

*The Yoxmere
Fisherman*

August & September 2024

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th August ~ Trinity 10

10.00am Dunwich Benefice Service with
Holy Communion
Flower Festival

Sunday 11th August ~ Trinity 11

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Taizé
11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer
3.00pm Westleton Informal Worship

Sunday 18th August ~ Trinity 12

9.30am Yoxford family@church
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Morning Praise
11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday 25th August ~ Trinity 13

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship and
Harvest Festival
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship with the
Methodist Chapel
12 noon Theberton Animal Blessing Service
6.00pm Sibton Holy Communion

Every Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

4th August, Trinity 10, green
2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35

11th August, Trinity 11, green
2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33
Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2
John 6.35, 41-51

18th August, Trinity 12, green
1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

25th August, Trinity 13, green
1 Kings 8.[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30,
41-43
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

The cover photo shows a past year's display from Westleton Wildflower Festival, with St Francis in attendance.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st September ~ Trinity 14

10.00am Yoxford Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 8th September ~ Trinity 15

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer
9.30am Theberton Taizé
11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer
3.00pm Westleton Informal Worship

Sunday 15th September ~ Trinity 16

9.30am Yoxford family@church
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Morning Praise
11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday 22nd September ~ Trinity 17

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
9.30am Westleton croissants@church
10.00am Prayer and Praise
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer
11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer at Dunwich
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship at the Methodist Chapel
12 noon Theberton Holy Communion
6.00pm Sibton Holy Communion

Sunday 29th September – Trinity 18

10.00am Theberton Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Every Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

Sunday October 6th Trinity 19

10.00am Middleton Benefice Service with Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

1st September, Trinity 14, green
Song of Solomon 2.8-13

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

8th September, Trinity 15, green

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8, 9, 22, 23

James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7.24-37

15th September, Trinity 16, green

Proverbs 1.20-33

James 3.1-12

Mark 8.27-38

22nd September, Trinity 17, green

Proverbs 31.10-31

James 3.13 – 4.3, 7-8a

Mark 9.30-37

29th September, Michaelmas, white

Genesis 28.10-17

Revelation 12.7-12

John 1.47-51

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS



Forest bathing

Imagine standing quietly in a forest. It's a nice day; sunshine dapples through the leafy canopy. There are flashes of bright blue if you look up, but mostly as you look around there are endless shades of green — the yellow-green of oak and deeper tones of sweet chestnut. Bluebells carpet the forest floor. You hear the breeze shushing in the leaves, and birdsong. It's an attractive scene to imagine, isn't it? Better still if we go there.

I've spoken before about the pleasure of going on a long walk, but there is also something simply in *being* in nature. Recently my family visited Sutton Hoo (again, it's a favourite), and I felt this effect as we looped through the woods to the north of the visitors' centre. Also at Lackford lakes on another day off — aware of the various birdlife, dragonflies and damselflies around the lakes. And again on a walk around Westleton heath, hearing cuckoos all the way around.

It's not just forest that gives us that sense of peace and calm. Sarah gets it particularly from being by the sea: either sea-bathing or just sitting, watching the waves, listening to the rhythm of plunge and whoosh on the pebble shore, and finding space to think.

We may even find such peace and thoughtfulness in a country churchyard — 'far from the madding crowd' as Gray's elegy puts it. Darsham churchyard's lofty trees give shady enclosure; Westleton's wildflowers brim with miniature beauty; Sibton's churchyard feels peacefully remote, despite the A road. Somehow that doesn't matter.

Japanese has the term *shinrin yoku* — literally 'forest bathing' to describe this. It is suggested that there are measurable health benefits to these encounters with nature — lowering the pulse and blood pressure, reducing stress. I know there are times when I simply need to get out — and be somewhere, without an agenda, or a hurry.

Kids need this too — to put away the screens, get dirty, run around playing chase, and then slow down and notice the life that was going on all the time, regardless of their noisy intrusion on this idyll.

I've always found prayer easier in nature too. Perhaps it takes me back to the evocative innocence of Genesis 2, when Adam and Eve walked in the garden of Eden, and the Lord walked in the garden in the cool of the day.

Blessings, Tim.

HELP TO KEEP THE FISHERMAN AFLOAT

The *Yoxmere Fisherman* is an important means of communication. It is not intended to be profit making and is distributed free to every home in the Yoxmere Benefice. Since May 2022 the monthly printing costs have increased by 35%. The Administrators have tried to pass some of these costs on to advertisers, and to seek ways to control costs, but the forecast deficit for the coming twelve months is nevertheless some £3,400. This is clearly unsustainable and poses a real threat to the existence of the magazine.

If you value the *Fisherman* and want to help to safeguard its future please make a donation towards its costs. This can be done using one of these methods:

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Note: This magazine is a double edition for August and September to save costs. We are also restricting colour printing to the front and back covers, so Page 5 will no longer feature colour photos.

The Yoxmere Administrators

THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors

The *Yoxmere Fisherman* is published for the Yoxmere Benefice, which comprises the Church of England parishes of Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Peasenhall, Sibton, Theberton, Westleton and Yoxford.

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Jesus Christ

Rather obviously, Jesus Christ is the centre of Christianity. But how can we be sure he was real? And why is he so important? And what do Christians claim about him?

Historicity

Historians (indeed, academics generally) often do their work by challenging suppositions and then looking for the evidence to support widely held beliefs. The twentieth century saw almost every supposition questioned, including whether Jesus really existed. Well?

Very obviously, there are extensive written documents about Jesus from Christians. The gospels, the letters of Paul and others, and extensive extra-Biblical writing all support Jesus' existence, in very great detail. There may be quibbles about whether one gospel contradicts another, but minor inconsistencies never contradict the central points of broadly who he was, what he did, nor that he was crucified and rose again. It is perhaps worth adding that if early Christians, not least the disciples, had had any doubt about Jesus, they would have recanted long before they were martyred. Even if we discount all of this writing and the early Christians' actions, we still have the witness of Josephus, a Jewish historian in the employ of the Romans, who testifies to his existence. And even if we argue that his witness was only preserved by Christians who corrupted his text, there is still the witness of Pliny the Younger, who makes reference to rapid rise of follows of 'Chrestus' — an understandable mis-hearing. Without going further into this: Jesus of Nazareth existed, and neither the Jews nor the Romans ever tried to deny this point.

As such, Jesus is the historical point of departure for Christianity. Faith in Christianity depends entirely on whether you believe this man was all he claimed, or not.

Importance

The New Testament is only about 23% of the Bible, but for Christians it is completely central. If Jesus is God, then his revelation of the person and character of God is extraordinary and far beyond the revelation of the Old Testament. This in itself is very important. Secondly, Christians claim that Jesus is the place of, and the means of, salvation — a point so important we'll look at this in another month. And thirdly, if we claim that Jesus was completely good, he must also be the role model for our own behaviour, and define the shape of redeemed life. Put another

way, if there is life after death in the Kingdom of God then we must be changed (because we will be without sin), but Jesus is unchanged. Jesus' revelation of God, his moral example, his teaching and his crucifixion and resurrection are the central points of Christianity.

Man or God, or both?

Last month I spoke about how the disciples and early Christians knew Jesus was the Messiah, and the greatest prophet, but struggled initially to speak of their intuition that Jesus was God while still being a man. By the council of Nicaea in AD325 this sense of Jesus' identity had been broadly worked out. But there were still aspects of debate, discussed at the Council of Chalcedon in AD451. This council finally resolved that Jesus was both fully man and fully God, without stating how he could be both.

What was refuted, though, were a couple of the other possibilities. Greek mythology was full of demi-gods, such as Heracles and Perseus. Jesus was not 'half man, half god'. Secondly, a sect called the Ebionites believed that Jesus was only a man — albeit one who was a great prophet, and empowered by God. This too was rejected. A further sect (Docetism) embraced almost the opposite — that Jesus was purely God, and only *seemed* to be a man, but it was all a bit of an illusion. Why such a peculiar position?

One of the major battles early Christianity fought was against Gnosticism, a sort of twisting of Christianity that denied the goodness of creation, and thus sought an escape to heaven. For a gnostic all matter was inherently evil, and flesh with it. Salvation, however was purely spiritual, to a spiritual heaven. This, however, has never been a part of Christianity, nor Judaism before it. It is important that Christ was genuinely flesh and blood, and that he ate, drank, sweated and bled. It is important for our understanding that God lovingly made creation and continues to approve of it. It is important that Jesus really suffered on the cross and really died. How hollow is the faith that thinks he only *seemed* to die?

Even now, it is easy to go off onto one of these tangents, or even just to lean towards them. And that matters, because this eventually shows itself in our relationship with God, and our actions in the world. If for example, you embrace Jesus' role as redeemer, but not his place as a role model, you might think that faith without good actions was enough to be a Christian. It isn't! Christians should end up more generous, more forgiving, more conscientious than they were. If Christian faith really can change a person, that change starts with Jesus.

Blessings, Tim.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on 12th August, 2nd September and 7th October at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This 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 the Revd. Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.



“I Spy the MU Plaque on the Pier!”

Friday, 9th August 2024

Meeting: Southwold 12.00 noon
near pier/lifeguard hut

with the **Royal British Legion Band**

Bring your own picnic and a friend!

2.45pm - a short, informal Christian service of worship with hymn-singing to celebrate the life and work of Mary Sumner, the founder of MU and supporting the Band and Summer of Hope Appeal.

All welcome

family@church

Yoxford Church 9.30am

The Fruits of the Spirit

Sunday 11th August

FAITH

Sunday 8th September

GENTLENESS



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Thursday 15th August
2.30 – 5pm
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Thursday 19th September
North Suffolk Area Afternoon
Revd Susan Taylor

Kagera

Produce & Cakes, Raffle,
Refreshments

Westleton Church
2.30pm

All Welcome

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for more information

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

William John Bloomfield and Beatrice Elisabeth Bloomfield were both baptised on 16th June, at St Peter's, Yoxford

Funerals

Audrey Violet Russell, aged 94 years, on 15th July, at St Peter's, Westleton

Interment of Ashes

Deirdre Dawn Simsion-Walker, aged 82 years, and Percival Frederick Charles Brooker, aged 92 years, on 6th July at St Peter's, Westleton

DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Darsham Village Fete

This takes place on 10th August. All Saints Church will be running the refreshments on the day. We will all be busy baking but there are lots of hungry mouths to feed, so any offers of cakes and savouries will be gratefully received. If you can help, please contact Anne McPhail on 07852 237389 or anniemcphail1@hotmail.co.uk.

Harvest Festival

Advance notice that this will be held on Sunday 13th October. The service will follow the usual format of hymns, songs, poems and prayers. We will meet in the village hall afterwards for our harvest lunch. Everyone is welcome to both or either of these events. Names to Shirley or Jean for the meal. If you want more information, get in touch with Roger on 667037 or by email on rsmith377@outlook.com.



3rd August at

All Saints Church

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Children's activities

More details to follow....

Also we are planning some further events later on in the year.

Lesley Blackburn

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GLYNN HUGO, aged 89, beloved husband of the late Josephine, died suddenly at home in Darsham on 9th July 2024. His funeral will be held at 12noon on Thursday 1st August at Greenwood Burial Ground, Saxmundham IP17 1JU.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 9th July. County Councillor Richard Smith attended. He assured us that he would be speaking against the Hinton Incinerator at a forthcoming meeting. The issue of dangerous and overgrown footpaths was raised; he offered his support and welcomed volunteers offering practical help, where it was safe to do so.

We co-opted a new Councillor Stuart Walmsley to our Parish Council team. His vast experience, particularly around engineering and the environment, will be very welcome.

The Darsham Village Fete is fast approaching. The Parish Council is supporting this event. We discussed practical issues to make this a successful and enjoyable day. The next Parish meeting will be held on August 13th at 7pm in the village hall.

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024



DARSHAM VILLAGE FETE

Saturday August 10th 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Refreshments, Bar, Face Painting, Fun Dog Show, Tombola

Raffle, Games, Stalls, BBQ, Children's Fancy Dress



Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (Carol 01986 784642)

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30-10.30am (Maria 07999 848655)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11am-12pm (Maria 07999 848655)

Yoga – every Fri. 10.30-11.30am (Debbie 07906 346545)

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

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

Darsham Pétanque – Every Tuesday 4:30pm (Ron Clark 07423 399406)

August

Baby Sensory Group – Tues. 13th and 20th, 9.30-10.30am and 11am-12pm
(Megan Mayes – 07521 318146)

Crafty Club – Mon. 5th - 9.30am (Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Events and Meetings

- Parish Council Meeting – Tues. 13th at 7pm
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 21st at 10am (Sally Goodacre 07900 522577)
- Village Fete – Sat.10th August

September (contact details see August)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9.30 -10.30 and 11.00 to 12.00

Crafty Club – Mon. 2nd - 9.30am

Events and Meetings

- Coffee Morning – Sat. 14th at 10am hosted by Crafty Club
- Parish Council Meeting – Tues. 10th at 7pm
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 11th at 10am
- Horticultural Show – Sat. 21st

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE

1st Prize: £100 Mrs D. Williams, 2nd Prize: £50 Mr J. Williams,

3rd Prize: £25 Mr D. Stanley

DUNWICH

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“CHURCHES UNDER THE SEA”

3rd, 4th and 5th AUGUST 2024, 10am-5pm

FLOWERS, MUSIC, STALLS, CAKES, BOOKS AND PLANTS

Festival service, all welcome, 10am Sunday 4th August

COFFEE 4 U will restart on October 3rd at 10.00 - 12.00 in the reading room. We hope to see you all there and also hope you are having a good summer, even though the weather hasn't been what we hoped!

Heather Cook.



Saturday September 21st, Blake Morrison and the Hosepipe Band. 7pm

Blake's *Shingle Street* collaboration with the band celebrated Suffolk landscapes and seascapes. Now he has widened his scope to encompass themes of elation, regret, nostalgia, sensuality and domestic mishap. There's a sense of passing time or 'timefulness' – of fading memories, missed chances and the coming of age - but his touch remains light throughout. This year's performance will feature poems from Blake's new pamphlet *Never the Right Time*. Readings will be accompanied by music composed and played by members of the Hosepipe Band.

We are grateful to the National Lottery for their support and offer players a free Dunwich Museum pencil if they can show us proof of purchase.

MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON

A Thought for the Summer from Dorothy Day*

"Simply to lie in the sun and let God work on you is to be lying in the light of the son of Justice and the growth will be there and joy will grow and it will spread from us to others." May it be so.

**Dorothy Day (November 8, 1897 – November 29, 1980) was an American journalist, social activist and anarchist who, after a bohemian youth, became a Catholic without abandoning her social and anarchist activism. She was perhaps the best-known political radical among American Catholics.*



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Reiko Fujisawa

Piano Trio Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Middleton

3pm Sunday 20th October

We are delighted to share the news that, following last year's wonderful concert, Reiko Fujisawa has offered to perform in Middleton's Holy Trinity Church again this autumn. Reiko is, of course, Middleton's own internationally renowned concert pianist (see brief biography below and on her website: www.reikofujisawa.com) and she delighted a full-to-bursting Holy Trinity Church last October with a mesmerizing concert with her long-time collaborator, the violinist Ofer Falk.



This year's concert will see Reiko play alongside Matt Denton (violin) and Emma Denton (cello), who are both members of the celebrated Carducci String Quartet (www.carducciquartet.com). The concert will explore the relationship between music and nature with music from Beethoven, Schubert and Dvorak and aims to inspire audiences to admire the beauty and importance of the natural world from a fresh perspective.

The concert will take place in Holy Trinity Church at **3pm on Sunday October 20th**. As last year, Reiko is keen that tickets are offered locally first so we are initially only promoting the concert via the Middleton newsletter and the *Fisherman*. We will be advertising further afield soon and we expect strong interest, so if you want to be sure of reserving a place for this very special occasion then do contact Paul asap.

Ticket prices are set simply to cover costs (not least hiring and moving a Steinway piano – and once again we are hugely grateful to Middleton's own Graham Cooke for offering his considerable expertise in tuning it for Reiko!) and will be available for just £17.50. These can be reserved by emailing Paul Taylor (from The Old Post Office, Middleton) on taylspaul@gmail.com. Paul will then contact you with payment details. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Reiko Fujisawa *fuses the sensibilities of a musician raised in the Far East who trained in the West. She appears at prestigious venues and festivals all over the UK and overseas including Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room, King's Place, Stoller Hall, Brighton Festival and Hebden Bridge Piano Festival, and was a featured artist at the Japan 2001 Festival. Reiko has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and her recordings include an acclaimed CD of music by Bach, Beethoven and Schubert, which The Arts*

Desk found “irresistible”. Her recording of Bach’s Goldberg Variations also received a glowing review from The Record Geijutsu, Japan’s equivalent to The Gramophone, describing it as an “unpretentious, clean and refreshing performance with a refined dignity”.

MIDDLETON WI NEWS



At our June meeting we welcomed Malcolm Knott, retired barrister and judge, to speak on “A Lifetime in Law”. At 16 in 1956 he joined a family law firm in Enfield as an office boy where after doing five years of articles he became a solicitor doing mainly conveyancing and divorce cases. He continued his career in the midlands in Tamworth where he dealt with serious crime cases. In 1964 he went back to London to a firm in the West End. He remembers a client, Mary Land, who was arrested and fined many times under the Fraudulent Mediums Act for the crime of telling fortunes and trying to contact deceased persons for their loved ones. His next career move was to become a barrister. The main crimes that went before a magistrates’ court at that time were shoplifting, unlicensed street traders and prostitution. There was an efficient system: call police, arrest, prosecute, sentence. After a time, he moved to the Crown court. At Lewes Crown court he defended a sad woman who had under extreme circumstances smothered her crying baby. He gave a speech in mitigation. The judge was compassionate in his sentencing

With time Malcolm became a judge himself and found the skillset very different: barristers must talk, judges must shut up and listen! He found judging to be easier. He was in charge of the court and could control things. Out of court though, many hours were spent writing up notes. With any problems he could call on other judges for advice. One case he recalled was when he gave a death sentence to a dangerous dog not on a leash who had attacked a person. The case was appealed on technicalities so many times right up to the House of Lords and it took such a long time that the dog was so old it was no longer dangerous!

After about twenty years in the Crown and County Courts, Malcolm became a lecturer at the College of Law in Bloomsbury, where it was nice to see that more than half the students were young women. It was only in 1922 that Ivy Williams was the first woman to be called to the Bar. He loved the enthusiasm of his pupils for law but knew how hard it would be for them just starting out to get their career going. Malcolm summed up his long career as fun with the bonus of making good lifelong friends.

We will not have a meeting in August but you will find us at the WI stall at the Middleton Village Fete on the August Bank Holiday Saturday. Please find us!

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE AND WALK

This will take place on Saturday 14th September between 9am and 5pm. Everyone is welcome to take part and have great fun visiting other churches. Sponsor forms are available from me at 1-2 Forge Cottage, Peasenhall, telephone 01728 660549.

Peasenhall church has been taking part in the bike ride for over forty years and it is a great fundraiser for our beautiful church.



Mike Thickitt

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Our annual charity coffee morning is taking place on Wednesday 4th September 10am till 12 noon at Peasenhall Assembly Hall. This year we are raising funds for Ovarian Cancer Action and St Elizabeth's Hospice. As usual we will be having an amazing raffle which will include artwork by Jelly Green, Jason Gathorne Hardy and Becky Munting, as well as other prizes donated by local artists and businesses. Raffle tickets are £1 each, available on the day and in advance from us here at the Weavers Tearoom. We would welcome donations of cakes and bakes for the day. Please get in touch if you require any further information on 01728 660548.



Sara Benstead

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

August Events

We kick off the month with **Dance Fit on Tuesday 6th August at 6pm**, followed by a **Legs, Bums & Tums Class at 7pm**. These classes run **every Tuesday**. For further details email leighactivewear2020@gmail.com.

Pop-Up Café Weds 7th August 10am-12pm. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara & Beth. There's tea, coffee and biscuits, plenty of chat, and always a warm welcome. There's usually some cake too!

Film Club. We give Martyn and Laurence a well-earned rest this month. Thank you everyone who attends Peasenhall Picture Palace, and we hope you have enjoyed the recent films. Numbers continue to grow, and we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the local businesses who have generously supported us by providing raffle prizes.



Planning is now in progress choosing the next batch of films. If you have any requests or would like to hear about future films, please subscribe to our email list: peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com.

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We are delighted to welcome back Il Quartetto Familia for an outstanding afternoon of music to round off the summer season. The programme will include:

Hayden Quartet Op 55, No 1 in A major,
Shostakovich Quartet No. 8 in C minor,
and the Brahms Quartet in B major.

Please come and join us for this wonderful concert programme played by superb musicians. Tickets remain at £15 each and you can reserve yours on 01728 660339 or on peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Pop-Up Pub Friday 30th August. Doors open at 7pm. There will be cards, games and a pool table available. Come along and have a chat, meet some new friends. There's always a warm welcome. Entry is Free.



With proceeds from previous events, we have invested in a new audio system, with bluetooth and the ability to connect electronic devices to project presentations etc. onto the big screen. We also now have Wi-Fi. If you would like to hire the hall and use any of these facilities, be it for education or entertainment, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Fit Villages Questionnaire. We had a great response, and plan to organise a keep fit class for those less mobile. This may include some form of chair-based activity. Further details to follow.

In the same questionnaire, several people expressed an interest in a **knitting/craft club**, so Pat O'C and Jane are considering organising a regular club. If you would like to be involved in this type of activity or would like to find out more about it, we plan to hold an initial meeting in the Assembly Hall on Monday 9th September at 2pm. This will be very informal, and everyone is very welcome. There will be tea and cake! If you can't make it but would like to find out more or be involved, then please get in touch with Jane (details below). If you have a skill you wish to share or teach, we would also love to see or hear from you.

September Events

Please see below the events planned to date. We will keep you updated by displaying posters on the notice boards around the village. You can also follow us on Instagram and Facebook. And you are always welcome to email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Dance Fit and Legs, Bums & Tums will continue every Tuesday starting 3rd September at 6pm and 7pm respectively.

Pop-Up Café will be held on Wednesday 4th September.

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After a month off, **Film Night** will resume on **Friday 6th September**. A list of the next season's programme will be out in a few weeks' time. Leaflets will be in the hall, Weavers and the village shop. There will also be updates on Instagram and Facebook.

A **First Aid Course** is being held on Saturday 7th September. All the places are currently booked, but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Jane (details below).

Monday 9th September 2pm- meeting to discuss knitting/craft club (see details above).

Following such a successful and enjoyable evening in April, we will be welcoming Stewart back as our quiz master for another **Quiz Night and Supper on Saturday 14th September**. More details to follow but if you would like to reserve a table, please contact Jane (details below).

Pop-Up Pub will be held on its regular monthly night on **Friday 27th September**. Doors open 7.30pm. Please do come along and have a drink and chat with your neighbours and friends.

As always, we couldn't host any of our events without the support of YOU the community and we thank you for your continued support. All proceeds from events go towards the upkeep and improvement of our community space.

If you would like to book the Hall for a family gathering or event, please telephone 01728 600010.

For general enquiries please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall. Instagram: [peasenhallassembly](https://www.instagram.com/peasenhallassembly).

For more information about what's going on, visit: www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall.

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A BAROQUE CONCERT AT ST PETER'S CHURCH SIBTON

On August 10th at 3.30pm there is a concert by the **Wollaston Consort**. Tea will follow the performance. Julie Harmer (flute), and Peter Clayton (harpsichord and organ) will play music from the Baroque by Handel, Blavet, Loiellet and J. S. & C. P. E. Bach. Tickets: Adults £10, under-18s £5 will be on sale at the door, or at the Weavers Tearoom Peasenhall, and the Peasenhall General Stores. Free parking is available on the church's car park at IP17 2LX.

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ANIMAL BLESSING SUNDAY 25th August at 12 noon

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Saturday 28th September, 10am until 1pm at Theberton Village Hall. Plenty of parking available and all welcome. Please come and support this worthy cause.

For more information contact Sally on 01728 832386.

Sally Ginger

JAZZ MARQUEE SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER - THEBERTON

The Theberton Lionesses have a few tickets left for the Jazz Marquee to be held in a private garden in Theberton on Sunday 1st September from 5pm. There will be two jazz sessions from Three of a Kind and Friends punctuated by a break for the two-course summer buffet and a small auction of items and promises. The evening will begin with a welcome drink and a chance to buy raffle tickets (c. 15 items), read through the list of items to be auctioned, and mull over the pictorial quiz (a prize to all members of the winning table).

During the introductions and first session there will be a platter of dips and nibbles on each table. The buffet will be served by the team, table by table, and consists of home-made dishes such as coronation chicken, poached dressed salmon, a mixed platter of charcuterie, smoked mackerel pate, and for the vegetarians a vegetable pate, a savoury cheesecake and a roasted vegetable tart plus four salads to accompany. Puds include a watermelon basket of tropical fruit

salad, summer fruits pavlova, summer pudding, a croque en bouche (profiteroles stacked with caramel in a tower) and a cheeseboard.

We will give details regarding the venue and parking facilities when tickets are issued in early August. Tickets £35.00 to include welcome drink and all food. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. For those of you who like to dress up there will be a prize for the best dressed woman and man: the theme is "Wear Something Jazzy", but this is not compulsory by any means! There is a licensed bar including red and white wine, prosecco, two draught craft beers and soft drinks. To call to book your tickets: Suzi Cooper 01728 635736: text and WhatsApp to 07879 685136, or email thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com (please note this email has changed since last year). We look forward to welcoming you all. *Suzi Cooper*

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC & PARACHUTE JUMP

On a perfect summer's day with glorious sunshine and a gentle breeze, we welcomed nearly thirty intrepid bears, exotic animals, and even Father Christmas for the St Peter's Day inaugural "Teddies from the Tower" parachute jump. After a hunt for St Peter's keys, the teddies were winched up the tower to rely on homemade parachutes for the descent - some landings being more elegant than others, and some bears even jumping two or three times! Thankfully the field hospital was not required.

Afternoon tea and cake were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Shell Moulton for guessing the correct weight and winning a superb parachuting-teddy cake. Plans are already being made for next year, so keep training! *Simon Ilett*



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August 25th 9.30am followed by coffee and croissants

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Hear from Graham Miles, Lightwave Rural and Agricultural Chaplain for Suffolk, who will talk about the effects of climate change on farming and the support Lightwave gives to farmers facing loneliness and depression in these difficult times. They do wonderful work.

Church Footpath Repair and Disability Access

Every Sunday Hazel came to church until she had to use a Zimmer frame, but then the struggle to get up the drive and manage her frame over the entrance step was too much and she stopped attending. How many people give up coming to this wonderful 700-year-old village asset because access with a frame, wheelchair or even push chair can be too much?

The drive up to the church is in need of repair, and whilst we are doing so shouldn't we level the path and provide parking near the entrance, especially for those with disabilities? And what about that 5-inch-high entrance step?

With our architect's help we have the necessary approval and local contractors ready to undertake the work, but of course we need the money, all £37,700. Most grant funds we are appealing to expect us to raise between 30% to 50% ourselves, but having just spent over £15,000 repairing the floor, platform and the exterior drainage gutter, we are finding it difficult. Please can you help? Any amount however small would be very much appreciated.

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WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS AUG/SEPT 2024

There will be a **Nature Walk** on
Saturday September 7th 10.30am - 12 noon



The first **Working Party** of the Autumn
will be held on **September 21st 10am - 12.30pm**

All welcome - tools are provided. Bring your own tough gardening gloves. Refreshments at half time. For both these events, please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

WESTLETON WELLBEING WALKS

Do come along to our lovely summer walks planned for you free of charge.

Monday 5 August 11am. The Woodland Butterfly, Westleton Heath. Meet at Westleton Heath Nature Reserve Car Park, Dunwich Road, IP17 3AU* 2.5 miles, 60 mins, Grade 4.

Monday 19 August 11am. Quarry, Fen and Wood. Meet at Westleton Heath Nature Reserve Car Park, Dunwich Road, IP17 3AU* 3.2 miles, 90 mins, Grade 5.

Monday 2 September 11.30am. Walking Westleton Woods. Meet on Mill Road, Westleton ** 1.65 miles, 45 mins, Grade 4.

More walks can be found online: <https://www.ramblers.org> (search for Wellbeing Walks Suffolk)

*From Westleton take the Dunwich Road for 1 mile to the Reserve Car Park which can be found on your left.

** From Westleton Village Stores travel up Bakers Lane/Mill Road for 0.7 miles past national speed limit signs. Watch for where the hedgerows/trees on the right-hand side finish, turn right and park on the field edge.

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SPEED WATCH

As many in Westleton are aware, speeding through the village is a major issue and as a result there are two Speedwatch teams operating at each end of the village. We are needing more people to join us, so as to cover the number of sessions needed.

We are hosting a Tea Party at 4 Studio Close, Westleton, on August 14th at 3.30pm where you can meet the team who will explain how we operate. We hope you will be interested in coming along to think about joining us to help safety in the village. Even if you can offer just one hour per month that will help!

Fran Bartlett is organising this. You can just turn up on the day but if you want to speak with Fran or ask any questions, she is contactable on 01728 648776.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024

On Friday 9th August 7pm for 7.30pm we have a fascinating talk and presentation by Bob Collis, a local author and aviation archaeologist ‘**The Air War over Westleton 1939-1945**’. Stories of tragedy and heroism are combined with discoveries by groups preserving the memories of extraordinary people and events. It features a special

exhibition of items related to the talk, including a propeller blade from the aircraft of Lt. Joe Kennedy! Bar and ice creams available. Tickets £5 from the Foyer when open, at Westleton Village Stores, or on the door.

On Sunday 11th August we have **French Day**. Lots of lovely activities will be running throughout the day, starting with Coffee and Croissants at 10am – 12noon, Crêpes and Cidre 1pm – 3pm, with a raffle, brocante, wine tasting, games, 2CV club, and French music. Followed by a ticket-only evening event at 6pm, starting with a short film *Le Voyage dans la Lune*, with a two-course French meal, (prepared by local chef James Finch), followed by a film *Les Choristes*, shown in French with English subtitles. Bar available and only £20 per ticket, available from the Foyer when open and Westleton Stores. Vegan and gluten-free can be catered for, but must be stated when purchasing a ticket, please.

On Saturday 24th August the **Yoxmere Model Railway Group** is holding its first exhibition 10am-4pm. See larger advert in the *Fisherman* for more information.

This month local artist **Joan Hodgkiss** will be returning to exhibit her etchings based on Suffolk landscapes and local natural history. Etchings will be available framed and unframed, plus her new collages on the theme of Roman artefacts. The exhibition will be open in the Foyer on weekdays from 10am -12 noon for viewing and sales. Local artist Clare Bickford will be exhibiting throughout September.

Consultation Room: We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07821 055404. On Thursday 15th August and Thursday 26th September 9am-4.30pm we have **Footcare** with Susan from No Bad Feet, and also on Friday 27th September 9am-12noon. To book call her on 07497 371073. Linda Freeman will be **hairstressing** in the Consultation Room approximately every 6 weeks. Call 07765 971774 to book.

Reflexology is back on Saturday 31st August and Saturday 28th September 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901. www.julietoverton.co.uk

On Sunday 8th September crime writer **Vera Morris** is coming to give a talk about her Anglian Detective Agency Series, with plenty of very local references. 7pm for 7.30pm with bar. £5 per ticket, available in the Foyer when open, Westleton Stores and on the door.

3D4ALL: the group will meet in the hall again from Tuesday 10th September (from 2pm in the Foyer). If you have any questions please email John at wvsculpt@gmail.com

Tech Table are having a well-earned break over August, and start again on Tuesday 10th September. Bookings in hourly slots from 9.30am – 11.30am (3 sessions) will open again on Monday 2nd September via centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk or call to book on 01728 648354.

On Friday 20th September is an **Autumn Quiz** night. 7pm for 7.30pm. Bar available. More information via posters locally nearer the time.

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The Foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers. The Chess and Coffee Group runs on Wednesday mornings. For more information please contact Annie above.

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

As I'm sure you are aware, there have been many road closures in the area recently, some with very long diversions. For information about ongoing and planned closures, please go to the Suffolk County Council Highways webpage: <https://one.network>. The County Council has also explained that it does on occasion have to undertake essential emergency works without advanced notice and information about these incidents are detailed on the Suffolk Highways Twitter account.

Further consultations concerning Sizewell C (SZC) and the National Grid cabling projects are underway. The Environment Agency is considering two construction applications by SZC, while the National Grid is consulting on proposed changes to its Sea Link Project plans. Details of both consultations can be found on the Westleton Parish Council website. The deadline for the SZC consultation is 9th August and the deadline for the Sea Link consultation is 11th August.

Westleton's Speed Watch team needs new members. Fran Bartlett is hosting a Tea Party on August 14th for anyone interested to learn what the team does. (See notice page 27.) Please note that the team's work is very important in controlling speed limits within the village; this will be particularly important during the coming months as SZC traffic volumes will continue to increase, but we will not have the benefit of the average speed cameras until the first quarter of 2025 at the very earliest as technical and legal matters need to be addressed before the cameras are installed.

Tickets for the 10th August Westleton Residents' Summer Picnic are available in the village shop. The picnic is designed to be an opportunity for villagers to get together on the playing field with food, music and games. The tickets are free and are being distributed so that we have a good idea of numbers attending as we will be providing free teas, coffees and ice creams. We hope to see you there.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

100 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize: Jane Collins

2nd prize: Frank and Bridget Saunders

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CUT AND RAKE

Saturday 31st August, 9.30am at the churchyard. Refreshments provided. Bring your own strimmer and/or rake. Spare tools will be available. Please wear sensible protective clothing. For further information, contact Joyce on 649045.

WESTLETON WI

Alas, the weather wasn't kind enough for us to hold our Annual Garden Party outdoors. Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed prosecco, tea and a variety of cakes in the warmth of the Village Hall Foyer. The raffle had everyone on the edges of their seats hoping to win and we had five lucky ladies!

We welcomed our WI Advisor Cindy Lawes, two Middleton ladies and one from Dunwich. We were also pleased to welcome a new member joining Westleton WI.

Lindsay read out a letter from the Lighthouse Trust thanking us for our £100 donation.

The next meeting will be on Sept. 3rd at which we will hear about a Westleton Vineyard. On 7th Sept. we hold our Annual Jumble Sale. Donations are really welcome.

Gill Wood

Westleton WI

VILLAGE JUMBLE SALE

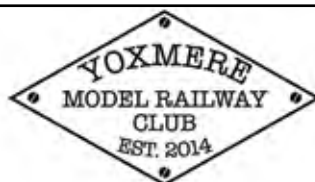
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YOXFORD

PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

We ended the summer term with a Teddy Bears' picnic. We restart on Wed. 11th Sept. when we will trial having two sessions: 11am-12noon and 2-3pm, to see if an afternoon session might be more popular. Pebbles is a stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers. Suggested donation 50p per family.

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT’S ON

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11.00am–12.00pm

Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month

Outreach Post Office Mobile Van - Wednesdays - 9.15am–10.15am

Art Classes – Thursdays – 2.00pm–4.00pm

Youth Club - Thursdays – 6.00pm-8.00pm - 11-18 year olds

Parish Council – first Thursday of the month - 7.00pm-9.00pm

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

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

NEW TERM FOR SING OUT!

Why not join a Choir! We are your local Community Choir for this area. We are called Sing Out. Our numbers range from 30 - 40 people so you can hide in the crowd! We meet every Wednesday during term time at St. Peter’s Church, Yoxford at 7pm. This term starts 11th September but just come when you can. We sing a wide range of songs from choral to musicals and pop. Whether you are new to singing, have sung in a choir before or read music or not, all are welcome. Especially if you are a man. We could do with a few more!

For more information, please email: singoutyoxford@gmail.com

Website: singoutyoxford.co.uk We hope you will come along even just to try it out!

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - ‘RIDE & STRIDE’ AND ‘PEDAL AND DRIVE’ - SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 9AM TO 5PM



First of all, my sincere thank you again to everyone who, in different ways, has supported Yoxford’s Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride/Stride efforts in past years, whether riding/striding, sponsoring, manning churches through the day to welcome and register participants, or offering refreshments and a comfort stop!

Anyone is welcome to join in, so If YOU feel like cycling, walking, sponsoring, or helping in the church for a while this year, don’t be shy! Also, a volunteer is needed to act as local organiser for Yoxford - if you could help, or for more information, please contact Rosemary: 01728 668536. (Sponsorship forms and details of participating churches should be available in all churches soon)

Sadly, as with other local churches, we have had far fewer riders as the years have rolled by - the trust would like us to encourage more participants, particularly younger riders and striders!

Remember - 14th September - A day to enjoy whether cycling or walking, but please keep safe!

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