors open at 7.00pm - film starts at 7.30. Bar and snacks.

Saturday 13th April - Watch **The Grand National** on the big screen.
Doors open at 2.00pm. Bar and refreshments.



Saturday 20th April - **Quiz Night!** Teams of six at £7 per head - which includes supper. Starts at 7pm. To book your team of 6, please call Jane on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Friday 26th April - **The Pop-Up Pub** returns for the first time in 2024. The bar will be open 7 - 11pm. Darts, Pool and games provided.



As always, we value your support to enable us to continue to carry out improvements and maintenance to this amazing community space.

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SIBTON

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST PETER'S SIBTON

The Concert on April 13th at 3.00pm is the event that opens the season. Tea will follow the performance. **Zephyr Baroque** gave the opening concert last year to great acclaim. They play a programme of thrilling baroque music on period instruments. The sound of these instruments in the nave of Sibton church with its over-arching ancient roof is magical. The medieval space being perfect for this kind of music: Liz Alexander – recorders; Karen Bainbridge - baroque bassoon; and Geraldine Taylor - harpsichord.

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The annual meeting for the appointment of churchwarden is on April 22nd at 10.30am and is followed by the **Annual Parish Church Meeting**.

Advance notice of **Sibton's Mighty Books-'n'-Bric-a-Brac Sale on 25th, 26th & 27th May – 10.30am – 4.30pm**; always a popular event at Sibton Church with all proceeds going to urgently needed church repairs. Everything on sale is good quality. There are always lots of second-hand books. The fiction includes a large number of sci fi titles and non-fiction includes local history as a specialism, and there are often other rarities. There are children's books and toys; plants; quality bric-a-brac, as well as LPs, DVDs and CDs. All items are individually priced.

If you have any of the above that you would like to contribute please contact sibtonchurchfriends@gmail.com or phone 01728 660369.

Refreshments are available all day; admission is free and there is ample car parking on the old glebe meadow. There is now no truth in the old story that there is a danger of getting stuck in mud: that problem has been eradicated!

Andrew Campbell

THEBERTON

SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 6th April, at Theberton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30; quiz starts 7.00pm. £5 per person, max six per team. Half-time food and raffle; bring your own drinks. To book a table please call Sally on 01728 832386.

NEWS FROM THE THEBERTON LIONESSES

(raising funds and awareness for East Anglia's Children's Hospices, Zest and St Elizabeth Hospice)

Following on from the success of last year raising a total of £2,250 (Afternoon Tea in August and Jazz Night in November), we have two events planned this year.

Calling all bakers! We are holding a **"Bring Your Bakes"** competition on **Saturday 25th May** at The Old Rectory, Pretty Road, Theberton IP16 4RY. Adults and children up to the age of 12 can enter any breads and/or cakes. The entry forms are available from Suzi Cooper 01728 635736 (WhatsApp 07879 685136). **These need to be filled in and paid for by 30th April.** Entries £1.50 per item and a maximum of five items can be entered (£5.00). Prizes for 1st and 2nd places plus a beautiful glass trophy for best in show.

Entries to be at The Old Rectory between 8.30 and 10.30am. Judging 11am-1.30pm. Open to the public from 2pm when afternoon tea will be served. Auction of donated entries at 4pm. Further details from Suzi Cooper 01728 635736.

The Jazz Marquee is coming to The Old Rectory, Pretty Road, Theberton IP16 4RY on **Sunday 1st September from 5pm**. “Wear Something Jazzy” dress competition, mini auction, mini quiz, raffle, bar with “Three of a Kind” playing two sessions, plus two-course sumptuous summer buffet. Tickets £30. Ring Suzi Cooper on 01728 635736 to book your tickets. All profits are shared between EACH and St Elizabeth Hospice.

SUMMER FUN DAY - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

12.00-4.00pm at the Village Hall, Church Road, Theberton.



For more information call Sally on 01728 832386. *Save the date!*

WESTLETON

WESTLETON COMMON EVENT APRIL 2024

There will be a **Nature Walk** on **Saturday April 13th 10.30am - 12 noon**

Join us for a gentle wander round the common, where there will be plenty of birdsong to identify at this time of year, hopefully including the first nightingales of the season. **Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.**

Thank you - I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Village Hall to help me celebrate my 104th birthday. It was such an enjoyable (but exhausting!) afternoon. I'm a newcomer to Westleton but have been made to feel so very welcome and I enjoy watching life from my armchair. Thank you for all of the cards too, from those unable to sample the splendid cakes - a lovely day. *Hope Hall*

GUIDED WELLBEING WALKS

Friday 5th April 11.30am Walking Westleton Woods.

Meet beyond Ralph's Mill on Mill Road. What Three Words: stadium.furniture.fluctuate. 1.65miles taking 45mins. Grade 4.



Friday 19th April 10.30am Quarry Fen and Wood.

Meet at Westleton Heath car park, Dunwich Road. 3.25 miles taking 90mins. Grade 5.

Friday 3rd May 7am Early Birder. A gentle walk to listen to the sounds of Westleton Common.

Meet at the container in Mill St car park. Grade 4 taking up to 90 mins 2.2 miles.

JOSEPH HARVEY YOUNG

Harvey died unexpectedly on 1st March, following his wife Lis who died on Boxing Day. The family would like to welcome anyone who would like to say a final farewell to Harvey, at the Greenwood Burial Ground, Saxmundham IP17 1JU, on Thursday 11th April at 12noon, for the interment of his ashes, followed by refreshments at the Golden Key, Snape.

In his earlier years Harvey was very much involved in Westleton village life and events, including the Wild Flower Festival and looking after Westleton Common. He was interested in wildlife conservation and was a volunteer warden with the National Trust for many years, and organised the Aldeburgh Festival guided walks. He will be very much missed by all who knew him. Please contact Charlotte Keith on: 07410 975599 for any information.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL

The **Wheelbarrow/Community Market** is back in the foyer on Saturday April 6th from 10am-12.30pm. Come along to find lovely local produce, bric-a-brac, gifts, crafts and more! Refreshments will also be available. Later that evening at 7pm for 7.30pm the **Film Club** is showing *The Great Escaper*. Tickets are £5 and available on the door.

The **Parish Council** will be running their monthly drop-in surgery session in the Foyer (this month on Monday 22nd April 10.30-11.30am). Two members of the Parish Council will be available to hear residents' views and answer their questions. Do pop in for a chat and coffee.

Carpet bowls this month will be on **Sunday 21st** from 2-4pm. £2 per person, as a drop-in rate. Refreshments will be provided in the foyer halfway through. No experience needed – all are welcome.

The **Foyer Exhibition** for April will be by photographer Carole Homersham. A selection of her original prints, some taken using ICM (Intentional Camera Movement) and others layered with texture and colour to create a more painterly image. Instagram: carolehomersham

Consultation Room: We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07821 055404. On Thursday 11th April 9am-4.30pm we have **footcare** with Susan from No Bad Feet, and also 12th April 9am-12noon. To book call her on 07497 371073. Linda Freeman will be **hairedressing** in the Consultation Room on Monday 22nd – 07765 971774 to book. **Reflexology** is back on Saturday 27th April 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 www.julietoverton.co.uk

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The Foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers. On Tuesday mornings we also have Tech Table in the Foyer, and Wednesday mornings the Chess and Coffee group. For more information please contact Annie.

WESTLETON WI – MARCH MEETING

Once we had eaten and had a chat, we made ourselves comfortable for a talk by Dilys Hall, the Westleton Village Hall archivist. The talk was entitled, 'The 1952 Sanitary Survey of Westleton'. At this time there was no mains water in the village and as a consequence of that, no mains sewers. Dilys very cleverly put the date of the survey in the context of world events, e.g. achievements in the space race, which made the lack of mains water even more incredible.

Most sanitary arrangements were earth closets, some positioned in the front garden, which were deemed inadequate by the survey. Also inadequate were the houses which disposed of the waste in their small gardens. Many houses disposed of their waste in the allotments opposite the Village Hall which was considered adequate. A very enlightening talk!

Gill Wood



WESTLETON 100 CLUB

The 100 club for the year 24-25 has 73 subscribers purchasing 238 individual tickets. This has resulted in a distribution of £950 each to the Westleton Village Hall and St Peter's Church on behalf of club members.

The first draw of the year, March, took place at the Soup and Pud gathering on Monday 8th and the winners were

1st prize: No 21 Lindsay Potter, 2nd prize: Kenneth and Esme Sillito.
Congratulations to them.

Liz Barton

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all who completed the questionnaire about traffic calming measures in the village to mitigate the anticipated SZC construction traffic. Westleton Parish Council (WPC) is now collating the results and comments, and

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these will form the basis of discussions during the next meeting of the B1125 Working Group with EDF and the County and District Councils. The WPC will present the results and explain any further developments during the Annual Parish Meeting on April 30th (see poster below).

As mentioned in the February and March *Yoxmere Fisherman*, a housing needs survey will be distributed to all residents in late March /early April. The survey is being conducted specifically to inform an application for some affordable housing in the village and is designed to gather views of residents and everyone with a strong connection to Westleton, either through work, family, or current or previous residency. Therefore, if you know someone who lives outside the parish who has a strong connection and may wish to move to or return to the parish within the next few years, please do ask them to contact the Parish Clerk on westletonclerk@gmail.com to request a copy. It is important that the survey is completed by as many residents as possible so please do take the time to read and complete it.

As noted in the last *Fisherman*, WPC text and the minutes of the Parish Council meetings (available on the Westleton website), with the ending of the Barrel Fair, the council has taken a decision to hold a village fete at some point during the summer months. A group is being set up to plan/organise it and we invite all residents who wish to participate in the planning to please contact the Parish Clerk on westletonclerk@gmail.com.

You may be aware that National Grid has proposed a number of on-shore cabling projects in East Suffolk. Each of these present the threat of more energy infrastructure and traffic impacts in the area. WPC has been making its views known through the various NG consultations over recent years – notably to express concern about the cumulative impact of all of these projects and SZC on the area. National Grid has just published a study which largely rejects the alternative and less intrusive option of off-shore cabling. Background to the study and the study itself can be found at: www.nationalgrideso.com/document/304496/download. National Grid has also just published its results of

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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the 2023 consultation on the Lionlink interconnector cabling project where they state they favour either the Southwold and Reydon or the Walberswick landing options with the converter station being located just to the east of Saxmundham. Each of these options would result in cabling being laid around the north and west side of Westleton. The document can be found at: www.nationalgrid.com/document/151096/download.

You may have noticed that work is ongoing to repair the play equipment on the Community Field. This has taken longer than anticipated, but the expectation is that it will be completed before Easter.

The April Parish Council surgery in the Village Hall will be on Monday 22nd April - 10.30-11.30am. Please do feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

YOXFORD



PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

Starting on Wednesday 17th April

Pebbles is a stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers. Every Wednesday during term time 11am-12noon.

Refreshments will be available for adults.

Looking forward to meeting you soon.

YOXFORD BOWLS CLUB

Do you fancy trying your hand at lawn bowls? Our season runs from late April 2024 until September. The bowls rink is just around the corner in Yoxford, opposite the Village Hall. If you would like to have a go, please ring either Margie (668570) or David (648225) for more information. Bowls are available for you to use.

Also have a look at our website - www.yoxfordbowlsclub.com



YOXFORD ART CLASS

Meets every Thursday 2-4pm in the Village Hall. We are a small, friendly, mixed-ability group. It is a topic-led class with some tuition (including occasional visiting artists). We work in a variety of media and you can bring your own materials, or use the ones provided. Refreshments are included and the first class is free! For more information: contact Joan Hodgkiss 01728 668869 info@joanhodgkiss.com.

POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE IN YOXFORD

You may have heard that Post Office Ltd is proposing to make significant changes to the community outreach service it currently offers to Walberswick, Yoxford, Wangford, and Snape, with notice of a huge reduction of its service in Yoxford to one hour per week from a van in the Village Hall car park,

The Parish Council, as Sole Trustee of Yoxford Village Hall, has communicated its concern and objections to this plan and is advocating for the service to continue as it is. The Council has written to Dr Therese Coffey and Kevin Hollinrake asking them to bring pressure on the Post Office to revoke the decision. You can see the letter here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/>

The Post Office has been in touch with an invitation to contribute to a consultation. You can access this online at “Post Office Consultation Hub” (search for “Yoxford”). Please fill in the questionnaire. The more responses the Post Office receives, the greater the hope that they will be persuaded to revoke their decision.

Any queries, please contact Trudy, the Parish Clerk (07767 987691) or parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com who'll happily help.

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

April 6th: Yox Rocks Music Night with local covers band, *Picturehouse*. Doors open 7.30pm

April 13th: Quiz Night 7pm

April 26th: Pub Night 6-11pm

May 10th: Wildlife Talk with renowned photographer & ecologist Harry Reade. 7pm (£5)

May 17th: Film Night *Anatomy of a Fall*

May 31st: Pub Night 6-11pm

The hall's licensed bar will be open for all evening events.

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – REGULAR WHAT’S ON

Outreach Post Office - Mondays - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11.00am – 12.00pm

Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month

Outreach Post Office - Wednesdays - 9.30am - 12.00pm

Art Classes – Thursdays – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Youth Club - Thursdays – 6.00pm to 8.00pm - 11-18 year olds

Parish Council – first Thursday of the month - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

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VILLAGE MATTERS

Update following the floods since October 2023: Work continues in the village to minimise risk of future flooding. You may have seen the reappearance of the white railings now that Suffolk County Council has cleared the gully along the A12. East Suffolk Council completed a road sweep and so the village is beginning to look clearer.

Village green areas: The Parish Council has awarded this coming season's grass-cutting contract to SCL Landscapes and looks forward to working with this new team to shape the village's green spaces for the benefit of everyone.

Volunteering Matters: You'll see our fabulous village volunteers out and about at various times. If you're able to join the team, please let the Parish Clerk know or just turn up at the Village Hall at 10am on either **April 20th & 21st** - tasks to be finalised.

Sizewell C: The yellow notification signs of the Sizewell project are hard to ignore and significant works are beginning. The resurfacing of sections of Yoxford Rd, the B1122, towards Middleton & Leiston is due to be completed by April 14th. Council has been informed that the majority of work will occur at night when the road will be closed (from 7pm to 6am). Escorted access for residents and business will be available at all times. Diversion signs will be in place. A letter from Sizewell which details this work will be posted on the Parish Council's noticeboard and online.

Due to these works, some residents will now have been contacted by Sizewell regarding its Noise Mitigation Scheme. Residents affected by noise from the road works will be able to apply for measures to reduce impact. **The Parish Council is available to support anyone with an application.**

Sizewell has set up a 'Works Tracker' online where we'll be able to keep up to date with all its work. Find the Tracker here: <https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/>

For Sizewell C updates on the village website, see here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/sizewell-c-updates/>

In addition, the Parish Council offers its support to anyone who needs it. In the first instance, get in touch with Trudy, the Parish Clerk.

YOXFORD HISTORY GROUP EXHIBITION

"PUTTING NAMES TO FACES"

Did your grandfather play for Yoxford United? Was your uncle in the Home Guard? Is there someone in your family in an old school photo? We have several group photos depicting many subjects in our archives. Come and see if you can identify anyone.

Yoxford Village Hall Saturday 20th April 11am-4pm.

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When I go over my time here, I remember those that are no longer with us, which always makes me sad. I must also mention my husband Kevin, who over the years has mended, repaired and fixed all sorts, as with such an old building it seems endless! To the girls who have helped me over the years - again a big thank you. Special thanks to Hayley who came to me for a job, and I said I don't think I'll have enough work for you, and she stayed with me for seventeen years! She has always been there for me and my family....thank you x.

It's been nice having my younger daughter doing her beauty work here and enjoying "Snips" too. Don't think I'll make another forty years, but I'm still here!

Maureen Martin-Wiles x

WRENTHAM CHAPEL ON "DRIVE-IT DAY"

On Sunday 21st April, folk out and about in classic vehicles will be welcome to call in for a pit stop at historic Wrentham Chapel. Light refreshments and "facilities" will be available between 10.00am and 4.00pm, with informal transport-related worship, for a short while, at 3.00pm. Anyone is welcome to drop by to view the chapel and vehicles. Details - Sue 07771 882738.

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