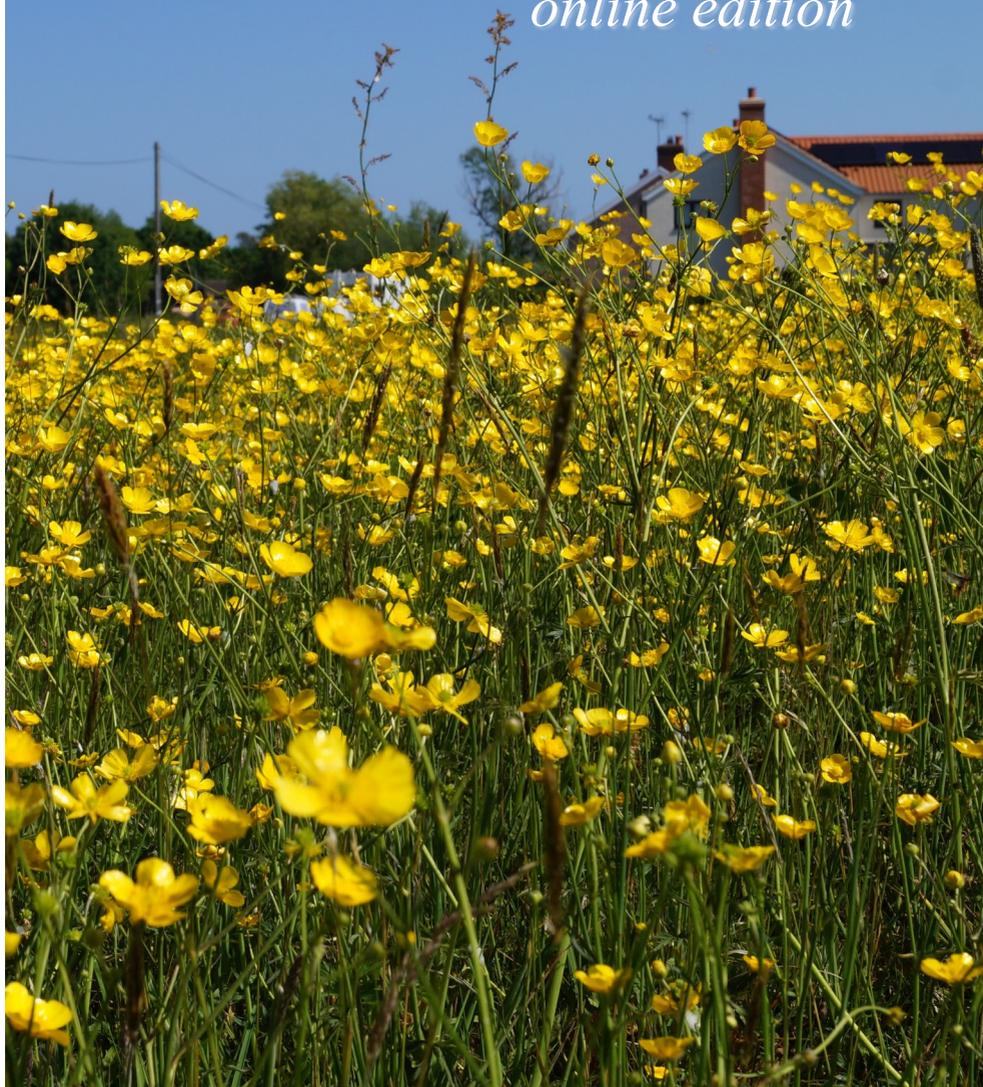


NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman

online edition



June 2021

Rector's Ramblings



Sometimes people tell me that the separation of church and state means that I shouldn't voice any statement that sounds political. I don't agree! Christianity is concerned with helping us to build a good relationship with God and a good relationship with each other. The second half is profoundly political — it is about people, how we should be organised and governed, how we seek the greater good and so on. I won't, however, be publicly *party* political. And I am wary about how

my voice can be heard and understood, or misunderstood.

Sizewell C is political (but not party political). You may have received a leaflet from the Stop Sizewell C campaign or, if not yet, you will. Please look at it and think about it. Your voice is very important to the outcome of the Sizewell C bid.

I personally think Sizewell C is the *wrong answer* in the *wrong place*. I think green energy solutions are being developed at a remarkable pace and nuclear is far from green. As for the place — when Jesus talked about building a house on the sand it was supposed to be a spiritual metaphor, and yet this coastline is famously eroding. Dunwich was once a thriving city — where is it now? Which wise person builds anything big and dangerous here?

The objections continue — it threatens Minsmere and other fragile local ecosystems and Sites of Special Scientific Interest with noise, light and air pollution; it will damage the beauty of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty you chose to live in, it will damage the tourist economy, overload the local infrastructure, and tear up these villages to create bypass roads and car parks. If it goes ahead it will be the biggest building site in Europe, spreading across hundreds of acres and utilising extraordinary amounts of water in the driest part of the country. People remember the traffic for Sizewell B as bad. C would be two reactors and easily double the traffic. I don't think this is 'nimbyism' — there are specific reasons why this area is unsuitable.

Besides these objective arguments, I have enormous pastoral concerns. And the distress this project creates and the injustice of an enormous company muscling its project through during the pandemic, when we cannot meet, causes me great alarm. The shadow of this project is already making itself known in distress, anxiety and depression. This can only escalate dramatically if C gets the green light.

If you don't wish to see Sizewell C happen, you must do something! Your voice matters — especially if it joins with thousands of others. So, please make your voice heard, for or against. See www.stopsizewellc.org for more information.

All blessings, Tim

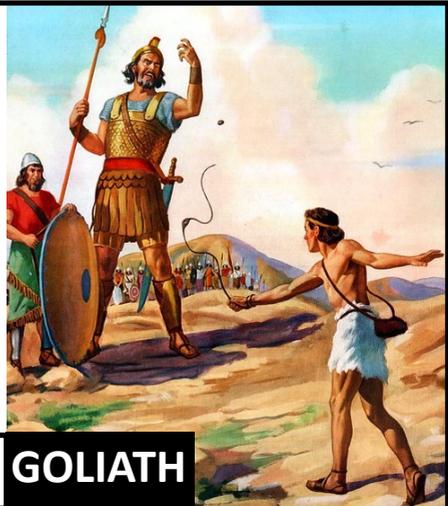
From the Editor

Welcome to our first printed edition for a few months. As life starts to open up and more activities and events are happening, do please send in your news of these. And please send your photos too.

Just a reminder: the deadline for submissions is the 14th of the month.

Enjoy the new freedoms, but as ever keep on keeping safe.

Philippa Dent

family@church	 An illustration of the biblical story of David and Goliath. Goliath, a large warrior in armor, stands in the center holding a spear and a stone. To his left, another warrior holds a shield. To his right, David, a young boy in a white loincloth, is shown in a dynamic pose, ready to throw a stone. The background shows a landscape with hills and a cloudy sky.
<p>YOXFORD CHURCH, Sunday 20th June 9.00 for 9.30am</p> <p>A relaxed family-friendly service for the young and the not so young</p>	
DAVID AND GOLIATH	

We look forward to welcoming you at our family@church service on 20th June, when we will be hearing about the Bible story of David and Goliath. We still have to follow Covid restrictions and keep to social distancing. Congregation members are not allowed to sing in church, but if the weather is fine we go outside for at least one of the songs and everybody can join in the singing. In our service on May 16th we sang two songs in the churchyard in glorious sunshine. See photo on Page 5.

The family@church team

From the Registers

Funeral

Dinah Lumpkin on Wednesday 5th May 2021 aged 83 years. The service took place in Seven Hills Crematorium, Ipswich.

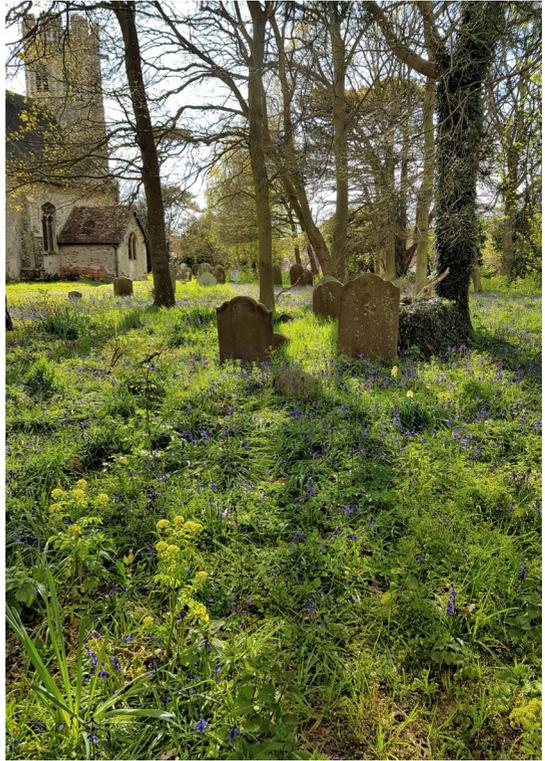


Above: Panoramic view of Westleton Pond

Below: a Common Blue butterfly on a Greater Knapweed flower. See article on butterfly conservation on Page 30



Right:
Bluebells in
Theberton
Chuchyard



Below:
Alfresco singing at
May's family@church
service in Yoxford



Lectionary & Liturgical Colours for June

6th	Green	1 Samuel 8:4-11	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	Mark 3:20-35
13th	Green	1 Samuel 15:34—16:13	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
20th	Green	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
27th	Green	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

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Being Forgiven and Forgiving



“Her sins, which are many, are forgiven for she loved much.”

These words of Jesus to the woman of ill repute who gatecrashed a dinner party and proceeded to wash Jesus’ feet and dry them with her hair, can be interpreted in two ways. In the original Greek and as rendered above in the *King James Version*, they *can* mean that Jesus declares her sins forgiven *because* she “loved much”. Her love betokens her repentance. She repents. She loves. So she is forgiven.

On the other hand, the words of Jesus can equally mean that the woman’s great love is a sign that her sins are already forgiven i.e. her love is the fruit of her having been forgiven! Is it then, that she is forgiven *because* she loves, or that she loves *because* she is (already) forgiven?

I wonder which interpretation you favour? Perhaps you would go for the first, viz. that the woman’s being forgiven is Jesus’ response to her repentance, expressed in her loving act toward him. After all, this is in accord with what we are taught as children: that God forgives us if we are sorry. But is that right? How sorry do we have to be? How do we know when we are sufficiently sorry? There is obviously something wrong here! Moreover, the newer translations of the Bible render these words differently e.g. “Her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love.” So, which is correct? There is a clue in what Jesus says next, but it is often overlooked. He points out that those who are forgiven little, love little!

The New Testament tells us that God forgives, and forgives without any strings attached. However we do need to acknowledge that we stand in need of forgiveness. If we are closed to our need of it, we can’t receive it: not because God withholds it, but because *WE do!* Yet our acknowledgement of our need for forgiveness is but the beginning of repentance. Repentance is a turning round to look towards God. It is as we receive God’s forgiveness into our hearts that we are set free

to turn - to repent, in fact. And repentance is a process! However, that emphatically does *not* mean being sorry is a process. We are not asked to lacerate ourselves with remorse, let alone keep on about it! We need to take God's forgiveness seriously. He really does forgive us, put our sins behind his back, blot them out. In so far as we take this to heart, we receive his forgiveness and are set free to turn round: to repent.

No small part of that repentance is to be set free to love. "You must love your neighbour as yourself." It is important to notice the "as yourself". Unless I love myself, I can't love my neighbour. Indeed I can't truly love! And I can't love myself if I am burdened with guilt. Inevitably, I project onto others my self-despising and make truly loving them impossible. To know myself forgiven is to be set free from that: freed up to love myself and my neighbour. So with the woman in the gospel story. Her great outpouring of love showed that she was forgiven and knew she was.

It is often remarked that the one clause in the Lord's prayer with a condition attached is the one about forgiveness. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Where is God's unconditional forgiveness here? Yet this is to miss the point. It isn't that God's forgiveness is conditional, it is that in so far as we ourselves are unforgiving, we are shutting out our neighbour—one of God's children, our brother or sister—and therefore shutting out our Father, the Father of us all. And if we shut *him* out, we are inevitably closed to receiving his forgiveness. As that great NT scholar Jeremias once put it, "Our forgiveness of others is the outstretched hand by which we grasp the forgiveness of God." This "outstretched hand" is the *willingness* to forgive. Forgiving takes time and happens at various levels. It simply isn't always—or even often—possible to forgive there and then. It is the willingness that is important, the being open to the possibility of forgiving and wanting to, even if it's really hard or seemingly impossible. We can pray for the grace to do so.

First and foremost, we must ask God for his forgiveness and be assured that *we have received it*. We shall then be free to love and forgive others. Our love will show that our sins are forgiven.

John Kemp



The Mothers' Union Branches in the North Suffolk Area will be running a Pop-Up Shop in Halesworth from 21st to 27th October to raise funds for projects in this country and abroad.

We are looking for good quality bric-a-brac like china, kitchen items and pictures. We can also take books.

If you are turning out any items like this and would like to donate them to the Mothers' Union, please phone Sue Norrington **01728 660280**.



VACCINAID



The Church of England and other faith groups are supporting the **VaccinAid** campaign, which aims to contribute to the biggest vaccination drive in history. campaign. This is led by UNICEF UK in partnership with the online fundraising platform Crowdfunder.

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For more information go to www.vaccinaid.org to donate or begin fundraising. For those of us who are lucky enough to have had our Covid-19 vaccinations, this gives us a practical way to give thanks and help others.

Play your part and help vaccinate the world - **because we'll only ever be safe, if we're all safe.**

Darsham

Worship

Service details are shown on the church notice board. The church will also be open on Sundays and Wednesdays for individual prayer. If we get a sunny day we will have the service in the churchyard as we did last year.

Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 am in church and continue to be available online to all in our benefice. Should you wish to be added to the circulation list, please email Roger on rsmith377@outlook.com or Maureen on maureen.yoxmereclergy@gmail.com

Darsham Village Hall 100 Club for April

1st (£100) Mr. J. Millward ;
2nd (£50) Mr. & Mrs. R. Halsall ;
3rd (£25) Mr. J. Griffiths

Darsham Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on the 4th of May using Zoom. Robin Leggate was elected for a further year as chairman of the council and Jasmine Backhouse was elected as deputy chair.

The development of 110 houses on the A12 south of Granary Cottages was discussed, and the chair and deputy chair said they would attend the upcoming Yoxford PC meeting to get its views. (The Yoxford PC thinks the development is in the wrong place and, like us, is unhappy with pedestrians having to cross the A12, particularly with the increased traffic from all the other developments along this road and the Sizewell Park and Ride.)

It appears that the village will be in receipt of a significant amount of CIL money and the chairman asked Jasmine Backhouse to chair a sub committee to gather ideas from the village on how this may be spent.

This was the last Zoom meeting of the PC, we hope, and future council meetings will be held in the village hall.

Robin Leggate

Dunwich

St James Church, Dunwich Celebration Weekend 31st July & 1st August

The churches in our benefice have opened up from lockdown and we are now holding socially distanced services. This has brought joy to all who have been denied the spiritual and social benefits of churchgoing during the pandemic.

As we cannot hold our usual flower festival in May we are planning a celebratory weekend on 31st July and 1st August, and invite all to join us for tea, cake and open church. There will be bookstalls too.

Please put this date in your diary.

Christine Palmer, Churchwarden

Middleton

Services at Holy Trinity Middleton

Sunday 13th June, 11 am: Morning Praise

Sunday 27th June, 9.30 am: Holy Communion with Theberton

Middleton Open Gardens 14th and 15th August 2021

With our green fingers crossed and if the Covid-19 situation allows, we are delighted to announce that plans are progressing for our 2021 event. In order to give more time for the restrictions to be reduced we have gone further into the gardening year and will be welcoming visitors on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th August, so a very different planting season than usual.



Having needed to cancel last year's event, there was a resounding "Yes" from those who have opened previously and a "Why not?" from some newcomers. Currently I estimate we have fifteen gardens and talks are still progressing with owners of new properties.

There will be more details in the next *Fisherman* but we are all looking forward to welcoming you.

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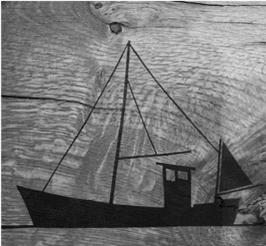
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Middleton (cont.)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MIDDLETON RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND UPDATE

The vital repairs under this grant will be to the South East Buttress and the associated area of the church.

Timing for this is as advised in the Village Newsletter for May—starting **Monday 28th June.**

Unless unexpected delays or issues arise, work is expected to last for **six weeks.** Work will be external and at the east end of the church, and services and other activities inside the church will proceed as normal unless emergencies occur.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Health and Safety regulations (supervised by DMA Health and Safety Ltd) require that the Permissive Path at the east end of the church will be closed during the duration of the works. In addition – the eastern section of the path alongside the south of the church will also be closed.
- We will put notices on the Permissive Path - but the work area will be enclosed with safety fences.
- We are sorry this path will be closed - but it is essential for both public and site worker safety.

The contractor (R & J Hogg Ltd) will access the site from the Back Road gates and while some vehicles will stop in the road for material unloading and similar operations – contractors' vehicles will either park inside the churchyard or in the car park at the playing fields.

A contractors' toilet will be placed near the Back Road gate during the period of the works.

During works the water tap at the church will be unavailable. One at the Back Road gates will remain in use.

We are advised that **NO** photographs should be taken of the works (a data protection issue).

We apologise in advance for disruptions – but this work is vital to the future and wellbeing of the church.

Holy Trinity Church PCC

Middleton (cont.)

Middleton-cum-Fordley WI

At our April Zoom meeting Ian Barthorpe from RSPB Minsmere gave us a virtual tour of the Reserve. In 1947 on land rented from the Ogilvie Estate a tiny car park, a makeshift visitor centre, and a few pioneering hides were put in. From that small start, the Reserve expanded so that in 1977 the RSPB, through popular fundraising, was able to purchase 240,000 acres of land.

The diverse habitats of this land are home to 6000 species of plants and animals. With pictures Ian showed us the Reserve's different areas and its inhabitants. Along the beach, behind the sand dunes is the Scrape, a man-made coastal lagoon of water and islands where avocets, terns and wading birds are found. To the south there is the sluice which controls the water into the river. Swallows can be spotted there. Inland are the grazing marshes for highland cattle and Konik Polski ponies. Lapwings and redshanks live there as well.

The next habitat is the reed beds, maintained by digging and cutting, and home to the famous booming bittern. The bearded tit and the marsh harrier also thrive here. New to the reed beds is the great white egret, and otters and many species of dragonfly can also be seen. In the woodlands and heathlands the nightingales sing, the bluebells bloom in May, the stone curlews nest in fields grazed by rabbits, and this is the perfect habitat for red deer. Ian reminded us that there is much to do and see at Minsmere and we thanked him for his fascinating talk.

Lynne Venn

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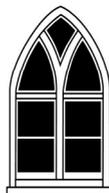
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If restrictions do not change, it will be fully open from 21st June and will welcome everyone back.

Hooray!!



St Peter's Theberton

Following completion of the repairs to the church's thatched roof, the bells could be heard on Tuesday 18 May, ringing out for the first time since the lockdown.

Nick Ward



AASC

Artists Against Sizewell C

AASC is a group of artists (ever-growing) working in collaboration with Stop Sizewell C to help raise awareness of the destruction the building of two new reactors will cause.

Our first exhibition is on **Saturday June 26th** in **Theberton Jubilee Hall** with a studio trail, walks and bicycle routes to highlight the potential impact that the building of Sizewell C will have.

We have sculpture by Fran Crowe, a photographic recipe collage of Goose Hill by Touchstones, poetry by East Suffolk poets and design by KAZMILA amongst the art promised so far. Other contributors include Diana Marsden, KEY, Mary Anne Woolf, Ruth Redgrave, Richard Whiting and Jennifer Raison.

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Westleton

Soup and Pud

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In order to restart we would like a few more volunteers to serve, and to cook puddings once or twice a month. Cost of ingredients will be reimbursed.

We are holding just one Soup and Pud this month, prior to the break through July and August. This will be on

Monday 28th June from 12.00 to 1.20 pm.

We will then resume in September.

Further details and to volunteer please contact me on **01728 648477** or **07772 788680**.



Catriona Hopkins

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Westleton (cont.)

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10.00am Thur 10th June - Westleton Heath Woodland Walk

10.30am Tue 22nd June - A Walk on Westleton Common

For more details on length/grade/start points etc., and to book your free place, visit www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk or call **01473 718193**. For a thirst quencher after your walk, refreshments are available to purchase at Westleton Village Hall until 12 noon.

If you can't make these dates, please don't worry. There'll be more! Watch this space...

Judie Shore

Westleton Common News

NATURE WALK

Saturday 26th June

A gentle stroll on the common led by David Rous to enjoy the wild flowers, butterflies, bees and birdsong.

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Westleton (cont.)

Our thanks to all who have responded to the recent community questionnaires.

We're delighted to say the feedback on the new facilities has been very positive with 97%

saying they are happy, or very happy, with the renovations. There were lots of comments and thoughts about future activities and the trustees will be reviewing new ideas and hoping to welcome back the previous activities, talks and events over the next few months.

If you would like to be involved, suggest a speaker or come along and help in the foyer please do contact Annie (centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk).

Many people mentioned communications and as well as regular news updates in the *Yoxmere Fisherman*; you can also find updates on Facebook, the website (www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or do send us your email address and we'll add you to the mailing list. Information is also posted on the village hall noticeboard.

In the meantime here's a quick rundown of what's planned for June:

The hall is a COVID-secure venue and everyone is welcome to come along for socially distanced coffee inside and outside the foyer. It's open 10am-12noon every weekday.

Talks have restarted, with Lynne Walker returning to talk about Popularism on June 11th, and on June 25th Simon Hooton will be giving a talk on Swifts. Tickets £5 in advance from the foyer when it's open, or the village shop.

On June 5th Westleton Gardeners are holding a plant sale between 2-4.30pm in the carpark. Tuesday June 8th David Thompson Art Sale 10.30-12.30. On Thursday 3rd a Nia Dance free taster will be held from 9.30 to 10.30 and the monthly Dance for Children with Bev Jarvis is continuing every Saturday 10-11am. Liz White is starting a Feldenkrais class from Friday 11th June 9.30am-10.30am. Call her on 07419 838291 to book

Other regular activities include:

Qigong on Thursday mornings. More info -: QiGong_Wenhaston@outlook.com

Pilates on Thursday evenings: contact Harriett to book on hbdempilates@gmail.com

Brunching Out - Michelle will be serving favourite breakfast treats on Sunday 30th May, 13th and 27th June from 10 to 12 noon. Book with shell23@hotmail.com.

Nia Dance Thursdays from 3rd June 9.30 to 10.30 with Jen at jen@earthdance.uk.

Stretch and Strengthen on from Wednesday 9th June from 10am to 11am, followed by Chair Exercises from 11.30 to 12.15, both with Trish Dent.

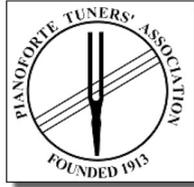
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For full details and booking information please visit www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk, the Village Hall Notice Board or email Annie at centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk or call **648354**.

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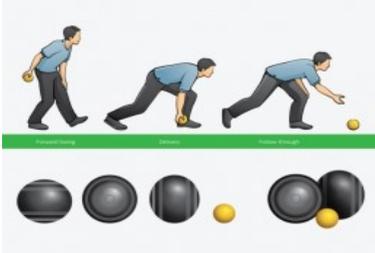
Save the date

If Covid restrictions allow, it is hoped to hold the following events later in the year:

Harvest Lunch Saturday 9th October

Jubilate Concert Sunday 17th October

Carole Lee



Yoxford Bowls Club

After last year's lockdown, the club is now up and running again. We are a friendly club and are happy to welcome all comers who wish to try the sport.

If you would like to have a go, please ring Margie on **668570** or Barrie on

668477, who will be pleased to give you further details. Bowls are available to use.

Barrie Davis, Chairman

Yoxford Tennis Club

The club is keen to see more people playing on the lovely courts at the village hall. Please contact me on **07867 521697**

or email laurakg59@gmail.com for details of membership or rates to play and play.

Laura Greenberg



To all clubs, societies & individuals in Yoxford

If you have any item you wish to be included in the *Fisherman*, please forward it to me at 1 Strickland Manor Hill, tel. **668477**, or better still by email - barrydavis1547@gmail.com - before the 10th of the month.

I will then forward it to the editor for the next edition.

Barrie Davis

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Update from Stop Sizewell C

To mark 2021's Suffolk Day, 21st June, we are holding two events:

1. Photo Competition, Deadline Friday 18th June.

The brief is "*SOMETHING I LOVE ABOUT SUFFOLK BUT I FEEL IS THREATENED BY SIZEWELL C*". Your subject can be a place, objects, creatures or illustrate something more conceptual, like tranquillity.

We will have two age groups; 16 and under (so encourage those young people!) and everyone over 16!

- The prize (for those of age) is pizzas and pints for two at the Eel's Foot in Eastbridge. The offer will remain open for six months to give you time to claim it (and the landlord will trade it for roast dinner for two at the Bell in Middleton), but if you don't live in or really can't get to Suffolk we will arrange something similar local to you. We'll arrange something appropriate for the 16 and unders too.
- A condition of entry is that you give us permission to publish your photo (with or without your name, up to you).
- All details on how to enter are here: www.stopsizewellc.org/photo-competition/ Deadline is 18th June.

2. Guided Walk, Monday 21st June:

Subject to Covid restrictions being fully lifted, we plan to lead a guided walk around the Sizewell C site on Suffolk Day, Monday 21st June. We will depart from the Eel's Foot at 4pm and return by 6.30pm, via Kenton Hills and the Minsmere Sluice - a total distance of just over five miles. This is a beautiful walk but shows the scale of EDF's construction site. Whether this is a familiar walk for you or not, we warmly invite you to join us if you can. (See opposite page for disclaimer and conditions.) The route can be viewed on our website at www.stopsizewellc.org/walks .

Although we very much want you to join us, please be aware that doing so is at your own risk. We may also need to limit numbers should Covid restrictions remain in place. You should be confident that you can walk five miles in two hours. The majority of the distance is on good footpaths with a short section of road at the start, but the Sizewell Marshes SSSI crossing has been flooded for many months and may require you to wear/carry wellies in order to cross. The terrain is otherwise generally flat and dry/sandy underfoot, although the path from the sluice can be a bit muddy after rain. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome to join but note the above re the SSSI crossing (we know some dogs that hate water!) Stop Sizewell C (TEAGS Ltd) accepts no liability for any injury, accidents, loss or damage suffered in, or by reason of, the walk, however such may be caused. We will go ahead unless the weather is really bad.

Alison Downes



Suffolk Day Walk 2019 Photo by Stop Sizewell C

HOW CAN YOU HELP IMPROVE THE LOT FOR BUTTERFLIES?

Let me first introduce you to two elderly gentlemen who spend some of their spare time recording butterfly numbers in Dunwich Forest: Michael, who lives near Woodbridge, and Peter from Beccles. They have been doing this for ten years following the same route every time—known as a transect. The walking of transects is well established across the UK and is enjoyable yet also has scientific merit.

Michael and Peter share the weekly walk from 1st April to 30th September and the concern is that they are growing older. What they would like is to have someone else take on a regular walk and have possible successors. And it is the case of "the more the merrier".

Butterfly Conservation administers a number of ways to record butterfly numbers. Using the thousands of records they get, they can say what butterflies are where across the UK and how many. There was little method to collecting data until 1976 when the Pollard Walk was devised. The methodology is the same for transects and the Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey (WCBS) which was established in 2009 and only needs to be walked twice a year.

If you still wish to help with butterfly conservation but the transects and the WCBS are just not for you, how about the Garden Butterfly Survey? Once you are set up on the web it is entirely up to you how often you enter sightings and there are photographs to help you identify the species you see. If you have a smart phone it can be even easier using iRecord which can also help with identification. Casual sightings can be recorded on iRecord as you walk, whether in town or country.

I have already mentioned the transect in Dunwich Forest. In the same locality, there is a WCBS square available at Darsham. It is not the most attractive walk in Suffolk nor the shortest to get round, yet if you lived there it would be convenient.

To take up a citizen science hobby is a productive way to spend your spare time and helps conservation. Counting butterflies is best on warm sunny days and costs nothing, so if you are interested please contact me by email: twm.wade@yahoo.com

Twm Wade



(See photo by Twm on Page 5.)



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On 6th February, fifty people from different denominations came together in Suffolk Rural College (previously Otley College) to explore Love Rural, which is about "making Jesus visible through loving action" in the Suffolk countryside.

Following this consultation we plan to develop a small but dynamic inter-denominational team under the patronage of Bishop Martin. The Love Rural team will focus on:

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SHINE: To connect projects and congregations in the countryside including those of different streams and denominations so that good rural practice can be shared and mutual support offered.

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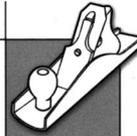
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