

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

**October 2023**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2023

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<b>Sunday 1st</b>		<b>Trinity 17th</b>
10.00am	Peasenhall	Benefice Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		<b>Trinity 18th</b>
9.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion & Harvest Festival
9.30am	Westleton	Croissants@church
10.00am		Informal Worship
9.30am	Theberton	Taizé
11.00am	Middleton	Morning Prayer with Harvest Festival
11.00am	Darsham	Morning Prayer with Harvest Festival & Lunch
11.00am	Dunwich	Holy Communion and Harvest Festival
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Prayer (BCP)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		<b>Trinity 19th</b>
9.30am	Yoxford	family@church
9.30am	Westleton	Holy Communion
9.30am	Theberton	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Peasenhall	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Darsham	Evensong
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>		<b>Trinity 20th</b>
9.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion
9.30am	Westleton	Informal Worship
9.30am	Yoxford	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Worship – with the Methodist Chapel
6.00pm	Sibton	Evensong
<b>Sunday 29th</b>		<b>Trinity 21 (Bible Sunday)</b>
9.30am	Theberton	Healing Service
11.00am	Middleton	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Westleton	Prayer & Praise
<b>Thursday 2nd November</b>		<b>All Souls' Service</b>
3.00pm	Middleton	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday, 5th November</b>		<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>
10.00am	Yoxford	Benefice Service and Holy Communion with Archdeacon Rich Henderson
<b>Every Wednesday unless stated:</b>		
10.00am	Westleton	Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*Trinity 17, Green*  
Exodus 17.1-7  
Philippians 2.1-13  
Matthew 21.23-32

*Trinity 18, Green*  
Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9,  
12-20  
Philippians 3.4b-14  
Matthew 21.33-46

*Trinity 19, Green*  
Exodus 32.1-14  
Philippians 4.1-9  
Matthew 22.1-14

*Trinity 20, Green*  
Exodus 33.12-23  
1 Thessalonians  
1.1-10  
Matthew 22.15-22

*Trinity 21 (Bible Sunday), Green*  
Nehemiah 8.1-4a  
[5-6] 8-12  
Colossians 3.12-17  
Matthew 24.30-35

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Cover: a hardy wild swimmer in an October sea at Dunwich. Photograph by Rachel Robinson.

## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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### Anglican Diversity

One of the strengths of being a Christian in the countryside is the *lack* of choice of churches. Mostly, to get to any other church than an Anglican church you have to drive. As a consequence, the churches in the Yoxmere Benefice are a spiritual home to people from a few different church backgrounds — and we get along fine!

The Church of England broke from Catholicism during the English Reformation. Yes, Henry VIII wanted a divorce, but the Reformation was in full swing across Europe at that time: Luther began a fervent wave of Christian thought about both theology and worship — so Henry VIII took advantage of wider reformation to get what he wanted, and English reformers took advantage of his backing to get what they wanted. The result was a protestant church that did not entirely rip up Catholicism, but still brought significant change.

Methodism split from Anglicanism in the eighteenth century, under John Wesley. The Wesleys had an uncommonly deep and passionate faith, which they expressed in outdoor preaching. The Anglican church of the time was too conservative for that sort of thing and booted them out. But there is no theological difference now, nor difference in faith or enthusiasm. We worship alongside each other very happily.

Baptists usually take communion less frequently than Anglicans, are usually less traditional and more modern, and put more emphasis on preaching and the Bible. They baptise only those who can make an informed choice about their faith and this then leads to greater emphasis on the personal than the corporate. These are not irreconcilable differences! Consequently, we have a number of people who grew up Baptist happily blending with the Anglican congregation.

In the end, the Church of England is a wide umbrella, a big melting pot, in which there is great strength in diversity. We are evangelical and reformed and small 'c' catholic; traditional and modern, young and old, and more besides. It is better when we emphasise our commonalities. It is better to meet, pray, sing, read, learn and share together than apart. We think better together when we don't all think alike. And I am pleased to have Christians with lots of different faith stories in the Yoxmere churches, and all are welcome, of any denomination or none, of any faith or none, to any service. Furthermore, there is still room for us to explore more of the breadth of tradition. If you have experienced forms of worship that were meaningful to you in the past, talk to me about them. There is always room to make the house of God more welcoming, and more diverse.

*Blessings, Tim.*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

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### Marriages

Scott Wood to Keziah Jolly on 30th August, at St Peter's, Sibton

### Funerals

Rita Avril Isabella Badger (Isobel), aged 89 years, on Tuesday 29th August, at St Peter's, Yoxford, followed by burial in Yoxford cemetery.

Patricia Maude Smith (Pat), aged 94 years, on Wednesday 13th September, at Holy Trinity, Middleton, followed by burial in the churchyard

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 2nd October, 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.

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More information from Revd Tim.

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**Metamorphosis**  
**Westleton Church**  
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Jennifer Clough 648597  
for more information

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### **VIRTUAL FISHERMAN**

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Marian Sillett has worked tirelessly with her husband David for Leiston Food bank, the destination of donations from our villages. Here she is with grandson Josh Miller who lends valuable support.



Chris and Gill Wood, Westleton Boules champions, receiving the trophy from Tom Ash (P.21)



Jane Leng in a vintage outfit and fabulous hat at Vanessa Raison's Theberton garden party (P.19)





### The Prophets

When Herman Melville wrote *Moby Dick* in 1850, he was not simply writing a novel about the captain of a whaling ship who sets himself on revenge against the whale that took his leg. He was writing an urgent message to his country, anxious that the ‘ship of state’ was off course and needed to turn around. Few got the message, though — and the novel was under-appreciated until well after his death.

This is something like the way the Old Testament prophets wrote. Their urgent message was typically about calling their nations, Israel and Judah, back to the law and back to faithfulness to the Lord, because the consequences would be dire if they did not return to faithfulness. As such, the prophets’ central goal was nothing new — to encourage their leaders and their people to live well under God’s laws. But on the way they also shared visions of hope, and gave valuable help in interpreting the law.

If you open a Bible, you will find a group of books towards the end of the Old Testament, starting with Isaiah, and ending with Malachi. These are the books of the prophets. But...just as the Torah, the law, mixed together instruction and story, so the prophets in a Hebrew Bible is the same mix: a Hebrew Bible, a Tanak, puts the books Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings together with the named prophets, because these books have much to do with the message of the prophets, and because their words can only be read and understood in the context of the story. Prophets’ words are chiefly of their time and for their people, addressing the contemporaneous problems.

So why do we read them? Why are they still a part of the Bible? Firstly, because of the clarification they give, secondly for the hope, thirdly because they help us to understand a wider picture of God’s constancy.

### Clarification

A year or two ago I read the autobiography of Adrian Newey, the legendary F1 car designer. For him, designing a car is about looking for every potential loophole in the rules and exploiting them. A significant message of the prophets is not to read the law like Adrian Newey(!) and the spirit of the law was more important than looking for loopholes. So they clarify that God wants us to ‘do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly’, and that sacrifices are not a ‘get out of jail card’.

## Hope

While the Old Testament prophets often nagged at their kings and their people, they also offered hope — especially after the destruction of Jerusalem in 587BC. They reminded their people that despite misfortune God was still with them, that God loved them, and that their people would not die out but would be restored to their homeland. One day they would be free again, under the good rule of their Lord. Some of this hope comes as specific expectations and predictions. Isaiah, in particular, points very particularly towards a coming Messiah, and a suffering servant — both of whom we recognise in the one person of Jesus. I still find it remarkable that so many of the prophets' cryptic hints came true.

## Constancy

Many would look upon the constantly changing fortunes of Israel as just the sort of thing that happens throughout history, and no proof of a living God. Jews see it differently — how could the Israelite slaves escape Egypt without divine intervention? How could they return home from Babylon and Persia without God pulling the strings? The prophets help us to interpret these ups and downs in fortune. God does not punish Israel, but when they turned from him, he warned them, and withdrew his protection from the nation. As they repented and turned back to him, so God reinstated the fullness of their relationship. Parents love

their children, but they know that wrapping them in cotton wool is not love. They want their children to grow in responsibility and maturity. The prophets communicate these desires of God, helping us to see that the changing fortunes are not due to God's inconstancy, but to the fickleness of the people. They point to a day when God's rule of his people will more obviously be constant — Jesus' kingship over his believers in the New Testament, and thereafter.

The prophets can be tough reading! They are best read after you have got used to a lot of the other Biblical genres. But they are really important for our understanding of the world Jesus lived in, and the expectations he went on to fulfil.

*Blessings, Tim.*



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**Sunday 15th October 9.30am**  
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## PREPARING FOR NET ZERO - *Part Two, from Greener Peasenhall & Sibton*

Someone came up with the notion of 'Net Zero', and attached a future target date on it, giving us all the impression that this would be the answer to carbon emissions.

Net Zero doesn't mean **zero** – it's not about producing *no* carbon. If there were a machine that could eat carbon, one could have a notion that a steel producer could emit  $x$  million tons, and then use that machine to eat  $x$  million tons of carbon, so that the net result would be no 'excess' carbon emitted – a net zero event. We don't have machines like that yet, so governments and businesses have to look for alternatives.

Trees were always a good example of something net zero for they breathe in CO<sub>2</sub> and breathe out oxygen, and the growth of the tree becomes a carbon sink (a relatively passive store of carbon, until it rots). Thus, one politician's solution for the climate crisis is to plant trees, but it takes a long time for a tree to develop into maturity – it's a long-term solution, yet it has encouraged the scam of carbon credits which gives landowners tax-payer money for planting saplings.

Very little else is naturally net zero, and humans and our society are not, but we can, and must, *reduce* the amount of carbon we produce, individually and as a society.

If we could insulate more, purchase and eat less, and overall generate less carbon, we might be able to 'keep 1.5 alive', but this would still mean accepting the level of climate crisis we are currently in, with its resulting floods, fires and crop failures.

For those of us without the land to plant saplings, we'll be persuaded to reduce our carbon footprint by:

1. transport – reducing traffic (amount/mileage) and increasing cycling
2. reducing emissions – having smaller/electric cars, and more economic/cooler heating, power, cooking
3. house construction – including retro-fitting insulation, water conservation
4. green corridors – planting more
5. renewables - solar / wind / heat pumps
6. waste management – reducing waste and managing it correctly
7. water – flood management / refilling rivers and aquifers / minimising domestic wastage
8. food – local food / organic / vegetarian / less meat

*What will you be prioritising?*

In an attempt to highlight energy loss through poor insulation, East Suffolk Council will again be offering free thermal imaging house inspections and consultations by local people, in the winter. Insulation doesn't have to cost a lot, but it helps to know where best to put it. Contact [greenpeasen@gmail.com](mailto:greenpeasen@gmail.com) for more information, and/or book a free appointment.

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Sue Norrington 01728 660280

## FORTHCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

**Del & Jeremy & Stephen**  
**-50s & 60s gig**

*This will take place on October 14th,  
7.00pm – 10.00pm  
at Sibton Church,  
by the popular tribute band.*

Tickets £10, on sale in advance from the Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store, also online at Eventbrite.  
([www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)).

There will be a licensed bar, and food will be by Cheryl's Suffolk Catering  
(*cash sales only*).

## TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



**Potton Hall, Saxmundham, IP17 3EF**  
**Sunday 22 October 2023, 3.00pm**

**Conductor ~ Robin Wallington**  
**Soloist ~ Mishka Rushdie Momen (piano)**

Sinfonietta – E. J. Moeran  
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The performance is on **Sunday 29th October at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served after the concert and the tickets (£10) can be purchased either through the church or by contacting Voices2Go at [voices2gochamber@gmail.com](mailto:voices2gochamber@gmail.com) or phone us on 07477 919987. Tickets will also be available to purchase at Westleton Village Store.

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**Saturday 25th November from 18:30 – 22:30**

### JAZZ NIGHT

**Featuring Three of a Kind – & Friends**

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Modern jazz 1950s (“Almost Like Being In Love”,  
“I’ll Take Romance”, “How About You . . .”)

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First set starts at 19:15: Second set at 21:00

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# DARSHAM

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Very many thanks to all who helped with the churchyard tidy on 8th September. It was very well attended and everyone worked really hard, even in the heat! The result is very pleasing. We all enjoyed a lovely lunch too, thanks to Shirley.

Reminder for the **church deep clean** on 6th October at 10am. Coffee and biscuits will be available.

**Harvest festival service** at All Saints, Darsham on 8th October 11am.

**Harvest lunch** at village hall at 12.30 on 8th October. If interested please contact Shirley Field on 01728 668371.

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## NOTICE OF VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Darsham Village Hall will be held in the village hall on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 6.30 pm. All village members are invited to attend. Presented at the meeting will be the chair's report on the previous twelve months' activities and plans for the coming year and the annual financial report.

Nominations for Elected Members of DVHMC can be made by permanent residents of the village, in writing, with individuals being both nominated and seconded. Nomination forms can be obtained from the secretary by request. Any such nominations must be in the hands of the secretary at least fourteen days before the AGM, either given personally or posted in the village hall post box. Should the number of nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.

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

Mark Hemingway, DVHMC Secretary - phone number 07468 418713.

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## WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL - OCTOBER 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)

Crafty Club – Mon. 2nd Oct - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Pétanque – every Tues. 6pm (contact Ron Clark on 07423 399406)

Dash Astro – Sunday 1st & 8th Oct 7pm [www.dash-astro.co.uk](http://www.dash-astro.co.uk) for more details

Patchwork & Quilting – Wed. 11th October - 9am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Darsham Dames – Thursday 12th October - 1pm (contact Annie McPhail on 07852 237389)

### Events and Meetings

- Earth Dance – Sunday 1st Oct & Sun 29th Oct 9.15am
- De-fibrillator training – Weds 4th Oct – 2 sessions 10am – 11am & 11.30am – 12.30pm. Priority given to Darsham residents. Please contact Diane Taylor on 07812 604512 with expressions of interest/attendance
- Village Harvest Lunch – Sunday 8th Oct – 12.30pm after the Harvest Festival Service. Lunch is provided by All Saints, but numbers are limited so please contact Shirley Field on 01728 668371 to book your place.
- Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 12th October 7pm
- Coffee Morning – Saturday 14th Oct 10am - hosted by Crafty Club
- Film Night – Sat 14th Oct – A comedy drama, *What's Love Got to Do With It?* 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
- Darsham Village Hall Management Committee AGM – Mon 23rd Oct 6.30pm

### Save the Dates

- 1st November – Horticultural Society AGM 2pm
- 25th November – Race Night – details to follow

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## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 12th September. During the public forum, concerns were raised regarding broken road signage and incorrectly listed cycle routes. The parish council will assist in trying to resolve these issues; however, as part of his report, Cllr Richard Smith cited budget constraints in respect of signage.

Cllr Backhouse provided reports on behalf of three absent councillors, updating the council on progress with the village play space and upcoming events at the village hall on behalf of Cllr Ballantine. In respect of footpaths, Cllr Redgrave and Cllr Backhouse have worked hard to investigate and resolve a right-of-way issue in respect of a footpath along the boundary of Greenside and The Street. It has now been clarified in line with the conditions of the planning permission for the site, that the footpath is a public footpath providing safe passage for pedestrians along a narrow section of The Street.

Cllr Green provided a report on the solar power system at the village hall, which has now been in operation for one full month. The solar power system has provided 90% of the village hall's electricity and all of its hot water, in addition to a healthy

income from the unused electricity sold back to the grid. Cllr Green shared the monthly speed monitoring reports, and noted 83% compliance with the speed limit in August, which is the best result to date. The council agreed to explore the establishment of a Community Speedwatch team and invites any members of the public who wish to be involved to please contact Cllr Green directly.

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Backhouse are continuing to explore the possibility of an additional defibrillator in the village to be sited at All Saints Church. Further defibrillator training will be provided in October, with more details to be published shortly. The council agreed a donation of £50 to SARS for this training.

In respect of planning, the council voted unanimously in favour of the variation to the one planning application to come before the council this month.

Darsham Parish Council's next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10th October at Darsham Village Hall. There will be two Sizewell representatives at this meeting and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

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## DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB NEW SEASON

14th October, *What's Love Got to Do with It*.



We have some great films for this Autumn and our first is this comedy/romance ... and don't we all need a great heart-warming movie as the nights draw in? Plus there will be a bar and refreshments.

The film follows Zoe (Lily James), a documentary maker and dating-app addict who hasn't met Mr Right, to the dismay of her eccentric mother Cath (Emma Thompson) and Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), who has decided to follow his parents example and opt for an arranged (or assisted) marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. Zoe decides to film his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, and wonders if she might have something to learn from this approach. Reviews have been very positive and one said that it could be ranked alongside British classics like *Bend it Like Beckham* and has the confidence of a Richard Curtis classic (*Love Actually*).

Tickets are £5 and can be bought on the door or during the coffee morning at the hall on the 14th. Doors open at 6.45pm and the film starts at 7pm, with a short interval to replenish your glasses! If you need any more info please email Anne on [anniemcphail1@hotmail.com](mailto:anniemcphail1@hotmail.com) or phone 07852 237389. We look forward to welcoming regulars and newcomers alike.

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

1st Prize: £100 Mrs S. Perkins; 2nd: £50 A. Holland; 3rd: £25 P. & M. Archard

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## DUNWICH

### COFFEE 4 U

We have two dates in October to put in your diaries. Thursday 12th, and Thursday 19th, starting at 10:30am until noon, meeting in the reading room. See you all there.

*Heather Cook*

## MIDDLETON

### MIDDLETON WI NEWS

In August we take a break from our regular meetings but we do come together to run the WI stall at the Middleton Village Fete. Our committee members set up the tables and gazebo on the playing field where the fete is held, and our members contribute the produce and items that we sell. The variety on offer this year was excellent, all home-made or home-grown. We had cakes, bakes, desserts, sweets, chocolates, jams, chutneys, marmalades, lavender bags, plums, plants, flowers and even “guess the weight” of a bag of potatoes! We also had for sale, on behalf of the Middleton Community Council, tea towels celebrating the centenary of the Middleton Village Hall which, when built in 1923, was the WI Hall. Many of the fete goers visiting our stall were tempted to buy, so that at the end of the day we had sold out of most of our goods. It was a most successful afternoon! Our thanks to all involved.

Our October meeting will be held on Wednesday the 18th at 7.15pm. The speaker is Katie Osborn from “Beach Bonkers”. All are welcome.

*Lynne Venn*



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## PEASENHALL

### PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

It has been a very busy time for the trustees of the Assembly Hall. Thanks to all of you for your support and attendance at the events held over the summer months. You may have noticed that scaffolding is currently in place so that repairs can be carried out to the front and rear elevations of the hall. Whilst the scaffolding is in place we are taking the opportunity to have nesting boxes installed for the swifts - so long may they continue to visit us.

#### Upcoming events:

**Friday 6th October** - Peasehall Picture palace opens its doors once more.

**Friday 27th October** - the Pop-up Pub will be open.

**Saturday 18th November** - our Makers' Market - just a couple of stalls left if you wish to join the makers!

Remember that you can have details of the film nights sent straight to your inbox:

Film nights: [Peasehallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:Peasehallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com)

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Any other enquiries: [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

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## SIBTON

On Saturday October 24th, we have a **50s and 60s gig** by **Del & Jeremy & Stephen**, in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm. See full details on Page 10.



This is the final social event of the season and is organised by the Friends of St Peter's Church, Sibton, Reg. Char. 1063822.

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## THEBERTON

### QUIZ NIGHT

14th October at Theberton Village Hall, £5per head, maximum of six per table, includes buffet supper. Doors open 6.30 for 7.00pm start. Bring your own drinks. For bookings and more info contact Sally on 01728 832386.

*Sally Ginger*

## NEWS FROM THE THEBERTON LIONESSES

*(Raising awareness and funds for  
East Anglia's Children's Hospice and  
St Elizabeth Hospice)*



Vanessa Raison opened her garden for an afternoon of vintage tea and croquet in memory of her parents Jennifer and John Raison. A sumptuous tea of sandwiches, scones and glorious cakes was enjoyed by all who attended on a beautiful sunny August afternoon. A few arrived in some wonderful vintage costumes (such as that shown on Page 5). Considering we asked for donations only rather than a set charge we were amazed to have raised £250 to be shared between the two charities. Everyone was so pleased the event went so well that we plan to repeat this on a grander scale next August. We thank everyone for their generosity.

*Suzi Cooper*

### Future Event

#### **JAZZ NIGHT WITH TWO-COURSE MEAL**

Saturday 25th November  
at Westleton Village Hall.

**Tickets £25.**

*See full details on Page 11*



## WESTLETON

### **Annual Churchyard Cut and Rake**

**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER**

Meet at 9.30am at the churchyard.

*Refreshments provided.*

**BRING YOUR OWN STRIMMER AND/OR RAKE.**

*Please wear sensible protective clothing.*

For further information contact Joyce 649045 or Jeremy 648140.





## WESTLETON HEALTH WALKS

**Thursday 12th October, 10am Hogs Grove.**

Meet at Forestry England Hogs Grove car park, Dunwich.

**Wednesday 25th October, 11am Middleton footpaths.**

Meet at the Middleton Bell public house.

For more information see [healthysuffolk.org.uk](http://healthysuffolk.org.uk)

where you will be redirected to the relevant Ramblers' web page.

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## WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

On Sunday 1st October the **Flea Market** returns! Collectables, vintage, good quality pre-loved items and affordable antiques, something for everyone.

10am-3pm. 50p entry, under 16s free. Light refreshments available in the Foyer.

Friday 6th October we have a fascinating talk about **Westleton's Unsung War Heroes**. 7pm for 7:30pm. £5 per ticket, available from the village store or the hall's Foyer when open.

Saturday 7th 10am-12:30pm we see the monthly return of the popular summer **Barrow/Community Market** in/outside the Foyer.

That evening 7pm for 7:30pm the **Film Club** returns with *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, and for your diaries on Saturday 4th November we have *Aftersun* showing. All welcome; refreshments available.

**Bingo** is back in the foyer on Thursday 19th 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 Thursday 26th the **Model Railway Group** will be having an open day from 10am-4pm. Further details can be seen on the opposite page.

Saturday 28th 10am-4pm and Sunday 29th 10am-2pm is the annual **Big Book Sale!** Thousands of interesting books available, with a huge variety; fiction, non-fiction, specialist, old and nearly new. All paperbacks 50p, hardbacks £1. 50p entry, under 16s free. Light refreshments available in the Foyer. All proceeds to hall funds.

**Consultation Room:** We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). For further information contact her on 07821 055404. On Monday morning 23rd October Linda Freeman is offering **Hairdressing** in the morning. Contact her to book on 07765971774. **Reflexology** is back on Saturday 28th October 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 [www.julietoverton.co.uk](http://www.julietoverton.co.uk)

To see our latest timetable of varied activities, events and groups please see our **events page** on our website: [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://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 [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk)

*The Foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers. We have art exhibitions changing monthly in the foyer, available to view and purchase during these times.*

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## **Yoxmere Model Railway Group**

is holding an  
open day demonstration of  
club and members'  
Model Railway Layouts

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**Thursday 26th October 2023**

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*Come and see what we are all about  
New members always welcome*

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## **WESTLETON VILLAGE BOULES COMPETITION 2023**

The final gathering of the Westleton Boules Competitors took place in glorious sunshine on Sunday 10th September. It was a great turnout, representing seven teams. The competition had been won by the Woodies (Chris and Gill Wood, and Pam Hargreaves). The teams enjoyed a mini-tournament, taking a short break for some shared food before the final of that competition was contested between Les Deux Chevaux (Andy and Linda Gilmour) and R&R (Irene and Steve Ridley). Irene and Steve were really on fire that afternoon, brushing aside all competition until the final. Andy and Linda reached an early lead with nine points but Irene



and Steve fought back to take a well-deserved victory given their outstanding performance all afternoon.

It was encouraging to have a few new teams this year and we hope that we have a few more next year. Thanks to all who took part, making it a great village social event.

*Tom Ash*

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## WESTLETON WI

Our September meeting was everything we had hoped for.

Prof. John Shepherd took us through the main points of climate change – how it affects us and what we can do about it. His talk took us through the main issues and then through aspects that can be changed on a more personal level. It was indeed a wake-up call and so well presented.

On 16th September the WI will be 108 years old. We have never shied away from issues needing our support and attention and I am sure we will meet the new challenges head on and to the best of our ability.

Also on the 16th will be our annual Jumble Sale and I am sure you have all supported us!

October is also the month for Members' Meeting that allows us to thank our committee and the wonderful work they are doing. We are looking forward to an entertaining meeting.

*Susanne Bennell*

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

1st prize, No 190, John and Debbie Shepherd

2nd prize, No 80, Rodney Collett



## WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

There will be a  
**Working Party on SATURDAY October 21st**  
**10am - 12.30pm**  
Refreshments at half time  
Tools provided,  
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## YOXFORD

### ST PETER'S CHURCH

Harvest Festival Communion - Sunday 8th October

family @church Harvest Celebration - Sunday 15th October

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### SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE 2023

Thank you to all who sponsored or donated to Yoxford church's bike ride, or manned the church and offered refreshments to this year's visiting riders. Between us we raised £185, half of which goes to SHCT and half to St Peter's, Yoxford.



Sadly, Yoxford riders were few again this year, but I must say a special "Well Done" to Val and Ian who, on such a hot day, rode over forty miles and visited twenty-three churches - WELL DONE INDEED! Maybe you would like to ride or stride next year – details will be in the *Fisherman*, July 2024.

*Rosemary Draper*

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### YOXFORD HISTORY GROUP

Yoxford History Group is planning to begin a new project in the future - researching people buried in St Peter's churchyard. Before beginning this mammoth task, we should be grateful to hear from anyone who has family members buried there. If you could tell us about them, particularly supply a family tree, we should be happy to hear from you.

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## NEWS FROM YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*With a lot of help from our volunteers...* one of the many features that makes our village special, is the number of unpaid volunteers who offer their time, skill and ideas to improve and maintain our local community. Over the coming months, Council will be highlighting the village's unsung volunteers who ask for nothing in return for their contribution.

This edition begins with sending thanks to two of those wonderful volunteers. First, **Ally Hackwell**. As many of you know, Ally has been raising money for the Village Hall for many years and never runs out of energy or commitment. She could sell skis in the summer! The total so far this year is a massive £2000. Ally is unstoppable and Council is so grateful for everything she does.

The second of our volunteers is **Roger Pearce**. Every year, without fail or favour, Roger can be seen taming the hedges at the Village Hall. Metres of hedging are trimmed, clipped and shaped to ensure pedestrians can walk safely on the pavement without fear of a hedge attack! Thanks to Roger for such commitment to helping keep our village smart and tidy.

**In other news**, your Parish Council is pleased to share that, on your behalf, it donated £100 to the East Suffolk division of the charity, Disability Advice Suffolk (DAS). As you may know, the charity provides free and independent help and advice to anyone who has a disability, as well as those who work as carers for the disabled. In these difficult times, it's good to know that there are organisations out there where help can be found. Details of DAS can be found on its website: <http://www.daseastsuffolk.org/> or on our village website <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/disability-advice-service/>

### **Sizewell C.**

The Community Relations Team for Sizewell C attended September's Parish Council meeting to provide an update on the project and to answer questions. The presentation will be available on the village website soon and a second meeting will be organised to enable further conversations to be had. More news on this when it's confirmed.

### **Anyone fancy a drink?**

Following the excitement at last month's Pub Night, The 'Torchlight Three' bar team are hoping that light will show you the way to this month's evening. Join them from 6-11pm on: September 29th, October 27th, November 24th, December 29th.

Would you like to contact the Parish Council? Contact Trudy Charles, Parish Clerk at: [parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com) or 07767 987691.

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## YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT’S ON

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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

Mobile Fish and Chip Van – Thursdays – 5:00pm - 7:30pm

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

Starting Thursday 12th October Table Tennis – 7.00-9.00pm, £4 a session, every Thursday except the first one of every month.

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### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

For a two week period beginning October 26th the 2023 RBL Poppy Appeal will take place in Yoxford, Dunwich, Darsham, Westleton and Middleton. We do not have enough volunteers to continue with house-to-house collections in all of those areas but do look out for poppy boxes in local shops, cafes and pubs.

If you are able to help at all, could you please contact me on either 07976 863034 or [sheenatower@gmail.com](mailto:sheenatower@gmail.com)

Thank you.

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## CRAFT FAIR ST MARGARET'S CHURCH LEISTON



Start your Christmas shopping early by coming along to a Craft Fair at St. Margaret's Church in Leiston on Saturday 4th November (10am-2pm). The church will be filled with stalls selling a wide variety of hand-made goods and unique gifts, as well as Christmas cards, decorations and festive foods. There will also be a raffle for church funds and delicious home-made refreshments sold throughout the event. Admission is free and there's plenty of parking. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## WOODBIDGE CHRISTMAS ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS' FLEA MARKET & FAIR

Sunday 19th November, 9.00 am to 4pm at Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4AU. Admission £1.

Come along and pick up a bargain there will be bric-brac, clothes, antiques, all sorts of wonderful things. Also refreshments and breakfast and hot lunches all day. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds to Action Medical Research. Enquires please call Jenny on 07788 942051. *Jenny Seager (organiser)*

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## ALDE VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP TALK 'STRUGGLE AND SUFFRAGE IN NORWICH'

On Monday 16th October at 2.30pm, Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham.

The talk will be given by Family History Federation speaker, Gill Blanchard - a professional genealogist, house historian, lecturer and author with thirty years experience. Historian and adult education tutor, author of several books including: 'Tracing Your Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk Ancestors', and 'Tracing Your House History'.

Gill has entertained us on previous occasions with house history, but this time she will be talking about Women's Lives and the Fight for Equality, based on the research for her book published by Pen and Sword Books in September 2020. As well as the campaign for votes for women, she looks at the broader context of Norwich women's lives, such as education, health, work, marriage, and relationships, and how women's experiences, struggles and campaigns have shaped our world today.

This talk will be in person at the IP17 1AL (behind the Library) and, for members only, also on Zoom. Members £1, non-members £3, incl tea/coffee and biscuits. Good free car parking.

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## LOCAL FOOD SAFETY SPECIALIST RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to Deb Smith, Global Hygiene Specialist at Vikan, on receiving the IAFP Sanitarian of the Year award! The award was presented at the annual International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) Conference dinner in Toronto (see photo on page 32).

Deb takes her place among the other dedicated sanitarians who have been chosen by the IAFP committee for this award since 1952. To be considered, an individual must show “exceptional service to the profession of sanitarian, serving the public and food industry,” something Deb has demonstrated again and again.

“This award is an honour reflecting Deb’s commitment to her profession, her standing in the field of food safety, and her passion for helping advance the industry’s knowledge of hygiene and food safety.”

Deb, who lives in Darsham, has a long history in food safety having worked locally for Bernard Matthews and CEFAS, Lowestoft, before moving to the Cotswolds to work at Campden BRI food research, and then Vikan, based in Denmark. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology, serves on many scientific and technical committees, and guest lectures at universities around the UK. She has also written numerous peer-reviewed papers and book chapters.



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Deb Smith with colleagues on the occasion of receiving her award at the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) Conference in Toronto

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