



*The Yoxmere
Fisherman*

November 2023

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday 2nd November

03.30pm Middleton All Souls' Service

Sunday 5th November **All Saints' Sunday**

10.00am Yoxford Benefice Holy Communion
with Archdeacon Rich Henderson

Sunday 12th November **Remembrance Sunday**

09.30am Darsham Short Holy Communion

10.50am Darsham Remembrance service for Darsham,
Westleton, Dunwich

10.50am Sibton Remembrance service for Yoxford,
Sibton and Peasenhall

11.00am Theberton Remembrance service (following
wreath laying at 10.50)

11.10am Middleton Remembrance service (following
wreath laying at 10.50)

Sunday 19th November **2nd before Advent**

09.30am Yoxford family@church

09.30am Westleton Holy Communion

09.30am Theberton Morning Prayer

11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer

11.00am Dunwich Morning Worship

03.30pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday 26th November **Christ the King**

09.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer

09.30am Westleton Informal Worship

09.30am Theberton Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship
at the Methodist Chapel

11.00am Middleton Holy Communion

11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

Every Wednesday unless stated:

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

N.B. This weekly service has moved from Westleton.

Thanks to Irene Lucas for the cover photo this month.

LECTIONARY

*All Saints' Sunday,
White*

Revelation 7.9-17

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18-24

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Matthew 25.1-13

*2nd before Advent,
Green*

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14-30

Christ the King, White
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46

WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

Saturday November 11th

10.45am Peasenhall

Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Middleton

10.50am Theberton

Noon Darsham

Noon Westleton

12.30pm Dunwich

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

In a brief break from Revd Tim's Ramblings, we welcome Revd Christine Brooks to share some thoughts.

It is almost ten years since I retired from full-time ministry and began to worship with you in Yoxmere. You have made me very welcome for which I am most grateful. It was a great sadness when I needed to admit recently that mobility problems were making it very difficult to continue to lead worship.

An enforced break, a rest, and help from many people including the NHS, has seen some improvement and I am now returning to lighter duties. There are several churches where I do not feel safe and cannot easily access, due to the path from the church to the nearest parking, or to difficult steps up or down into the church. I am grateful for all the support and concern and help you give me.

November is the month for remembrance — not just on 11th November, but All Saints and All Souls Days (1st and 2nd November) as well as St. Andrew at the end of the month. All Saints inspires us to think of those who have been famous examples of Christian faith and self-giving, while All Souls allows us a quieter moment to remember those close to us who may have died in the last year or relatively recently — giving thanks to God for their lives and their love.

Our world is in so much confusion and distress, and it is important we remember those caught up in these situations too, and the many who work for good. They may not always be headline news, but like ripples in a pond, their lives and examples often challenge us to look at our own lives and see what we can do to improve the lives of those around us.

Above all, when we watch or read the news we can pray and that often leads us into action — whatever action we can take to make the world better.

Blessings, Christine

Mothers' Union members in Yoxmere Benefice would like to offer you the opportunity to host our travelling crib for one night during Advent 2023. The crib figures would be brought to you to stay overnight and collected the next day to be moved to the next host. We hope that families with children will want to participate, but our crib will also welcome the opportunity to rest on its journey with people of any age living in our Yoxmere Parishes.

If you would like to host our crib for one night during Advent, please contact Sue Norrington 660280 or Jan Belton 660111.



FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages

Sylvia Cudone to Michael Dolamore, on 20th September, marriage blessing at St Michael's, Peasenhall.

Lucy Anley to Tyler Winch, on 23rd September, at St Peter's, Yoxford

Kyle Horner to Alice Hunnisett on 30th September, at St Peter's, Yoxford

Funerals

Patricia Helen McLean (Patsy), aged 87 years, on 25th September at Holy Trinity, Middleton, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Peggy Lewry, Friday 29th September, aged 87 years, at St Peter's Yoxford, followed by burial in the cemetery.

Anthony Hickman (Tony), aged 81 years, on 3rd October at St James, Dunwich.

Joyce Rodwell, aged 95 years, on 5th October at St. Michael's, Peasenhall.

Interment of Ashes

The ashes of Paul Coleman were interred on 7th October at St James, Dunwich.


BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

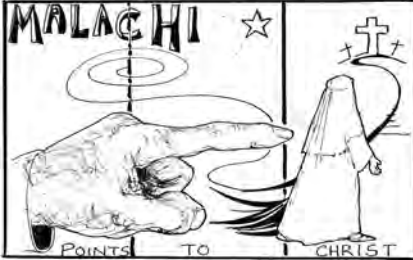

Monday 6th November, 2pm, Westleton Village Hall Foyer.

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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Grandmother's Footsteps
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family@church
Sunday 19th November 9.30am Yoxford Church

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Del (centre) and Jeremy and Stephen playing nostalgic 50s and 60s sounds in Sibton Church, which had the audience dancing in the aisles



Harvest celebrations in Darsham: church displays (left) and lunch in the village hall





The Prophets — Multi-media Messengers

Towards the end of Deuteronomy (the fifth book of the Bible), God gives Moses a significant ‘carrot and stick’ set of promises. Carrot: if the Israelites about to enter the promised land are faithful to their God and keep his laws, things will go well for them and they will have peace, abundance, and prosperity.

Stick: if they do not continue to follow the Lord they will suffer from death, disease, drought, dearth, danger, destruction, defeat, deportation, destitution, disgrace. It’s a sobering list of consequences.

The history books which continue the story from there seem set on proving that these promises are true. During the reign of good kings there is indeed peace, abundance and prosperity. During the reign of bad kings all those Ds come true. But good and bad are not defined as we think of them now — leadership skills, hard work, networking etc. — it’s all about whether you are faithful to the Lord and (consequently) have a strong moral compass.

As suggested last month, one of the key functions of prophets was to remind the kings and their people about the warnings in Deuteronomy, and that ethics and good leadership were all a part of being a faithful follower of the Lord.

The methods the prophets used to get attention were at times colourful and varied. Elijah announced a famine across Israel and then disappeared for three years, hiding in the wilderness, and fed by ravens (!) while a drought ensued. At the end of this time, he confronted King Ahab, and challenged him to gather the prophets of the false god Baal, and they had a sacrifice ‘shoot out’ on top of a mountain: which god would send down fire from heaven, Baal or the Lord?

Hosea married a prostitute as part of his prophecy (really!). Ezekiel drew Jerusalem on a clay tablet and then ‘besieged’ it over the course of days, putting up siege works and suchlike — all in a public place. He then had to lie on his side ‘bearing’ the sin of Israel and Judah for 330 days all told. Performance art is not a modern thing: Ezekiel was doing it 2500 years ago.

The book of Jonah is much the best known of the books of the prophets. If you had a Bible story book as a child you must have had the story of Jonah being swallowed by the whale. But what does it mean? And is it true? There are lots of different answers to these questions. Some people will tell you it’s true. I’ve come to think that it is a story that conveys a truth, which is different.

The story is this: God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, to warn the people that if they do not repent, God will destroy them. Jonah does not want to go to Nineveh — that's the last place he would like to go. So he gets on a ship bound for Tarshish, in the other direction. God makes a storm blow up; Jonah knows that he is the cause of the threat to the ship, and suggests he should be thrown overboard to save the ship and all the crew. They do this, a 'big fish' swallows him, and the storm calms. Inside the fish, Jonah prays, and says sorry to God. Three days later, he is spat out again on dry land. He goes to Nineveh and preaches repentance... and the Ninevites believe him and turn to God! Jonah goes away and grumbles that God did not destroy Nineveh as he had promised.

Nineveh was the capital of Israel's feared enemy, Assyria. If you can imagine Jonah being sent to Berlin in 1939 you perhaps can imagine how much he did not want to go, and also how much he would resent God's mercy on the city. And this is the point of the story — that God is less partisan than his faithful might wish him to be. God loves all people, even the Ninevites.

So in this case it is not what Jonah says that is the message, but the story is the message.

Prophetic writings developed their own rich language of concepts, metaphors and ideas. Armies of locusts, vineyards, drunkenness and much more should not be taken at face value within the prophets. They have the sort of creative allusiveness of many of Bob Dylan's songs, like 'A hard rain's a-gonna fall'. There is lots of imagery, not all of which makes sense to you, but you may get the general meaning.

Between them the prophets offered a multi-media artistic, colourful cry from God to his people. It's a unique (and difficult) literature - which is worth reading, and reading about, to understand the full richness the Bible has to offer.

Blessings, Tim.

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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We have had a **churchyard tidy and a church deep clean** which were well attended and successful, so thanks to all who worked so hard and particularly in the heat of 8th September.

Our **Harvest festival and lunch** were also a great success and raised money for the air ambulance.

Save the dates:

2nd December – Children's tea party and decoration-making for Christmas

9th December – Christingle service

DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in the autumn show. We had 24 exhibitors providing 87 entries.

The Wilfred Holmes Trophy was won by Michael Shipp with the combined score from the summer show of 46 points. He also won the Cottagers Cup with 24 points for Section 1.

Elizabeth Bartholmew won the Miss Alice Martin Challenge Cup for Sections 2/3 with 13 points. Many congratulations to Jackie Dutton who once again won Best in Show, this time for her cooking apples.

The Darsham Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting will be held on 1st November 2023, 2.30 – 4pm in Darsham Village Hall. All welcome. Refreshments available.

We are looking to add a social secretary to our committee; to arrange two to three events per year, as members of the village have shown interest in horticultural visits, talks and social events. For further information please contact Jill Fergusson jillfergusson2@gmail.com.

Darsham village website, clubs, Horticultural Society:
www.darsham.onesuffolk.net.

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

Local Hero Saturday 11th November 2023

Unbelievably, this film, which was one of the biggest hits of the eighties, is celebrating its fortieth birthday - and its wit and warmth are just as good forty years on!! American billionaire (Burt Lancaster) sends young executive Mac



(Peter Riegert) to a remote village in Scotland to secure the property rights for a new oil refinery. At first all things go well - the locals can't believe their luck and are eager to get their hands on the "silver dollar" but local hermit Ben Knox owns part of the beach and refuses to sell! Peter Capaldi, Dennis Lawson and Fulton McKay also star.

As usual, tickets are £5 and will be available on the door or at the coffee morning at the hall during the morning. Doors open at 6.45pm and the film starts at 7.00. There will be a bar and refreshments.

We are sure that this will be a great evening and look forward to seeing regular customers and newcomers alike.

Anne Mcphail

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on 10th October 2023

Cllr Richard Smith reported on the problems preparing a SCC budget for the coming year. He then awarded a Suffolk County Councillor's Award certificate to Robin Leggate in recognition of his outstanding contribution to our community during his period serving on Darsham Parish Council.

Sizewell C representatives then gave a presentation on the ongoing and forecast work regarding the nuclear power station. Details of this will be available on the Darsham website.

There followed a discussion about Lionlink which is proposed to provide electricity links connecting offshore wind between the UK and the Netherlands. If the cable comes ashore at Southwold or Walberswick the underground cable will lie between Darsham and Westleton.

There is a public consultation open until 3rd November which anyone is able to respond to. Further details can be found at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/future-developments/lionlink/consultation-materials> or via the link on the Darsham village website.

The CPR and defibrillator courses arranged by our Emergencies Officer Cllr Taylor were attended by about forty participants and were very well received. Our thanks to the presenters, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, for an enjoyable and very informative course.

Darsham Church has kindly agreed to host a food bank box for donations of food etc. for Darsham residents in need. Please donate if you are able in the box at the rear of the church. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Backhouse will distribute the food

discreetly and with total confidentiality. If you find yourself in need, or know of someone in need in Darsham, please contact Cllr Taylor – darshampcemergency@gmail.com or Cllr Backhouse – chairdarshampc@gmail.com

Cllr Fergusson reported that the regular tidy up meetings are continuing at the village orchard. Cllr Stanley is still awaiting quotes to finish the allotment fencing. There is still at least one allotment available to rent. Please contact Cllr Stanley – darshampcallotments@gmail.com if you are interested.

Cllr Simons regrettably announced that he will be retiring from the council at the end of the year. We will be very sorry to see him leave and thank him for all his hard work, particularly dealing with Sizewell.

As a result there will be a vacancy on the council in the New Year. If you would be interested in joining and helping your community please contact the clerk Marie Backhouse – clerkdarshampc@gmail.com.

The PC coffee morning will be held in the village hall at 10am Saturday 11th November.

Darsham Parish Council's next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th November at Darsham Village Hall.

Cllr Jasmine Backhouse, Chair Darsham PC

DECEMBER SAVE THE DATES

Darsham Dogs Gig – 7pm Friday 1st December the band will be playing two sets of familiar songs, mainly from the 70s. Tickets are £5 and available from Paul Diamond 07770 867876 or paul@pauldiamond.me.uk. Proceeds will be split between Village Hall and a dog rescue charity.

Christmas Coffee Morning – 10am -12noon, Saturday 9th December. Stalls, raffle & refreshments

Christmas Pantomime *Dick Whittington and His Cat*. A festive show full of crazy characters and hilarious happenings. Live streamed from the New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich on Wednesday 27th December at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5 and will be available from the beginning of December.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are pleased to say that progress continues to be made in Darsham Village Hall's playground project.

We have completed the village consultation; results as follows from a 39% response rate: 60% voted for 180m²; 36% for 105m²; 4% no view. The playground will have equipment for children up to the age of 8 years.

All the village were invited to an informal presentation at the Village Hall on Monday 9th October, at which we had approximately forty attendees, including children. Information with supporting diagrams and photos of the options regarding equipment choices from four different suppliers, including prices, were available for viewing. We all listened hard to what those who were interested enough to attend were saying - especially the younger ones, receiving useful feedback regarding equipment preferences etc.

Next stage is planning and grant funding applications.

DVHMC

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL - NOVEMBER 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)

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

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

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

Crafty Club – Mon. 6th Nov - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Pétanque – As the clocks change we will meet from 2pm-4pm on a Wednesday from 1st November (contact Ron Clark on 07423 399406)

Dash Astro – Sunday 12th observing night, & 26th, 7pm meeting – www.dash-astro.co.uk for more details

Events and Meetings

- Horticultural Society AGM - Wednesday 1st, 2pm
- Textile Temptations – Wednesday 8th, 10am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)
- Coffee Morning – Saturday 11th, 10am hosted by Parish Council
- Film Night – Saturday 11th – *Local Hero*, doors open 6.45pm. Tickets available on the door or at the coffee morning in the hall that same day. There will be a bar and refreshments
- Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 14th, 7pm
- Race Night – Sat 25th 7pm – more details below
- Earth Dance Nia - Soulful Sunday – Sun. 26th, 9.15am (contact Jen 07912 880319)

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st Prize: £100 Miss D. Smith; 2nd: £50 Mr R. Faulkner; 3rd: £25 Mrs M. Diamond

DARSHAM AT THE RACES

You are invited to a charity horse racing night at Darsham Village Hall to be held on Saturday 25th November. We are holding an exciting charity race night to support the village hall - admission by ticket only (details below). The doors will open at 7pm, with the first of eight races beginning shortly afterwards. Race sponsors include the Black Dog Deli handicap, the Alan Ross steeplechase and the Emmerdale canter!



The evening will be hosted by our own village master of ceremonies who will explain how to place bets and try your luck. There will be ample opportunity to place bets on both horses and jockeys (at a modest £1 each bet) during the course of the evening, with 50% of the prize money available to the winners of each race.

The Fox Inn will be kindly providing a bar at extremely competitive prices, but please feel free to bring your own nibbles.

The admission fee is £2 per ticket payable in advance to Anne McPhail (07852 237389 or 01728 668 270) and is limited to only 60 tickets, so hurry up to avoid disappointment.

Darsham Village Hall Management Committee

DUNWICH

DUNWICH COMMUNITY HERITAGE HUB: THE WAY FORWARD



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

- Share and develop plans to create more inviting, sustainable, and functional space for events, exhibitions, community, and administration.
- Launch a membership programme for the new charity, the Dunwich Community Heritage Centre, formerly known as the Dunwich Reading Room and Museum Charity.
- Continue the Chronicles partnership programme with Art Branches and the Dunwich Greyfriars Trust, creating heritage and environmental workshops, pop-ups, and online events.

- Expand our Activity Programme working with the community and volunteers to record, preserve and develop the stories of Dunwich.

For more information and to join in, email

manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

DUNWICH MUSEUM CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday December 16th, Dunwich Museum will be holding our Christmas fair in the Dunwich Reading Room between 11am and 4.30pm. Join us for local crafts, a slice of cake, and a cup of hot spiced apple juice or mulled wine! If you are a craftsperson interested in having a table at the fair, email us at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk.



The museum will be closed for the winter from the end of October, so please check our website for details on our winter opening hours. We will be open for the holidays and the museum can be opened by appointment, so if you wish to visit, please write to us at manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk.

NEWS FROM DUNWICH HEATH

Autumn is very much here and making its presence known, with several misty mornings and the leaves all shades of red, brown, orange and yellow, though some trees are still catching up with the mild weather so far this autumn. The stags have been bellowing eerily and our winter migrant species have been popping up to show everyone that despite the time of year there is still plenty of wildlife to see! The bumper crop of berries on the trees has been a welcome find for all the migrants that have made the journey over, fieldfares and redwings the main beneficiaries.

In other news our ranger, Sam, is just about to make a start on the yearly heather scraping, an essential conservation task which removes patches of dead heather and vegetation, exposing the dormant seeds to light and rain. This rejuvenates the patches and ensures the entire heath does not age at the same rate and therefore die off in one go. Look out for Sam chugging along in the tractor, and maybe make a note of where the patches are, so that in the spring you can come back and see the first shoots pushing through the soil.

Looking ahead to what's on here over this month and the winter, our history talks covering the heath's past are on monthly, along with a series of talks on a variety of subjects, including the RNLI, bats and seals. More details on all the talks are on our website. We also have the brilliant DASH Astro team back this month for two nights of stargazing on the 17th and 18th, so make sure you book in for a fascinating evening under the stars.

Dan Payne, National Trust



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MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our September meeting we welcomed back Steve and Davene Everett, volunteer guides at RSPB Minsmere (who previously spoken to us about adders) to talk about “Minsmere Autumn and the Red Deer Rut”. They illustrated their words with beautiful photos and videos, all their own work. Many insects are about with the bee wasps digging into the sand being one sign of the end of summer. Crickets, dragon flies, spiders, grasshoppers are about, food for egrets, sand martins and hobbies. There are many migrating birds, and many different breeds of duck and swan arrive to take over the scrape. Starlings in autumn and winter will give their air displays at dusk.

Autumn is a time for maintenance work. The reeds are cut and the waterways unchoked to give a clean edge so bitterns can fish. It is a time to repair and expand the hides if needed. Wild konick ponies will graze and keep the meadows under control. If there are storms, the beach side of reserve needs clearing of washed up rubbish which comes mainly from boats.

At the back of the reserve part of which was once Mount Pleasant Farm is where the red deer are found. Vans are used for the deer safaris on which you may also see sparrow hawks, red head partridges, kestrels, buzzards and stone curlews. With red deer there are stags (males) and hinds (females). The stags' antlers have points which increase in number as they age, 12 points make a Royal, 14 points make an Imperial and 16 points make a Monarch. The antlers which are made of bone are shed in the spring when new ones will start to grow. In the rutting season stags use their antlers to attract the hinds and to challenge their rivals. They also

bellow (roar) loudly to show off. The stags like to thrash trees and bushes to adorn their antlers with leaves and branches to make them look larger. At the end of the rutting season the stags and hinds will separate. Breeding starts at 3 years of age. The young are born with spots. Hinds may be seen with this year's young and the previous year's young. Red deer will eat all kinds of vegetation - they graze and also browse on tree leaves. They are free roaming with no owners. If there is a scarcity of food the hinds can reabsorb their pregnancy. A scarcity of food will also result in more females than males being born. An abundance of food here has resulted in the Minsmere red deer being larger than the ones in Scotland. The numbers of deer are controlled with a licensed cull when necessary. We thanked Steve and Davene for their fascinating presentation and for bringing along a stag's antler for us to see and handle!

Next month our meeting will be on the 15th November at the village hall at 7:15pm. "Wine and Cheese and the AGM."

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE AND STRIDE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the ride and stride, and to all those who sponsored or donated to the event; also to all who sat in church on the day to sign riders in. It was a beautiful day although a little on the warm side. Between us we raised the excellent total of £727.00 and thank you everyone once again.

Mike Thickitt

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

The days may be shorter but that doesn't mean that we have hibernated and neither should you when there are the following events to enjoy before the year is out.

Remember we now have a card reader so not having cash is no longer a problem.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd November - Peasehall Picture Palace Film Night doors open 7:00pm.
(You can subscribe to the mailing list:- peasehallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com.)

Saturday 18th November – Makers’ Market - 10am till 4pm - FREE admission

We are **super** excited and so are our stall holders. ALL of them are local crafts people and EVERY stall is a different craft. Come along and show your support for local people and perhaps even grab a present or two (for yourself or others).

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There will be cakes, hot dogs, bacon rolls and refreshments.

Friday 24th November - Pop-up Pub - the last one for 2023! - Doors open 7:00pm

Friday 1st December - Peasenhall Picture Palace Film Night doors open 7:00pm

Saturday 9th December – Music from Cold Steel Rail - doors open at 7:00pm

A live band - FREE - Yes! And they are great! 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, 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.



Also BINGO at the Assembly Hall

Friday 10th November and

Friday 15th December (Christmas)

Doors open 6.30 – 9.45. Over-18s only, please.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE OVER 70S

The annual Christmas lunch for the over 70s in Peasenhall will take place this year on Thursday, 14 December. The venue is the Village Hall and it all starts at 12.30. **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 are welcome to come along but as **the event is limited to 30 people early booking is advised.**

To book your place please contact one of the following as soon as possible and **no later than 1 December 2023.**

Jane Collins - 07767 167968, Barry Rowing - 07876 302401, Revd Tim Rogers – 01728 668951 - Peter Dance – 01728 660109, Tony Sore – 01728 660335, or Chris Norrington – 01728 660280

THEBERTON



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

Please join the people of the village to remember those who gave their lives so we could be free.

At the war memorial at **10.50am**
followed by a short service in the church.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Theberton Church on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 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. If you would like to provide a decorated tree please ring Joan (830710).



Joan Harvey

FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday 4th November, the Playing Field, Church Road, Theberton. Burgers, hot dogs and hot drinks available from 6pm. Display starts at 6.30pm. For more information contact Sally on 01728 832386.



SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

TOWN AND VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023

The Suffolk Community Awards ceremony was held at the Food Museum Stowmarket on 25th September. Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council was awarded a Highly Commended certificate which was presented by Cllr Katie Graham (East Suffolk District Council) to Cllr Hilary Ward on behalf of the Parish Council.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge THANK YOU!! from Sally and Shell to everyone who supported our coffee morning on Saturday 30th September at Theberton. We raised a fantastic £700.



The Theberton Lionesses present:

JAZZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th November 18.30 – 22.30

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Tickets from Suzi Cooper: Telephone: 01728 635736, WhatsApp 07879 685136

Email: thebertonlionesses@hotmail.com

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 2nd December, Theberton Village Hall, with a visit
from Santa.

Full details in December issue but please contact Shell on
07887 409086 to find out more.



WESTLETON

CHURCHYARD CUT AND RAKE

Thank you to all who participated in the cut and rake at Westleton Church in
October. It was hard work as the season has been so wet. Thanks to the mowers
and trimmers, the rakers and shifters, and the very important refreshment
providers. You have all played your part in making our churchyard a beautiful
place for both the village and its wildlife. Thank you again. *Joyce Burtenshaw*

!! Last chance to get tickets!!

CONCERT IN ST PETER'S CHURCH, WESTLETON

3pm Sunday 29th October 2023

Newly formed chamber choir *Voices2Go* are delighted to bring you a beautiful programme of music by varied composers from Byrd to Britten, all under the direction of Justin Bindley with pianist Karen Smith. Do join us for our second inaugural concert. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



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Judie Shore

TALK BY FORMER PRISONER

On Sunday 8th October in our morning service at St Peter's Westleton we heard a challenging and inspiring talk by Sean Bradish, ex-armed robber.

Sean grew up in an abusive threatening family home, in which his life was overshadowed by the fear that his father would kill his mother. Unable to engage with education and with a very low sense of self-worth, he drifted into petty crime and had his first court appearance at the age of eleven.

Crime became his one ambition, and he rebelled against anything that represented authority. Eventually the law caught up with him and fifty cases of armed robbery earned him two life sentences, but some years into his incarceration he convinced the governing body that he was fit for release even as he was committing crimes right under their noses. He was caught again and given another life sentence.

During this time Sean's son was murdered, which hit him to the point of absolute distraction. Initially he just wanted revenge, but his sister had other ideas and asked a Christian charity, whose calling was to visit prisoners, if they could do anything for him.

What a transformation! Sean gave his life to the Lord, and with the help of therapy in prison his whole life was reframed. He studied and gained a degree, and now works as a counsellor supporting people who have lost loved ones in circumstances similar to his.

Jeremy Branch



WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL NOVEMBER 2023

On Saturday 4th November 7pm for 7.30pm the **Film Club** is showing *Aftersun*, a coming-of-age holiday drama. All welcome, refreshments available. December's film is *Local Hero*, showing on Saturday 2nd. Tickets are £5 and available on the door.

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.

Bingo is back in the foyer on Thursday 16th 2.30-4.30pm. All welcome, no experience or booking in advance required. £5 each to play for small cash prizes; all equipment provided. Refreshments will be available.

On Saturday 18th we will be holding a **Race Night** from 7pm in the main hall. Join us for some fun! Look out for posters in the villages. All funds will go towards hall upkeep.

Throughout November we have local artist **Clare Labdon** - from Yewtree Studio - exhibiting in the Foyer weekdays 10am-12noon. Her work captures the beautiful Suffolk skies and landscapes in a vivid palette of colours.

A date for the diary: Friday 8th December 7pm for 7.30pm – “**A Christmas Miscellany**”. 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.

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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

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JAZZ NIGHT...

...organised by the Theberton Lionesses, will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November. See details on Page 21.

WESTLETON GARDENERS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 21st November in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm. This month's talk is called "Around the World in 80 Plants" presented by Jaime Blake from Bressingham Gardens, Norfolk, well known for Alan Bloom's Dell Garden and Adrian Bloom's adjacent garden at Foggy Bottom.

£4 entry, payable on the door and all are welcome. Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be time to chat and refreshments after the talk. *Marilyn Stephens*

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st prize, No 104, Keith and Liz Barton. **2nd prize**, No 46, Mrs E Calder.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

A **Nature Walk** will be held on
SATURDAY November 4th, when we hope that
there will be plenty of fungi in evidence.
10.30am - 12 noon (approx)



And the last **Working Party** of 2023
is on SATURDAY November 18th, 10am - 12.30pm.

Refreshments at half time

Tools provided; please bring your own tough gardening gloves.

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WESTLETON WI

And before the cold caught up with us, we still had time to have a very enjoyable evening to thank our lovely and very hard-working committee members.



This was an unusual meeting in that we nipped across the road to the welcoming Westleton Crown to enjoy snacks prepared by the Crown and listen to the representative of Edmunds Cocktails, and of course enjoyed the tasting of cocktails and mocktails.

It was a special evening because we could say thank you, learn a lot and also get our Christmas shopping sorted. Clever us!

After the flowers and goody bags for the committee members we wound our ways home – very responsibly on foot.

At the next meeting we will be making wreaths for our doors which makes Christmas feel very uncomfortably close!

Susanne Bennell



WESTLETON WELLBEING WALKS

Sunday 12th November 2pm

Westleton Heath and Woodland. Meet at Car Park No 42 on Blythburgh Road. A 2-mile walk taking approximately 50 mins.

Monday 27th November 10am

North of Westleton and across the Heath. Meet at Westleton Village Hall. A 3.7-mile walk taking 75 mins.

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am

Westleton Heath Nature Reserve and Westleton Common. Meet at the Village Hall. A 4-mile walk taking 90 mins. Refreshments to follow.

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ST. PETER'S YOXFORD

From Wednesday 1st November, the 10am midweek Holy Communion will take place at St Peter's rather than at Westleton. Yoxford is both a more central location and easier to get to for the dedicated clergy in the winter months. All are welcome as usual. Following the service there will be a 'coffee and chat' time to get to know and have fellowship with the other members of churches in our benefice!

Lynne Putland

VILLAGE HALL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pub Night November 24th, 6-11pm

Jumble Sale December 9th, Time to be confirmed

Pub Night December 29th, 6-11pm

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

NEWS FROM YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Still with a lot of help from our volunteers... continuing from last month's edition, from the many volunteers who give their time to help the village, this month, Council would like to acknowledge and thank the other members of Ally Hackwell's village fund-raising team. They're a formidable bunch who are selfless in the time they give. From jumble to craft to book to bric-a-brac sales they work together brilliantly - organising, cleaning, sorting and selling. When you next see *Jenny Dye, Barbara King, Carol Leonard, Panda Potter, Janet Tibbit and Hazel Wheeler*, do say thanks. Council couldn't have made so much progress on the village hall without them.

Can you hear the echo, echo? Not any more... talking of the village hall, pop in to the large hall and have a listen! Sound-absorbing panelling has now been fitted, which has transformed the acoustics. Watch this space for news of ways to enjoy some fabulous evenings...

Will you join us? As we head into winter, there will be a number of village projects which Council would appreciate your help with if you can spare some time. We'll soon have 2000 bulbs to plant, street signage to clean, hedges to trim, and traffic speed to monitor. More information to follow. Please contact the clerk if you can join the voluntary team.

In other news, and you may already have noticed this, your Parish Council is pleased to share that, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has now installed its sign at the cemetery gates to show that Yoxford Cemetery holds four war graves. If you are interested in finding out more about how the CWGC commemorates the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars, have a look at its website: <http://www.cwgc.org/>
Sizewell C. Following their attendance at September's Parish Council meeting, the Community Relations Team for Sizewell C have declined Council's invitation to attend another. However, they have invited anyone who wants to discuss the project to visit the office in Leiston: Sizewell C Information Office, 48-50 High Street, Leiston IP16 4EW. Open for visits without appointment 9.30am – 5pm (weekdays), closed lunchtimes 12.30pm – 1:30pm.

Slow down, they drive too fast... Council continues to receive concerns from residents about speeding traffic through the village. Parish councillors share these worries and remain committed to doing all they can to make the roads as safe as possible. Work with SCC Highways continues and, at its most recent meeting, Council passed a motion to request that Suffolk County Council reviews its speed policy and supports a reduction to 20mph limit throughout Yoxford. The letter will be available for you to read on the village website. Do take a look and also sign the village petition here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/20mph/>

Police Connect. Reports of theft are continuing. Council has contacted the local police team for guidance and advice on how best to secure our homes. This will be published as soon as it's received. Until then, double check that everything is locked up.

Trudy Charles

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Yoxford Parish Council

SING OUT!



Join our COMMUNITY CHOIR for this area.

Whether you are new to singing, have sung in a choir before, or read music or not, all are welcome. We sing a wide range of music from pop to choral and musicals. We started our new term in September at St Peter's Church, Yoxford. Join us any Wednesday at 7.00pm. We hope to see you there, especially if you have a lower range singing voice: tenor / bass.

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Come along and pick up a bargain. There will be bric-a-brac, clothes, antiques and all sorts of wonderful things. Also homemade cakes, breakfast and hot lunches all day, with tea, coffee and soft drinks.

£1 Admission. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds go to Action Medical Research.

Enquires please call Jenny Seager (organiser) on 07788 942051.

SAXMUNDHAM FILM CLUB

Sunday 3rd December, 2pm: *Home Alone*

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

Home Alone is the story of 8-year-old Kevin, a mischievous kid who feels largely ignored by his large extended family. While everyone is preparing for a Christmas vacation in Paris, Kevin gets in trouble and is banished to the attic overnight.

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.

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The route taken in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride on 9th September by Mark Wilson and Paula Drane from Darsham. They cycled 62.7 miles and completed their ride in 4 hours 13 minutes. Kudos to Mark and Paula and to other riders and striders from the benefice who took part in the event on a punishingly hot day.





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