

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman



December 2023 / January 2024

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024

Sunday 3rd December	Advent Sunday
10.00am Westleton	Benefice Holy Communion
Saturday 9th December	
04.00pm Darsham	Christingle Service
Sunday 10th December	Advent 2
09.30am Theberton	Taizé and Christmas Tree Festival
09.30am Westleton	croissants@church followed by Informal Worship at 10.00am
09.30am Yoxford	Holy Communion
11.00am Middleton	Morning Prayer
11.00am Darsham	Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich	Holy Communion
11.00am Peasehall	Morning Prayer (BCP)
03.30pm Sibton	Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 13th December	
06.30pm Theberton	Carols round the Christmas Tree
Sunday 17th December	Advent 3
09.30am Yoxford	family@church
09.30am Theberton	Holy Communion
11.00am Dunwich	Morning Worship
11.00am Peasehall	Holy Communion (BCP)
03.30pm Darsham	Evensong
05.00pm Westleton	Carol Service
06.30pm Peasehall	Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel
Tuesday 19th December	
04.00pm Darsham	Carol Service
Wednesday 20th December	
06.00pm Yoxford	Carol Service
Friday 22nd December	
06.00pm Middleton	Carol Service on the Green (in church if wet)
Saturday 23rd December	
03.00pm Dunwich	Carol Service
Sunday 24th December	Christmas Eve
03.30pm Theberton	Carols and Crib Service
04.30pm Yoxford	Crib Service
11.15pm Middleton	Midnight Mass

LECTIONARY

3rd: purple

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

10th: purple

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

17th: purple

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

John 1.6-8, 19-28

24th: purple

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

Thanks to Lorraine Thickitt for the cover photo, winner of Best in Show in Peasehall's 2023 photo competition.

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

09.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion
09.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion
10.00am	Westleton	Christmas Family Celebration
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Dunwich	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Christmas Service with Methodist Chapel

Sunday 31st December Christmas 1

09.30am	Theberton	Healing Service
10.00am	Dunwich	Benefice Holy Communion

N.B. No Wednesday Communion at Yoxford on December 27th.

Sunday 7th January Epiphany (and Plough Sunday)

10.00am	Theberton	Benefice Holy Communion
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Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

09.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion
09.30am	Theberton	Taizé
11.00am	Darsham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Dunwich	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Prayer (BCP)
03.30pm	Westleton	Evening Service

Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3

09.30am	Yoxford	family@church
09.30am	Westleton	Holy Communion
09.30am	Theberton	Morning Praise
11.00am	Middleton	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Peasenhall	Holy Communion (BCP)
03.30pm	Darsham	Evensong

Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

09.30am	Westleton	croissants@church followed by Informal Worship at 10.00am
09.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Worship at Methodist Chapel
11.00am	Middleton	Holy Communion
03.30pm	Sibton	Evensong

Every Wednesday unless stated:

10.00am	Yoxford	Holy Communion
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LECTIONARY

25th: white

Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12]
John 1.1-14

31st: white

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

LECTIONARY

7th: white

Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

14th: white

1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]
Revelation 5.1-10
John 1.43-end

21st: white

Genesis 14.17-20
Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

28th: white

Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS



What's your favourite Christmas movie? *White Christmas*, *Home Alone*, *Die Hard* (yes, this counts!), *Love Actually*, *The Muppets Christmas Carol*? Surely the best is *It's a Wonderful Life*.

George Bailey dreams of getting out of small-town New York State and seeing the world, but that never happens: his bags are packed, but his father dies and the town needs him to run the Bailey Brothers Building and Loan. George does the right thing time and again. (Even in childhood he had risked his life to rescue his little brother from drowning in a frozen pond.) Soon there is a run on the bank just as he is about to go on honeymoon with his new wife, Mary. They use their savings to keep the company open. All the while Henry Potter is building his fortune at the expense of good townsfolk, and wants the Building and Loan shut, to tighten his grip. When absent-minded Uncle Billy goes to make a payment at the bank, but loses the money (actually swiped by Potter), George becomes suicidal — everything he has sacrificed his dreams for is about to be lost. At this point Clarence the angel intervenes to show him what the world might have been like without him...

The swing from bitter despair to whooping joy at the end is extraordinary, as the town rallies around the man who has been there for them all his life.

Frank Capra's film borrows from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (and surpasses it?) with its glimpse of an alternate history. But most of all Capra simply celebrates the idea of a man with strong moral principles, and echoes the message that Christmas is a time for giving, humility, and for community to come together. It is a fairytale that perfectly meshes with the story of Jesus, son of God, born in a stable, humbly making things better — and if we go down that line it dares us to wonder "What if Jesus hadn't been born?". Surely we'd be looking at a far more dystopian world? But we are not — thanks to George in the film, and Jesus in real life.

Perhaps you'll get to see this over the Christmas period? What other Christmas films move you and inspire you in such a way?

Happy Christmas, and happy New Year, from all the ministry team, my family and me.

Blessings, Tim.

Free Firewood! - On 12th December from 10am-2pm, the Natural England staff and our team of local volunteers will be in the Westleton Heath NNR car park to offer free firewood to anyone who comes along. Take as much as can fit into a reasonably sized car and stay for a tea or coffee and a chat. The wood is a by-product of our conservation work; we remove encroaching tree species to open up habitat for rare breeding species of birds. Thank you for your part in looking after nature. (what3words reference: digesting.bachelor.crowd)

family@church

Yoxford Church 9.30am

December 17th: POP-UP NATIVITY



January 21st: CHRISTINGLE



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

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Our travelling nativity set is ready to start its Advent journey around the Yoxmere Benefice. Saxmundham Men's Shed have kindly made a travelling box for the knitted figures. Would you like to host these figures in your home for a day during Advent? If so, please contact Sue Norrington 660280 or Jan Belton 660111



It's not a special star in the east, but it's something magical happening in the heavens: this is the aurora borealis, snapped on 5th November from Mill Road in Westleton



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Georgia Haste on 21st October at St Peter's, Theberton

Service of Blessing

Thanksgiving and blessing for 30 years of marriage for Myles and Hayley O'Donnell, 11th November at St Peter's, Yoxford.

Funerals

Frank Adamson, aged 93 years, on 31st October at St Michael's, Peasehall, followed by burial in Peasehall Cemetery.

Maria Humphreys, aged 82 years, in a graveside service on 4th November at St Peter's, Yoxford. Memorial service to be announced.

Maisie Lillian Keeble, aged 96 years, on 14th November at Holy Trinity, Middleton.

Interment of Ashes

Joyce Rodwell on 24th October, at St Michael's, Peasehall.

Jean Devenport on 26th October, at St James, Dunwich.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 4th December and Monday 8th January at 2pm, Westleton Village Hall Foyer.

Have you lost someone close in the last few years? This group is 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.

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Thursday 21st December

Advent Tea

Westleton Church

2.30pm

All Welcome

Contact Sue Norrington 660280 or
Jennifer Clough 648597
for more information

Mothers' Union Pop-Up Shop

Yoxmere Benefice Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who donated items for us to sell at the I Chameleon Pop Up Shop in Halesworth in October.

The total amount taken during the week was **£2077.12**.

This will be used to support families in the UK and abroad.

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The Gospels

So far, in a running series through this year I have talked exclusively about the Old Testament, as this is the part of the Bible that Christians understand the least. But now we come to the gospels, the four books Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. For a Christian these are the heart of the Bible, the most important books, and the starting point of Christian faith. These are the books that talk about Jesus' life, teachings, miracles and the events of holy week — when he was crucified and rose from the dead. Without these books and that story, there would have been no

Christianity, and the world would look very different now.

The whole of the Bible is God's word. But we treat the gospels differently, nonetheless. During a communion service we stand for the gospel out of a mark of respect, while we sit for other readings.

These are books about Jesus, and Jesus was transformative. He constantly refers to the laws and traditions of the Old Testament, but he transforms our understanding of what had gone before. For example:

'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also...'

The Old Testament was full of stories, law and prophecy that directed its readers to God — but there is a sense that this law, this agreement between God and his people, was only a necessary stepping-stone before God's fullest self-revelation in the person of Jesus.

As such we can be left ambivalent about the three quarters of the Bible that came before these four books. You may think they are irrelevant, now that we have Jesus' teachings, his miracles, and his example of self-giving and resurrection. On the other hand, Jesus' story is within the context of Roman-occupied first century Israel. We understand too little of what Jesus says if we don't know what contemporary Jewish faith was like — so while the gospels are the most important books to a Christian you can't sidestep the Old Testament and still have a good understanding of Jesus.

The gospels can be deceptively modern-sounding. Read Virgil or Homer and you always have in mind that these are old writings and you treat them as such. But the gospels can feel very contemporary because they have been extraordinarily significant in shaping modern culture. Nonetheless, these books were written nearly 2000 years ago.

This shapes how we read them as historical writings. Matthew and company don't write academic history texts, but they do stand up to the highest standards of historiography of the time. Imagine telling a friend stories in a coffee shop — but you're not politely sipping a latte, you're drinking Turkish coffee in a buzzing middle-eastern café. The stories you tell are punchy, thought-provoking and passionate. You're talking about the greatest person you've ever known and so you leap from one story to the next. You have a narrative thread that leads you towards his crucifixion and resurrection, but some of these stories may not be in exact chronological order — that's hard to remember. So perhaps you group some of your material together by subject type, or by place. Nonetheless, you were there all the time, and you can point to other key eye-witnesses. 'Don't believe me?' you say. 'Go down to Jericho and talk to Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus! Go to Capernaum and talk to Peter's mother and to Jairus!'

This is what the gospels do. They are eye-witness testimonies that stand as valid accounts because at the time they were written and circulated the small but growing church in Judea still had among its members many who had been there and could testify.

At Christmas we make much of the nativity story, but this is only found in Matthew and Luke. Who could have told them what happened? Not the shepherds or wise men — they have disappeared from view. Presumably Mary was the key eye-witness, and also Jesus' brothers would have heard from Mary and Joseph the stories of Jesus' birth. They seem not to have believed during Jesus' ministry, but later Jesus' brother, James, believed and became head of the church in Jerusalem. Perhaps he shared with Matthew and Luke about the magi and the shepherds?

If you come to a carol service this Christmas you will hear the nativity story again. What thoughts does Jesus' birth story raise in you?

Christmas blessings, Tim.

THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors

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CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY LIFE SKILLS COURSES

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are running Life Skills courses in the local area. These are held at different venues in nearby centres and supported by the local churches. 'Life Skills' is a group course, not dissimilar to their money course. It lasts for eight weeks, normally in the mornings 10am - 1pm - starting with coffee and cake and finishing with lunch - so there is a real focus on community.

The course looks at living well on a low (or lower) income. It covers things like shopping and cooking on a budget, budgeting, understanding utility bills and electric usage, physical health and mental well-being. The courses are always run in partnership with the local churches, and with people coming from all ages and all walks of life.

Look out for leaflets and posters in the local churches, just in case there is someone local to you who might benefit. For further information, leaflets, or a digital leaflet, you can ring 0800 328 0006, check out their website at capdebthelp.org or get in touch with me on 01728 648772. It really is a worthwhile, informative and positive course.

Linda Ginn

LOCAL FOOD SUPPORT INFORMATION

Please see details of local food support available given by location and availability by days of the week. Current apps are given, and transport links highlighted.

Leiston

United Reform Church Food Bank - open Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am-11.30am at the United Reformed Church in Leiston, for all who may need it (no requirement to contact them first). Tel: **01728 831446**

The Leiston Pantry - with a weekly subscription fee of only £4, you gain access to a wide range of fresh, frozen, canned, and dried foods, drinks, toiletries, and more. Our aim is to help you stretch your budget while still eating well. With our diverse selection of products, you can find everything you need to prepare delicious meals for yourself and your family. Join us today and start making your money go further! For more services and information please see link: [The Leiston Pantry - Community Cafe - Project40Seven | Nonprofit Community Cafe in Leiston](#)

Saxmundham

Sax Community Fridge - operates every Monday and Friday in the Queens Head car park from 10.30am to 11.30am. More information on the group can be found by searching 'SAX Community Fridge' on Facebook.

IP17 GNS (Good neighbour scheme) - This scheme started in 2020 in response to Covid and has now become a lifeline to many in the community. The scheme can offer support if you're experiencing food poverty or difficulty getting out to the shops.

- The Social Supermarket is open on **Tuesdays 9:30-11:00am at Saxmundham Town House (IP17 1BW)** and offers food & household essentials at subsidised prices. Pay £3.50 and leave with a bag of shopping worth £12 – £20.
- Collection and drop-off service for essential shopping if you can't get out. Card payments are accepted.
- For people in crisis, we can offer an emergency food parcel free of charge.
- There are emergency food points in Saxmundham, Kelsale and Benhall where you can help yourself to essentials.
- Food bank referrals can be made if support is needed in the longer term.

Saxmundham Food bank - operates from Saxmundham, and referrals are made via Citizens Advice Bureau by visiting Citizensadviceeastsoffolk.org.uk or by telephone 0808 278 7866. The service also visits Saxmundham Library Mon-Fri 10am – 2pm. This service operates by delivery to the home for those needing this facility.

Halesworth

Halesworth Community Larder opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10–11.30am. The Larder is at St Mary's Church Hall, Halesworth, IP19 8LL. See website for more details - [Halesworth Community Larder - Halesworth Volunteers](#)

Halesworth Foodbank - Operates as part of Waveney Foodbanks at St Mary's Church on Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.45am.

People need to bring their voucher code which will entitle them to one box of food. The voucher code can be obtained from Halesworth Volunteer Centre or by referral from a health agency, Citizens Advice, housing agency or social worker. If none of these options are open to you, then please still go to the foodbank. They will not turn anyone away but will listen to your story and give you emergency supplies.

Wickham Market

Wickham Market Open Pantry

Open from 9-11am on Thursdays in All Saints Church, IP13 OSA.

Food Support by days of the week

See above for additional details and contact information.

Day	Location
Monday	Sax Community Fridge
Tuesday	IP17 GNS Saxmundham
Wednesday	Halesworth Community Larder
Thursday	Wickham Market Open Pantry
Friday	Sax Community Fridge Leiston Food Bank
Saturday	Leiston Food Bank Halesworth Community Larder

Apps that may also help

- Too good to go
- Karma
- Nowaste
- Kitche
- Olio
- Foodcloud
- Nosh

Local transport

CATS transport – Coastal Accessible Transport service – reasonable prices Services (cats-paws.co.uk)

Find the timetable on border-bus.co.uk

*To provide feedback or additional information please email info@darshamvillagehall.net -clearly marking your email 'local food support'. Please note this list has been compiled by supporters of Darsham village and does not represent any work from the Darsham Village Hall Management Committee. *

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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

2nd December 2pm: **Children's Christmas Afternoon** for making decorations and trimming the tree. Light refreshments will be available.

All children welcome but to ensure we have enough supplies, if you are coming, an email to us would be helpful ... we don't want anyone to be disappointed.

9th December, 4pm: **Christingle Service**

A short service for children where the meaning of the symbolism is explained along with a carol or two. All welcome. It would be lovely to have children in the church. Again, if you know you are coming dropping us a line would be helpful, but we'll have extras available just in case.

Responses to anniemcphail@hotmail.com

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL DECEMBER 2023

Playground Progress

Following the public consultation, we have obtained quotes for the groundworks and equipment, received quotes for the landscaping, and held an information evening to share the playground designs with the village. We are now in the process of compiling a pre-planning application. We will keep everyone informed of developments as they progress.

Pétanque Area

We are looking to place hedging around the area and are awaiting costing for the earth moving, laying of slabs, anti-weed membrane and a top finish of gravel.

Village Field

A working party has been set up, charged with looking at possible options to help improve the condition of the village field. Among other things, they are looking at (a) the vegetation, (b) ways of levelling the surface, and (c) the drainage.

Christmas Tree

Darsham Pétanque group has very generously purchased a permanent Christmas tree for the village. As it will be a while before the new tree is large enough to decorate, we will have another tree in place and ready for the Christmas lights switch-on and festive sing-along at 3pm on Sunday 10th December. Mulled cider and mince pies too!!



100 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st Prize: £100 Mr M. Hemingway, 2nd Prize: £50 Mr R. Clark,
3rd Prize: Mr S. McCall

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL - DECEMBER 2023

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)

Pétanque – Every Wed. 2.00pm – 4.00pm (contact Ron Clark on 07423 399406)

Crafty Club – Mon. 4th Dec - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Dash Astro – Sunday 3rd December 7.00pm Observing & Christmas social

Events and Meetings

- Darsham Dogs Gig – Fri. 1st, 7pm: familiar songs, mainly from the 70s. Tickets are £5 and available from Paul Diamond paul@pauldiamond.me.uk or 07770 867876 Proceeds will be split between the Village Hall and a dog rescue charity.
- Earth Dance -Nia - Soulful Sunday 3rd Dec 9.15am (contact Jen 07912 880319).
- Coffee Morning – Sat. 9th, 10am hosted by Darsham Village Hall including stalls and children's activities.
- Film Night – Sat. 9th – *Allelujah*, based on a play by Alan Bennett with Jennifer Saunders, Derek Jacobi and Judi Dench.
- Christmas Lights Switch On – Sun. 10th, 4pm. With mulled cider & mince pies.
- Parish Council Meeting – Tues. 12th at 7pm.
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 13th, 10am (contact Sally Goodacre 07900 522577).
- Pantomime Streaming – *Dick Whittington and his Cat*, Wed. 27th. Doors open 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Tickets £5.

Notes for Your Diary – January 2024

Dash Astro – Sunday 14th and 28th 7.00pm

Coffee Morning – Saturday 13th, 10.00am

Film Night – Saturday 13th, 6.45 for 7pm

Film Night: *Allelujah*

Our film for this month pays homage to the NHS - based on a play by Alan Bennett, *Allelujah* is a warm and moving story celebrating the spirit of elderly patients in the geriatric ward of a small Yorkshire hospital which is threatened with closure. The hospital decides to fight back by getting the local community involved, and they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse... What could possibly go wrong??



Tickets are £5.00 and are available at the coffee morning on the 9th or on the door. As usual there will be a bar and refreshments, doors open at 6.45pm and film at 7.00. All are welcome for a great evening of entertainment – For more information contact Anne on email anniemcphail1@hotmail.com or 01728 668270 / 07852 237389.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council held its monthly meeting on 14th November, which was well attended by residents. County Councillor Richard Smith requested that any resident affected by flooding caused by Storm Babet to please report this so that the county can better understand flooding hotspots.

District Councillor Paul Ashton has kindly agreed to represent Darsham and other villages in pursuing a 20mph speed limit along key roads. We extend our thanks to him.

Cllr Ballantine provided an update on the play area and activities in the village hall. Councillors voted unanimously for the play area pre-planning enquiry to be lodged by the parish council instead of the village hall.

Councillors also unanimously agreed on the final section of fencing around the allotment site, where allotments remain available for rent. Anyone interested in an allotment should contact David Stanley. Cllr Fergusson reported some damage to trees in the orchard thanks to muntjac deer. The affected trees have now been protected.

Cllr Taylor provided an update on the church food-box for residents requiring food support. Special thanks goes to Sheila Hemingway for all her help with this. With no major planning applications or finance matters to consider, the meeting ended with the council thanking Cllr Michael Simons for his many years of dedicated efforts representing Darsham in matters relating to Sizewell C. His presence will be sorely missed and we wish him all the very best.

Darsham Parish Council's next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 December at 7.00pm in Darsham village hall. *Jasmine Backhouse, Darsham PC Chair*

PANTO – DICK WHITTINGTON

Christmas isn't Christmas without a panto, so come along and join our brave hero Dick Whittington and his cat on his journey to London to seek his fame and fortune in this year's ultimate rock and roll panto... Can he outwit the evil King Rat? Free the city from the Revolting Rodents and win the hand of the one he loves????

Find out in this festive show packed full of live music, crazy characters, hilarious

happenings and awesome adventures, with a PURRR-FECT amount of feline flavour thrown in for good measure!!

Doors open at 2.00pm and the panto begins at 2.30. Tickets are just £5 and available from Anne Mcphail – 01728 668270 or 07852 237389 or email anniemcphail@hotmail.com. I will also be at the coffee morning on 9th December in the Village Hall.

Looking forward to seeing folk for a fun-filled afternoon.

Anne Mcphail

MAJYK SCRAPS EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who supported the latest Majyk Scraps exhibition this September. This year the exhibition was at a new venue - the village hall at Darsham. It proved to be an excellent choice with plenty of parking and easy to find.

As the group has done in the past, a theme was picked for the exhibition along with a couple of challenges. Each member picked an artist they were interested in, and made a piece taking inspiration from the artist's work. The artists included Hundertwasser, Gustav Klimt, Paul Klee, Georgia O'Keeffe, Giorgio Morandi, Frida Kahlo and Victoria Crowe. We found it interesting reading about the background of the artists and their work. Sketchbooks were encouraged and several were on display. "A Bunch of Flowers" was the theme for the Georgia O'Keeffe quilts, we took a line for a walk with Paul Klee, and the Morandi pieces were to be 3D. The Mary McIntosh workshop inspired the pieces for the Klimt challenge with "Putting on the Glitz" and a workshop by Pat Archibald inspired work and ideas for the Victoria Crowe challenge.

The group also offered refreshments, sales table, tombola and raffle. Monies raised from the exhibition will be distributed between the East Anglian Air Ambulance, Darsham Village Hall and Majyk Scraps.

DUNWICH

COFFEE 4 U

I'm so sorry I missed the deadline for the November magazine. Most of you came to the last one and I was able to explain what I had done, but for anyone who didn't come I apologise!

The dates for December are December 7th and 21st, which will be our last one before Christmas. We will return on January 11th 2023! Happy Christmas everyone and Happy New Year to you all too.

Heather Cook

ST JAMES CHURCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday 23rd December at 3pm

The Christmas story will be told through traditional readings, music, carols and poems. DO JOIN US and stay for mince pies and mulled wine.

DUNWICH MUSEUM

Dunwich Museum will be open for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday December 27th to Tuesday January 2nd, 2 - 4pm. If you wish to visit outside of these days, please email us at manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk to book your visit.



Dunwich Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 16th, 11am – 4pm in the Dunwich Reading Room

Local crafts, art, and more. Stop by to find a unique gift or stocking stuffer and join us in refreshments and celebrating the winter spirit.

If you are a crafts person interested in being a part of our fair, please email us at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk to book a table.

Winter Activities

Friday, December 29th, 2.30pm - 4pm in the Dunwich Reading Room

Fun for the whole family! Make a New Year's Resolution Scroll and your own seal to go with it. Join us for these activities and more, and enjoy tea, snacks, music, and songs from the Dunwich Drifters. Come along and join the fun!

NEWS FROM DUNWICH HEATH

It's good to see the back of all that rain, isn't it? The heath got a good drenching, with Docwra's Ditch the highest we've seen it in a long time. Hopefully all the rain will help with the heather blooms next year, obviously depending on any hot weather we might get... The rain also meant a plethora of fungi popping up all around the site. Take a look at the pictures, and you'll likely agree they are remarkably beautiful! [See Page 32.]

If you're here over December and looking for something other than a wintery walk, then at weekends you could take out the reindeer trail, which will once again be making an appearance. Search for Rudolph, Vixen, Prancer and friends around the heath, but can you find them all...? Also, the tearoom will host a folk tunes session on the 23rd December from 1.00 - 2.30pm with, as you'd expect, a festive flavour. Come along and cosy up with your cup of tea and scone, and let the music wash over you... All that's left to say from us is - Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Dan Payne



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MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our October meeting we gave a warm welcome to Kate Osborne from Beach Bonkers to give us her talk on “Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure and Trash”. She arrived with boxes of objects that she had collected over the years from her beachcombs. She arranged all on tables so that we could examine them at the end of the talk. But first there was a quiz. Placed in a pot were seven or eight objects which with the help of some clues, Kate wanted us to identify. A few were easy to guess: an oyster, a whelk, a limpet shell. The other curious items were: hornwrack which is the remains of a colony of hundreds of tiny animals (looks a bit like a seaweed), a mermaid’s purse which is a skate or ray egg case, a whelk egg case which looked a bit like a sponge (sailors used them as such and called them sea wash balls), a piece of sea glass smoothed by years in the sea, and a shell with mother of pearl used by Victorians for buttons. The final item was a bit of flint that 60-100 million years ago was a sea creature like a sponge! Kate explained that our shingle beaches support plants. This “vegetated shingle” is quite rare - found only in northwest Europe, Japan and New Zealand. In order to survive where there is little fresh water and soil, these plants need metres long tap roots and hard seed cases. The plants are the yellow horned poppy, the sea kale and the sea pea. Of course, sea weed is found. There are 650 types in the UK. At certain times of the year there are ground nesting birds such as little terns and ringed plovers. Seals will also make an appearance. Kate then turned her talk to the “trash” on the shingle beach which is mostly plastic, all sizes and shapes, the source of which is 80% land based. She showed us pots of cotton bud sticks, toy labels, bits of balloons, fishing lines, etc. Small pieces of plastic that have been in the sea for a while acquire a smell that makes them attractive to turtles, fish and seabirds, which eat them and die. As consumers we should try to buy less plastic, be wary of “biodegradable” claims, and look out for detergents and washing up products that have labels that warn this is harmful to aquatic life.

Kate advised that beachcombing is best done as the tide is going out and along the high-tide line. Please don’t walk on the plants or take home too many shells, or any seaweed or driftwood, as these provide food and homes for wildlife. Kate has been guiding people on beach walks for ten years but is retiring next spring. She reassured us that all the “treasures” she has collected will be returned to the shingle when she retires. We thanked her for a very informative talk that could inspire a beachcomb of our own soon!

Our December meeting will be on Wednesday the 20th at 7.15pm. We will have our end-of-year celebration.

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP

Friday 8th December

6.30pm at the Village Christmas Tree (near Weavers tearoom)



followed by refreshments and carols on THE KNOLL

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

Thank you to all of you who have subscribed to our emails and newsletters over the past month and thanks for all the positive comments that we have received. The scaffolding was removed from the hall mid-November and the newly installed swift boxes are visible on the front and rear elevations. We hope that this encourages our feathered friends to return to Peasehall for many years to come.

What's On!

Friday 1st December - Peasehall Picture Palace Film Night: doors open at 7.00pm with a Christmas film for the adults. As usual the bar will be open and there will be a raffle.

And then to kickstart the festive cheer...

Saturday 2nd December at 10.30am we will be showing a family Christmas film. Kids, bring your parents! There will be snacks and squash available too.

Saturday 9th December – Live Music from Cold Steel Rail
Doors open at 7:00pm - FREE admission

For those of you who attended the summer party (and those who heard from afar) - the amazing Cold Steel Rail are back. They play a diverse range of tunes from across all eras - including Cold Play, Pink Floyd, The Jam and Iron Maiden, to name a few. They love playing the Assembly Hall and we love to have them back - they are a great bunch. Come along and we guarantee a fabulous evening.

Friday 15th December Christmas Bingo Session. Doors open 6.30–9.45pm. Over-18s only, please.



As always, if you wish to join our mailing list, please send an email to:- theassemblyhall19@gmail.com.

A HUGE a thank-you to our supporters. With your help we are able to keep this valuable community space available. We wish you all season's greetings and look forward to bringing more events your way in 2024.

OVER 70s CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Annual Christmas lunch for the over 70s in Peasenhall will take place this year on Thursday 14th December. The venue is the Village Hall and it all starts at 12.30pm. **Please do not arrive before the start time!** The lunch will be a traditional Christmas meal with three courses, and tea and coffee to finish.

Anyone in the village over the age of 70, together with their partner or carer under 70, is welcome to come along but as **the event is limited to 30 people early booking is advised.**

A number of bookings have already been confirmed but there are some places left if you are interested. To book your place please contact one of the following as soon as possible and **no later than 8th December 2023.**

Jane Collins – 07767 167968, Barry Rowing – 07876 302401, Revd Tim Rogers – 01728 668951, Tony Sore – 01728 660335 or Chris Norrington – 01728 660280.

PEASENHALL TRAFFIC ISSUES

If you have comments or issues concerning the traffic volume or speed in and around the village, please contact the Parish Clerk (peasenhall.clerk@hotmail.com) or the Community Speed Watch rep, Cllr Zoë Horlock 07709 746167.

The Parish Council needs more volunteers for the speed-watch team-training. (The more people we have the less work for everyone!) **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU !!**

Peasenhall and Sibton Methodist Church

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SIBTON

ST PETER'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Joyful celebrations to start Christmas at Sibton Church on Sunday December 10th at 3.30pm - please come and join us.

Sibton's very special crib.....with puppets.

Stay afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies. And will Father Christmas pay us a visit again this year?

Andrew Campbell



THEBERTON

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Leading up to Christmas there are some dates to remember.

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Theberton Church from 11am to 4pm. There will also be a Christmas Bazaar in the Jubilee Hall on the same days and times.

This festival has become part of our Christmas and we hope you will all come along to see the magnificent display of decorated trees. For further information or if you would like to provide a decorated tree, please ring Joan Harvey on 830710 or Sally Ginger on 832386.



Sunday 10th December at 9.30am Taizé service set amid the Christmas trees. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm

Carols round the Christmas tree with mulled wine and tasty nibbles. Come and sing, chat and wrap up warm. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 24th December at 3.30pm Christmas Eve

Crib and carols for all the family. Come and start your celebrations here.

Monday 25th December at 9.30am Christmas Day

Holy Communion. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 31st December at 9.30am New Year's Eve.

Healing Service, with reflections of the year just gone and prayers for hope in the year to come. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 7th January Benefice Service 10am.

Plough Sunday: Celebration of Farming

We bring a plough into the church and hear from the farmer, the sower, and others who ask for a good year to come.

This is part of the communion service celebrating the Epiphany.

WESTLETON

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL

Firstly a **huge thanks** to all our volunteers, customers, instructors and user groups for their support in 2023. We couldn't do it without you! We hope you all have a lovely festive season.

Why not come and feel relaxed and Christmassy with us at the **Christmas Fair and Lights Switch-on** on Saturday 2nd December 2-5pm, with beautiful local handmade crafts and produce, and mulled wine and other refreshments available in the foyer. The lights will be switched on at 4:30pm. Later that evening at 7pm for 7:30pm the **Film Club** is showing *Local Hero*, a classic 1980s comedy drama. Tickets are £5 and available on the door.

Friday 8th December 7pm for 7.30pm is **A Christmas Miscellany**, when local professional speaker Mark Mitchels will be encompassing wonderful moments from Dickens and other classic writers, festive poems and stories, with favourite carols and traditions explained. It promises to be a thoroughly entertaining journey, with mince pies and mulled wine to wash it all down! Tickets are £5 each available from the hall's foyer, Westleton Stores and on the door.

We have a **Bumper Christmas Quiz** on at the hall on Friday 15th December, 7pm for 7.30pm start, with a Christmas raffle and a prize for the best named team. Tickets are £5 per person (tables are for six per team) and available from the foyer when open or Westleton Village Stores. Refreshments will be available all evening.



Christmas Bingo with free mince pies is on Thursday 21st December 2:30 -4:30pm. All welcome, no experience or booking in advance required. £5 each to play for small cash prizes, all equipment provided. It will be back on 18th January, same time and place.

Throughout December we will have local artist **J. Cameron** exhibiting in the foyer. His vibrant paintings of people will be available for viewing and purchase 10am-12noon weekdays.

This year the **Westleton Art Group** is selling unique and beautiful 2024 calendars of local scenes for £10 each. Available in the hall's foyer, or from Westleton Stores. Perfect for Christmas presents! All proceeds to the hall. In January they will be exhibiting the originals in the foyer, open as above.



On Saturday January 6th 10am-12:30pm the **Barrow/Community Market** is back in the foyer. Come along to find lovely local produce, bric-a-brac, gifts, crafts and more! Refreshments will also be available.

Consultation Room: We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07765 971774.

Reflexology is back on Saturday 16th December 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 www.julietoverton.co.uk. On Monday 18th December in the morning Linda Freeman is offering **hairstyling** – perfect timing for Christmas! Contact her to book on 07765 971774. On Thursday 21st December 9am-4.30pm we have **footcare** with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book call her on 07497 371073.

To see our latest timetable of varied activities, events and groups please see our **events page** on our website: www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk and join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly What's On in the foyer, view it at the inside and outside hall notice boards or contact Annie - Centre Manager - for more information or to go on our mailing list on 01728 648354 or email centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk

The foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers.

WESTLETON WELLBEING WALKS

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am

Westleton Nature Reserve and Westleton Common. Meet at the village hall. 4 miles taking 90 mins. Refreshments to follow.



Tuesday 2nd January 2024 11am

Hogs Grove. A walk through the ever-changing Dunwich Forest. Meet at Forestry England car park in Dunwich. 2.85 miles, taking 80 mins.

Thursday 18th January 10.30am

Walking Westleton Heath. Straddling Westleton's common and heath, this walk is mostly on firm ground amidst beautiful scenery. Meet at the village hall. 3.5 miles taking approximately 75 minutes.

WESTLETON WI NEWS

There is nothing that make you feel so good at an AGM as a healthy bank balance, and nothing that makes you panic like a demonstration of Christmas wreaths!



Lindsay Potter assured us that we did well this year and with the possibility of more committee members the outlook for the new year is good.

Liz Evans gave a demonstration of creating our own Christmas wreaths and the way she did it made it look so simple and easy, but I am very sure it is not. She is so creative and enthusiastic that I think she persuaded most of us to at least try to make our own.

So now there is no place to hide - Christmas is coming - and fast.

Next month we will meet at the Westleton Crown for our Christmas meal which we are looking forward to. No preparations and no washing up! All we need to do is turn up.

More about this in our next issue.

Susanne Bennell

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

This is the first of a regular update on activities of the Westleton Parish Council (WPC). A full report of the council meetings is provided by the minutes which are posted on the village notice board and on the parish council website: [Parish Council » Westleton \(onesuffolk.net\)](http://Parish Council » Westleton (onesuffolk.net))

The focus of the October WPC meeting was the flooding in the village because of the recent storms. Unfortunately, three residences were badly flooded and so

a large part of the meeting was devoted to hearing from the residents affected and asking the Suffolk County Council (SCC) and East Suffolk District (ESDC) councillors for reassurance that measures will be put in place to avoid it happening again. Discussion centred around where responsibility lies for the clearing of culverts, ditches and drains. Suffolk County Councillor Richard Smith agreed to undertake an audit of the culverts and ditches around Westleton which are SCC responsibility, and to also report on when they were last cleared.

During the September meeting, EDF gave an update on the Sizewell C project (SZC). During the Q and A, WPC explained to residents that it has been meeting with EDF, SCC, ESDC in the B1125 Working Group for two years to agree traffic calming measures in the village to mitigate the anticipated increased traffic volumes which will result from the 12+ year SZC construction. The group had their final meeting in November. WPC will present the *draft* plans to residents during a meeting in the village hall to allow comment/suggest changes to the proposals before they are finalised. When the date of the meeting is agreed, it will be publicised in the shop, on the notice boards and on the website. WPC encourages all residents to attend this important meeting.

On a related matter, traffic speeding through the village remains a very real concern. One of the discussions items of the B1125 Working Group is the possibility of a 20mph speed limit through the village. All the villages impacted by SZC are calling for 20mph speed limits as we are concerned that higher traffic volumes with continued speeding will make our communities much less safe. However, SCC will not agree to the proposal without evidence of local support. We are therefore asking for your views: you should have received a survey through your letter box asking if you support/oppose a 20mph limit in the village; please respond either by taking your completed survey paper to the village shop, by signing the form in the village shop, or by emailing Westletonclerk@gmail.com. In parallel, the Westleton Speed Watch has just restarted with new equipment provided by Suffolk Constabulary. Please contact Andrew Turner (a.andrew.turner@btinternet.com) if you would like to join (or learn more about) the team.

National Grid have started a new statutory consultation on further cabling through the Suffolk countryside. WPC will lodge its opposition stressing that all cabling should be offshore as it is practical and is probably cheaper. WPC encourages residents to attend NG consultation sessions. Details of the proposals and the consultation paper can be accessed at: www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/sealink.

Cllr Andrew Turner, Chair Westleton Parish Council

WESTLETON NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS AND BONFIRE 2024

The village hall will be open for refreshments from 4.30pm.

The procession will depart from the village Hall 6.00pm and make its way up to the bonfire on the common. Marshalls will be in attendance to escort everyone. Fireworks will be at 6.30pm approx. The hall will be open after the fireworks for mulled wine, bacon rolls etc. A 50/50 draw will be drawn on return to the hall.

Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. A Warrior fire engine will be here.

Nick Shearme

Charity Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

We will be having a Coffee and Cake Morning with Cake Sale on

Saturday 13th January 2024 at 10.30am in

Westleton Village Hall Foyer in aid of **Asthma and Lung UK.**

My asthmatic daughter is training for the London Marathon and this event will help her raise funds for her chosen charity, **Asthma and Lung UK.** All funds will go to this charity. We look forward to seeing you.

Pam (Hargreaves) and Nicola



WESTLETON GARDENERS – OPEN TO ALL

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th January in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The talk will be ‘The Salvia Genus. Discovering the New World and Old World species and cultivars.’ Returning again to speak to us is Luci Skinner.

Salvias have increased in popularity over recent years because of their easy-going nature, low maintenance, and numerous varieties.

Entry cost is £4 and all are welcome.

Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be time for chat and refreshments after the talk.

There is no meeting in December.

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WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS DECEMBER 2023 / JANUARY 2024

Many thanks to all those who have helped at the Working Parties during 2023, and also those who have come along to the Nature Walks and shown such an interest in the wildlife on the Common.

On **Saturday January 20th** the first **Working Party** of 2024 will be held:

10am - 12.30pm

All welcome - tools are provided.

Please bring your own tough gardening gloves.

~ Refreshments at half time ~

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



YOXFORD

ST PETER'S CHURCH

COMING SOON to Yoxford

Pebbles @ St Peter's

a stay and play parents/carers and toddler group starting in February 2024.

More details to follow in the New Year.



VILLAGE MATTERS

The flood of October 27th saw water at levels the village has never seen before. Council is aware of at least 8-10 properties that have been affected in the village with the worst flooded throughout the ground floor up to a level of approximately 18 inches. The Parish Council is liaising with East Suffolk Council to ensure that those affected have all the information and support they need.

Central government's '*Flood Recovery Framework*' has been triggered and for a householder to receive up to £500 (see below), the flood needs to be reported to Suffolk County Council. The report tool can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>

In addition, information about the Flood Recovery Framework can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

From East Suffolk Council, District Cllr. Julia Ewart has shared some of the measures announced by central government, which include:

- Flooded households in affected areas can apply for up to £500 to give cash quickly to help with immediate costs.
- Households and businesses significantly affected by recent flooding will be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months.
- Eligible flood-hit property owners will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme.

The main contact number for East Suffolk Council's out-of-hours emergencies, including housing issues is **0800 440 2516**.

Xoxford Parish Council is aware that significant upset and trauma has been experienced by many of those affected by these floods. If you have any requirements, please be sure to report the flood using the SCC reporting tool so that your property becomes eligible for help. Please feel able to contact the Parish Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors for help.

Heading into Winter, Council's village projects are in need of your help. We now have 2000 bulbs to plant, street signage to clean, hedges to trim and traffic speed to monitor. The Clerk will be in touch with the Voluntary Team soon. And if you'd still like to join the party, please get in touch.

In other news...

Slow down, no need to rush... Council is now considering and costing measures it can implement to reduce speeding in the village. It also awaits a reply from County Cllr. Richard Smith to its letter asking him to support a review of road speed limit policy. The letter is on the village website for you to read, as is the village petition for 20mph. Every signature helps so please sign up: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/20mph/>

Village Hall dates for your diary:

- Yoxflicks Film Night November 17th 7.30pm. Bar open.
- Pub Night November 24th, 6-11 pm.
- Jumble Sale December 9th, 10am-2pm. Refreshments available.
- Pub Night December 29th, 6-11pm.

Contact the Parish Council via Trudy, Parish Clerk at: 07767 987691 or parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com

SING OUT - COMMUNITY CHOIR

We have our WINTER CONCERT on Saturday 9th December at St. Peter's Church 7.30pm. As well as a variety of different music it will include a selection of Christmas songs.



Come and support your local community choir. We will be giving a donation from the concert to a local charity.

Also... If you are thinking of joining a choir, our new term starts on Wednesday 10th January 2024, in St Peter's Church Yoxford at 7pm. We sing a wide range of songs from choral and pop to musicals. You will be very welcome, 'especially those with a lower singing voice range!' For more information contact us at: email singoutyoxford@gmail.com or website singoutyoxford.co.uk

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – 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

Table Tennis – Thursdays 7:00pm to 9:00pm (except when Parish Council meets)

Parish Council – first Thursday of the month - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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

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

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

At time of writing, the village is two weeks on from the floods at the end of October and Council knows that for those householders affected by the floods, the clear up has only just begun. It's been an awful time for a number of our community and so, for this edition, the main focus is on how to report important events as well as an update from your Parish and District Councils on the flood...

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 on this class photo from 1927?*

We have several group photos of all subjects in our Archives. Can you identify anyone? If you think you can help us, please come along to the Village Hall.

Saturday 2nd December 11am-3pm.
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WRENTHAM CHAPEL CAEDMON EVENING

Why not begin the Christmas weekend by coming to Wrentham Chapel's festive Caedmon evening? Folk will be gathering for a 7pm start on Friday 22nd December for a seasonal celebration in music, word and song.



The evening's programme is arranged, on the night, from items contributed by some of the audience on a "bring and share" basis. There will be an interval, with time to enjoy a light buffet with wine and fruit juice and have a chat.

This is a free event, but donations for the work of Christian Aid will be gratefully received. For further details call Sue Hardy on 07771 882738.



SAXMUNDHAM FILM CLUB

Home Alone, starring Macaulay Culkin

Sunday 3rd December, 2pm

Come and join us for tea/coffee, cake & a film at The Fromus Centre, The Saxmundham Hub, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL.

The film is free of charge but we do need you to register to be sure we have enough room and cake! Please phone Saxmundham Health and press option 3 to ask for Jaz. She will collate attendees and see if she can help with transport.

Special Guests!!

This is a special Brownie session with the brownies baking, welcoming and assisting attendees with their refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!

ALDE VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be held on the **SECOND** Monday of December, rather than the usual third, because of the imminence of Christmas, so the meeting will be on Monday 11th December at 2.30pm at the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham.

The meeting will take the form of two talks given by members of the group. Jane Evans will tell the DNA story of two of our members: their step-by-step process taking Ancestry's DNA test, from why, to analysing their ethnicity - with some interesting surprises and a peek into their DNA cousin matches. And Maggie Strutt will briefly tell how she found a skeleton in her family cupboard.

The talks will be followed by some festive nibbles.

Members £1, visitors £3.



A reminder of the flooding caused by Storm Babet and scenes that are becoming all too frequent. This is Old High Rd in Yoxford.




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