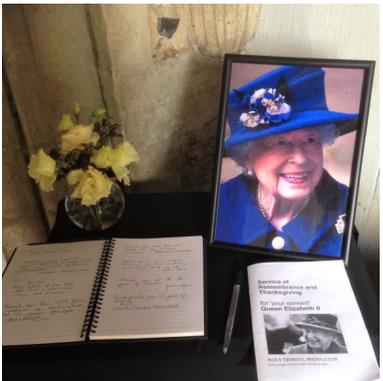


The Yoxmere Fisherman

OCTOBER 2022



The Benefice says goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd	16th Sunday after Trinity	09.30	Yoxford	Morning Praise
10.00	Theberton	11.00	Darsham	Holy Communion
	Benefice service with	11.00	Dunwich	Morning Praise
	Holy Communion – with	11.00	Middleton	Holy Communion
	Speaker, Revd Phil Dykes.	11.00	Peasehall	Morning Worship & Harvest Festival - with the Methodist Chapel
Sunday 9th	17th Sunday after Trinity	15.30	Sibton	Evensong – with Harvest Celebrations
09.30	Theberton			
09.30	Westleton	Sunday 30th	All Saints' Day (4th Sunday before Advent)	
09.30	Yoxford	09.30	Theberton	Healing Service
11.00	Darsham	10.00	Middleton	Holy Communion
11.00	Dunwich	11.00	Darsham	Morning Praise
11.00	Middleton	18.30	Westleton	Informal Worship
11.00	Peasehall			
Sunday 16th	18th Sunday after Trinity			
09.30	Theberton	NOVEMBER		
09.30	Westleton	Wednesday 2nd		
09.00	Yoxford	15.00	Westleton	All Souls' Service – with Holy Communion
11.00	Dunwich	Sunday 6th	3rd Before Advent	
11.00	Middleton	10.00	Yoxford	Benefice service - with Holy Communion
11.00	Peasehall	Every Wednesday – unless stated		
15.30	Darsham	10.00	Westleton	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	Last Sunday after Trinity			
09.30	Theberton			
09.30	Westleton			

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

2nd October
Trinity 16 – Green
 Lamentations 1. 1-16
 2 Timothy 1. 1-14
 Luke 17. 5-10

9th October
Trinity 17 – Green
 Jeremiah 29. 1. 4-7
 2 Timothy 2. 8-15
 Luke 17. 11-19

16th October
Trinity 14 - Green
 Jeremiah 31. 27-34
 2 Timothy 3. 14- 4.5
 Luke 18. 1-8

23rd October
Bible Sunday - Green
 Isaiah 45. 22-25
 Romans 15. 1-6
 Luke 4. 16-24

30th October
All Saints' Sunday
 Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18
 Ephesians 1. 11-23
 Luke 6. 20-31

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

We were all moved by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last month. As the pomp and ceremony now fade and we look forward to the coronation of King Charles III in the months ahead, we find ourselves in a new chapter, and a new way of being. Not a big change for us each personally, on the whole, but a change nevertheless. A new language, new inflections, new habits.



As the head of the Church of England and our country, the Queen was prayed for in services around our benefice every week. We shall, of course, do the same for His Majesty King Charles III. The thread of prayer remains unbroken, and even as prayer books and hymnals are updated we can reflect on the long years of service and of her example of faithfulness. For, whether we are “monarchists” or “royalists” or whatever, in praying for our leaders we are praying for ourselves and for each other. Each of us must serve and each must set the example by leading in service.

Whether you watched every second of television coverage, or marked the event in some other way, I hope you found space in the period of mourning. Time to reflect on your own life and, yes, your own mortality, and to thank God for her example and her service and care for her people.

For some of us the death of the Queen may have been met with disbelief, or emptiness. Most of us may not have known her, but she was part of the fabric of our British lives, and that has changed. For some, this moment will have stirred a deep nostalgia, or awoken the grief from our own bereavements, where we may not yet have found peace. If this is so, I would encourage you to talk about it with friends, or with me or one of our ministry team, and to pray about it.

Christians believe that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life where there is no more sadness, pain or death. We can take comfort that Queen Elizabeth believed this with her whole heart and that she so wanted us all to believe this, too, as she felt this would give us, her people, the best chance at a life of service and of joy.

We pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayers and Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS – SEPTEMBER 2022

Weddings

The wedding between Joe Morrison and Sarah Marjoram took place on Saturday 3rd September 2022, in St. Peter's Church, Theberton.

The wedding between Sam Booker and Lucy Curtis took place on Saturday 3rd September 2022, in St James Church, Dunwich.

Ashes Interment

Joyce Eileen Cullingford: on Thursday 18th August 2022, aged 81 years. The interment of ashes took place at St Peter's Church Yoxford.

Funerals

Angela Muriel Estcourt-Foster: on Thursday 25th August 2022, aged 92 years. The graveside funeral service took place at St Michael's Church, Peasenhall.

Alan Hargreaves: on Tuesday 30th August 2022, aged 78 years. The funeral service took place at the Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium in the morning. On the same day in the afternoon, a Thanksgiving service took place at St Peter's Church, Westleton.

Adrian James Harding: on Monday 5th September 2022 aged 43 years. The funeral service took place in St Michael's Church, Theberton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

William Robert Jolyon Turnbull: on Friday 16th September 2022, aged 66 years. The funeral service took place at the Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh. There followed a burial, attended by close family, at St. Peter's Church, Theberton.

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The Yoxford village sign, sadly felled by a passing lorry but now being repaired. (See P.30.)



Nicky's Foundation

Nicky Smith whose foundation supports disabled people in Cameroon in a variety of ways, including providing specialist equipment such as this adapted tricycle. (See P.18.)



Rosemary and her grandson William at Kelsale church, the 14th they visited on the day of the Suffolk Churches Charity bike

COVER PHOTOS

Clockwise from top left:

Union Flag at half mast outside Darsham Village Hall

Ringing a muffled peal of bells at St Peter's, Theberton

At Westleton's weekly Soup & Pud, folk gathered to watch the Queen's funeral beforehand.

Book of condolence at Holy Trinity, Middleton

BRIDGE AND LADDER



There is a universal and profound need in human beings for a link between God - or the gods - and themselves, between heaven and earth, between the eternal and the transitory; a way of getting from one realm to the other. Thus, in the myths of humankind, we have some kind of bridge. In the Norse sagas, it is the world ash-tree, Yggdrasil. It was said to have its roots in the earth and its boughs in heaven. We have the world-navel, as at Delphi in Greece. In the Old Testament we have the Canaanite "high places". Amongst the Hebrew tribes we have Mount Sinai. This is where, the tradition tells us, Moses met with God. Later, Jerusalem became the place, bridging the two realms. It was the city where, the prophets said, God himself had chosen to dwell – the "holy place" par excellence - indeed, the *Holiest* place of all places.

In the sagas of the patriarchs, we have the story of Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, who when he was on the run from his brother whom he had wronged, dreamt of a ladder set up between heaven and earth with angels ascending and descending upon it. Jacob receives a message from God and makes his response:

"Surely, the LORD is in this place.....for this is none other than the house of God ("Beth -el") and this is the gate of heaven." Another, and striking, example of the 'bridge' we are talking about. However, the interesting thing is that this particular example is taken up by Jesus. In St John's gospel, Jesus says to Nathanael "Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

So the Son of Man *is* the ladder, which means that Jesus himself is the ladder! He is himself the bridge; he himself is the link between things heavenly and things earthly between God and Humankind. He is the Word who is God and was made flesh and dwelt among us. He was exalted to heaven, taking his

humanity with him, but sending us his Spirit to dwell in our hearts and make us one with him. *He is the bridge - all that mankind has longed for all down the ages: "Dear desire of all the nations."*

Does this mean that the need for holy places is abolished? In one sense, Yes! Remember the conversation with the woman at the well in Samaria. "Neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will God be worshipped....." Jesus told her, "God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit" i.e. the Holy Spirit "and in truth" i.e. united with the One who said, "I am the truth." Jesus Christ is the bridge, for "by his incarnation he joined together things earthly and things heavenly." And he is the bridge at all times and in all places! We don't have to go to a particular place to find him, for we have his promise "I am with you always, to the end of time." *And yet we still seem to need holy places, like churches and places of pilgrimage. Why?*

There are two reasons. Firstly, Everywhere - Anywhere - can so easily turn out to be nowhere. We shall never find that bridge which is Jesus Christ and meet with him at all times and in all places, unless we find him and meet with him at *some* times and in *some* places! There is the place where we habitually pray; there is the church to which we come and find a worshipping community. Jesus himself recognised this. He habitually went to the synagogue. He instituted the Eucharist for his followers - the ritual meal in which he gives himself and renews the bond between himself and ourselves and the bond with one another, in Him! And that brings me to the second reason for holy places.

We humans do need help and props to enable us to pray: to open ourselves to God and the things of heaven. Churches, a candle, an icon, a place of pilgrimage - all these things can help! But wherever it is and whatsoever the props, we must keep in mind that they are only props and that Jesus himself is the bridge, the link, the true meeting place. And then, in our mind's eye, we shall see the heavens wide open and angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

John Kemp

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Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 in the church.

Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th October

The coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall from 10.00 to 11.30.

Village Harvest Festival and lunch

Sunday 9th October

Following the harvest festival service in the church at 11 am there will be a harvest lunch in the village hall at 12.30pm.

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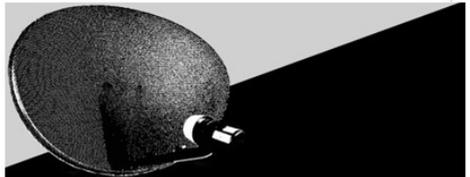
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This was particularly valuable during the pandemic for those living alone. You do not have to be a churchy person. I am

just a friend who will call on any one who is lonely and perhaps house bound. I can be contacted on 01728 667 037 or by Email. rcsmith377@outlook.com

Roger Coates Smith

SOULFUL SUNDAYS

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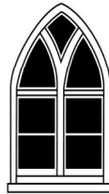
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DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Darsham Village Hall will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 7pm.

Presented at the meeting will be the annual Financial Report, the Chairman's Report on the previous 12 months' activities, and the plans for the coming year.

Elections will be held for members of the Management Committee for the next 12 months, to be elected by a majority vote by those present. All village members are

invited to attend. Nominations for election must be made by permanent residents of the village, in writing, and must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM. Should the number of nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.

We are currently looking for new committee members and would welcome nominations from the village community.

Katherine MacIntosh, Secretary
(secretary@darshamvillagehall.net)

FILM CLUB

The new season starts on Saturday 8th October. We are delighted to be opening with *The Phantom of the Open* starring Mark Rylance.

Family man Maurice Flitcroft feels it is time to try his hand at something new and that golf is his new calling. He sets his sights on mastering the game and secures a spot in the qualifying round of the 1976 British Open. There is only one problem..... he has

never played golf before in his life!!

To celebrate the start of the new season, we will have a pop-up bar (as well as other refreshments) and an interval during the film. Doors open at 18.45 and the film starts at 19.00. Tickets are £5 and available at the door and the coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

DARSHAM

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

Monday, 12th, 9.30am - Crafty Club. Contact Heather on 07860 278955

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 1pm - Sequence Dancing. Contact Carol Gardiner 01986 784642

Tuesdays, 7pm - Carpet Bowls

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

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

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

Fridays, 2.30pm - Carpet Bowls. Contact Heather Shipp on 01728 668251

Sundays 9th & 23rd 7pm - Dash Astro

Events

Saturday 8th, 10 to 11.30am - Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th - Film Club

Wednesday 12th, afternoon - Darsham Dames

Tuesday 18th, 7pm - Village Hall Committee Meeting

Saturday 22nd, 7pm - Wine Tasting with Valley Farm Vineyards. Tickets Available from committee members, email: info@darshamvillagehall.net . £20 each, which includes wine and supper.

Tuesday 25th, 7pm - Village Hall AGM. All welcome

Saturday 29th, doors open 7pm - Darsham Dogs Concert. Licenced bar. The band will play two sets, starting at 7.30pm. Cost £5 per person, with £2.50 of this going to the Ukrainian Appeal. Tickets are limited to 70/Seventy MAX....and these will be on a first come first pay basis. Tickets are available from:

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DUNWICH

DUNWICH COFFEE 4 U.

We are starting Coffee 4 U again in the reading room on Thursday October 6th at 10.30am. Hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine! As I'm writing this it's raining, Hurrah!!

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Heather Cook

MICHAEL CLARK

Born: 9/04/1931

Died: 16/08/2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Michael who lived for over 30 years at Greyfriars in Dunwich. Until Peggy's death in September 2007, they played an active role in village life including

being parish councillors, helping the Anti-Sizewell Campaign and supporting the Dunwich Housing Trust and the WI.

Thank you to all villagers who knew them and made them feel so at home here.

MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



With thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of everyone involved, and encouraged by similar

endeavours across the Benefice, Holy Trinity is now the happy recipient of the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church award. The overall aim of the Eco Church

award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of the Christian faith.

If you would like to learn more about this, simply click on the link here: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

MIDDLETON WI

Our activities over the summer included our Garden Party held in July at the Middleton Playing Field. A strong wind made the use of gazebos and tablecloths difficult but did not stop members and guests chatting happily and enjoying the tasty refreshments provided by our members. There was also a quiz and a raffle.

There was no WI meeting in August but we set up a WI stall at the Middleton Village Fete, which again was held on the Playing Field. As usual our members had been busy cooking, baking, preserving and growing to provide goods for our stall. There was a wonderful display of cakes, biscuits, scones, rusks, chutneys and jams along with flowers, plants and

plums. For a bit of fun there was the game of guess the weight of a sack of home grown potatoes with the prize being the potatoes. The wonderful weather brought out many visitors. It was lovely to meet and chat to them and many were tempted to buy our goodies. By the end of the Fete our stall was empty, a very good result for us and the Community Council who runs the Fete.

Our meeting for October will be on the 19th at 7:15pm. Our speaker will be Andy Wood from Adnams who will give us a talk on the Brewery. All are welcome to come.

Lynne Venn

MIDDLETON

Middleton Autumn Fair



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PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL PICTURE PALACE

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POP-UP PUB

Saturday 22nd October sees the first pop up pub of 2022. Admission is FREE with live music by local band Cold Steel Rail - who perform a huge range of covers from the 60s to present day.

We also have further upcoming events. To subscribe to our newsletter, please email: theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL BINGO DATES

14th October 28th October Doors open at 6.45. Bingo ends at 10pm

NICKY'S FOUNDATION PLANT AND CAKE SALE

Peasehall & Sibton Methodist Church once again opened its doors to hold the Nicky's Foundation annual Plant and Cake sale. The sun shone and we enjoyed the company of many visitors who supported the event. We raised just over £2,650 which is quite amazing and much needed to continue to fund our Livelihood Skills Project supporting people with disabilities who have been displaced by the civil war to learn new skills, to set them up in employment and to help rebuild their lives.

This project was launched in June 2022 and it's been important to us to offer as many choices to these young people as we can. With the donations from the plant sale, we've been able to equip the centre with sewing machines, fabric and other dressmaking items;

carpentry tools; and items to set up a hairdressing salon adding to the graphic design and computing studio, the music studio and the photography class, giving us many more options to offer trainees as they began their apprenticeships in September.

Nicky's Foundation is based in South West Region of Cameroon and to find out more about our work please visit www.nickysfoundation.org You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to sale and donated; it is really very much appreciated.

Nicky Smith

SIBTON

'FROM ARMSTRONG TO ZAWINUL'

On October 8th, beginning at 6pm and ending at 9.30pm **THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S** present '**From ARMSTRONG to ZAWINUL**' a Toe-Tapping Romp through eight decades of Twentieth Century Jazz with **RAY SIMMONS** (keyboard and trumpet) and **JAZZ-UNLIMITED**.

Phil Brooke (electric guitar); Mick Betts, (acoustic bass guitar) and Craig Hipperson (drums)

The event takes place at Sibton Church and will

be in the style of a cabaret with a dash of speakeasy thrown in. But please note alcohol regulations will apply. A bar by Ollie Platt will be available, together with Fish and Chips served by Suffolk Cottage Catering, Sibton. Please bring cash as there is no internet connection.



Tickets (price £20) will be available in advance from Peasehall General Store and the Weavers Tea Room, and on Eventbrite.uk

THEBERTON

Village's Quiz Night

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The quiz is back!!
9th October 2022.

The doors will be open at 6:30pm. The Quiz hosted by
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WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL



In October there is a lot to look forward to here at the Hall! Firstly Film Night is back at 7pm on Saturday 1st October with "Operation Mincemeat", a fascinating 2nd World War drama. 5th November's film is "Downton Abbey: A new Era" and on 3rd December "The Railway Children Return". Tickets are £5 and available from the Hall Foyer, the Westleton Stores, or on the door on the night. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Thursday 13th 9am - 4.30pm we have Footcare in the Consultation Room with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book please call her on 07497 371073.

On Friday 14th at 7pm we have a Homelessness talk from Dr Jan Sheldon from St Martin's

Housing. £5 per ticket available from the above venues, three weeks beforehand.

Tuesday 25th 1 - 4pm we have Reflexology in the Consultation Room with Juliet Overton. Concessional rates: £30 per hour, £15 per half hour. Full rates £40 per hour or £20 per half hour. Contact Juliet to book: 07930 341901 www.julietoverton.co.uk

Sunday 30th 10am - 4pm will be the Big Book Sale in the main hall. Donations welcome up until the day. Please see the separate entry for more information.

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

There will be a BOOK SALE at Westleton Village Hall

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Pam and family thank all those who have shown such kindness in words and actions following the death of Alan in August. We have felt moved and supported and are very grateful for your thoughts and care.

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CUT AND RAKE

Saturday 5th November. Meet at 9.30am at the churchyard. Refreshments provided.

Bring your own strimmer and / or rake. Please wear sensible protective clothing.

For further information contact Jeremy (648140) or Joyce (649045)

WESTLETON W.I

September Meeting - The Medical Detection Dogs

This month we welcomed Norma and Rod from Medical Detection Dogs, a charity which was founded in 2008 with the headquarters located near Milton Keynes.

Medical Detection Dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes.

MDD are at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including Parkinson's disease and bacterial infections.

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MDD already apply what they know about the science of canine olfaction to benefit people by

training Medical Alert Assistance Dogs to detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour triggered by their disease and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex, life-threatening medical conditions and improving their quality of life.

MDD take the welfare of the Medical Detection Dogs extremely seriously. From the moment they come in as puppies they ensure the highest standards of care for their dogs. They have a strict no kennel policy and all the dogs live in the homes of staff or fantastic local volunteers where they are loved and cared for as part of the family.

MDD rely on the generosity of our supporters, charitable trusts and foundations and members of the public to fund this life-saving work.

This was a very informative and fascinating evening, should you wish to find out more about this great charity then please visit their website at <http://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk>.

WESTLETON

WESTLETON WELLBEING WOMBLERS

Why not join our friendly walking group and keep fit? Our guided walks are organised throughout the year, are free of charge and a good way to meet new people.

More information is available at onelifesuffolk.co.uk. Booking helpful but not essential.

Saturday 8th October 10.30am - 11.50am

A new walk - Westleton Black Slough, Middleton Fen Street circular. Meet at Westleton village Hall

Friday 21st October 11am - 12.15 pm

Potton Hall, Westleton and beyond. Meet at Potton Hall car park

WESTLETON 100 CLUB

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2nd prize No 127, Carol Herrman

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WESTLETON

UPDATE FROM BRICK KILN FARM, WESTLETON – ROOKYARD WOOD

At Brick Kiln Farm, situated on Blythburgh Road and surrounded by Dunwich Forest, we have been working within a higher level agri-environmental scheme for almost 9 years now. Our objective is to improve the environment for wildlife on the farm by planting hedges, allowing scrub to develop and promoting flower rich grassland. We are creating a mosaic of different habitats for wildlife including farmland birds such as linnets, yellowhammers and the threatened turtle dove. We also keep a small flock of Norfolk Horn sheep, a rare breed sheep traditionally grazed in East Anglia and prized for their wool. The breed was rescued from extinction in the 1970s.

This autumn we will be starting a project to renovate Rookyard Wood, a small woodland visible from the Sandlings Walk long distance path consisting mainly of chestnut, oak, silver birch and old coppiced hazel. Unfortunately the wood is overrun with *Rhododendron Ponticum*, an invasive, alien species of very low value to British wildlife. The rhododendron, although attractive with its purple flowers in May/June, shades out our native woodland plants and

prevents proper maintenance of the coppice. With a grant from the Farming In Protected Landscapes scheme, we plan to clear the rhododendron plants in the coming months and burn the debris in situ. We will need to spray selectively any future re-growth as rhododendron seeds prolifically. This is going to look rather drastic at first but the space left by the rhododendron will soon be colonised by native plants through natural regeneration.

In the following years, the woodland will be managed through coppicing and the development of a more varied canopy with open glades, rides and trees of different ages which will complement the other wildlife habitats on the farm. We are very grateful to the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB, who administer the grant scheme in our area, for their financial help for this exciting project and especially to Suffolk Wildlife Trust Farm Advisory group for their advice and guidance.

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WESTLETON GARDENERS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm in Westleton Village Hall. We will be having a talk from Neil Lister, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, on 'Wild Flowers of Suffolk Coast and Heath'.

We are a small friendly Gardening Club and do not have an annual membership

subscription but a 'pay on the door' system with the fee at £2.50 each, so all are welcome.

Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be refreshments and time to chat after the talk. Any queries please contact Marilyn on 01728 649088.

CHESS

Chess is played each Wednesday morning between 10 - 12:00 in the Westleton Village Hall Foyer. If you would like a game please just turn up. There is no charge for playing

chess and you can enjoy a tea or coffee while playing at a cost of £2. You would be made most welcome.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS OCTOBER 2022

There will be two Working Parties this month:

Saturday October 1st and Saturday October 15th, 10am - 12.30pm

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

100 CLUB

The September winners are

1st prize - No 90 Juliet Bullimore

2nd prize - No 127, Carol Herrman

YOXFORD

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER

Good news!

The Harvest Festival Supper returns!

An autumn supper, starring Barrie's home cooked ham.

Friday 7th October at 7pm, in the church.

Music and fun. Please bring your own

drinks.

Tickets £8 each, available from Horner's or G&T

All funds raised will go to Tearfund. (Tearfund is a Christian charity that works in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries to tackle poverty and injustice.)

YOXFORD VILLAGE SIGN IS DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Yoxford is a village in East Suffolk straddling the A12 road from Lowestoft to Ipswich. The village name is probably derived from the Old English word 'geoc-ford' indicating that the ford across the river was wide enough for a yoke of oxen to pass through.

The village sign depicts a red Ox crossing a ford on the River Yox, from which the village derives its name. The sign is made of metal and has an overall shape of a horseshoe, symbolic of the agricultural heritage and local smithy. The weather seems to have taken its toll on the colour but has been restored more recently.

The sign is located on the A12 at the junction with Old High Road, just south of the 'Tourist Route, A1120'.

On the 14th May 2022, the village sign was struck by a lorry during roadworks on the A12. The HGV driver had reportedly ignored the closure signs that were in place and tried to drive

through. When he found he couldn't, he had to reverse into Old High Road to turn around. He did this so badly that he knocked over the village sign and took a branch off the tree. The Highways' contractors witnessed the accident but did not manage to get any details about the lorry.

The Parish Council arranged for the sign to be lifted on 16th August 2022. It will be repaired by Peggs of Aldeburgh, who will restore and put it back in its original position. The three months of wait for this to happen has been due to the insurance claim.

This is a perfect example of a village sign being knocked over for just being on the roadside in a very prone location. I am sure that many more examples can be found.

Watch this space for an update on the sign. No date has yet been given for its restoration back to its rightful place.

YOXFORD

YOXFORD CHRISTMAS WINDOW EVENT

After 6 years of organising the Yoxford Christmas Windows Event, I have made the decision not to continue.

This presents an opportunity for others to not only take over the organising but to bring fresh ideas and make it their own. If you are interested then I

will be happy to talk through what is involved in its current format in order to assist you in making a decision. You can contact me on 07552501809 or email carol.rose01579@gmail.com.

Carol Rose

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Dates for the Autumn Term

October 3rd, 17th & 21st

November 14th & 28th

December 12th

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7:00pm start

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07973 863034 to book in your team

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON

Outreach Post Office – Mondays, 1.30am - 3.30pm

Meet Up Tuesday Group – Tuesdays, 11 am – 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

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

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

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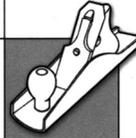
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