

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman



August & September 2025

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025

Sunday 3rd August ~ 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Dunwich Benefice Holy Communion
Flower Festival

Sunday 10th August ~ 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Animal Service - Taizé
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion at Dunwich
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th August ~ 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 24th August ~ 10th Sunday after Trinity

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 Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship
with the Methodist Chapel

Sunday 31st August ~ 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Sibton Benefice Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

3rd August Green

Hosea 11.1-11

Colossians 3.1-11

Luke 12.13-21

10th August Green

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Luke 12.32-40

17th August Green

Isaiah 5.1-7

Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

Luke 12.49-56

24th August Green

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Hebrews 12.18-29

Luke 13.10-17

31st August Green

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Thanks to Martin Browne for this month's cover photo of a turtle dove (see article on page 30).

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday 7th September ~ 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Yoxford Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 14th September ~ 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Taizé

9.30am Westleton Informal Worship

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion

10.00am Darsham Morning Prayer

10.00am Middleton Autumn Pop-Up Brunch
to 11.45am

11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st September ~ 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Morning Praise

9.30am Westleton Holy Communion

9.30am Yoxford family@church

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)

6.00pm Sibton Evensong

Sunday 28th September ~ 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion

9.30am Westleton Informal Worship

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer

11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer

11.00am Middleton Holy Communion ~
Archdeacon Rich Henderson

11.00am Peasenhall Harvest Festival at Methodist Chapel

11.00am Sibton Harvest Festival with Peasenhall

6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday October 5th ~ 16th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Peasenhall Benefice Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford ~ 10.00am, Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

7th September Green

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

14th September Green

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

21 September Green

Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 16.1-13

28 September Green

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Luke 16.19-31

matter, the Latin alphabet is poor for writing down English — we have something like twenty vowel sounds, but only five vowels. No wonder our spelling is complex. By contrast, the Latin alphabet works very well for Italian and Spanish. They have a smaller range of vowel sounds, which makes the spelling and pronunciation rules much easier.

ש. זאָס וועט זיין אונזער אונטערזאכונג?

The strengths and weaknesses of this alphabet are readily apparent. Once you know the alphabet, spelling can become uniform, predictable and sensible. The alphabet is genuinely appropriate for the sounds of the language we speak. There are no redundancies and we don't need capital letters. The letters are easy to form.

Blessings, Tim.

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Ethics

Throughout the last year or more in these articles I have tried to distill some of the cornerstones of Christian theology — what we believe about God, and why. As much as what we believe is important to Christianity, our faith insists that this is worthless if it does not make us live and act better. Jesus constantly challenges us not simply to pay back the good we receive, but to do good to those who can never pay us back.

‘What we do’ is broadly speaking the realm of ethics — the moral principles that govern our behaviour and our conduct of any activity. Often this is simple — in any number of situations we know the right thing to do, and how to do it. Ethics gets interesting, though, when it is harder to work out what is the right course of action — when we are pitting one good against another, or balancing the good that an action may bring against the harm that may also arise.

Everyone, religious or otherwise, has ethics because we all believe there are principles of right and wrong. Most of the time, Christian ethics and general ethics will agree, too. Partly this is because Christianity has been a huge factor in shaping modern European culture, and partly because all Europeans, Christian or otherwise, have been shaped by a Greek and Roman heritage and our ethics and philosophy still bear these marks.

For centuries the foundations of Christian ethics have been thought of as a three-legged stool, in which the legs are Scripture (i.e. the Bible), tradition, and reason. More recently we have come to see the importance of experience in our ethics, too — a fourth leg on our three-legged stool!

So we begin with what the Bible says — because Christians believe that this is God’s word to us. Is that easy and straightforward? No! The Bible is literature more than rules, and history more than a handbook to ethics. For this reason, we end up with histories of interpretation, which becomes tradition: trust that certain schools of thought have read this correctly. But still, we are not people of blind faith, and Christians should not ‘take their brains out’. We take what we read, and use our reason too, just as everyone should, when thinking through ethical complexities.

We’ll think more about the interplay of Scripture, tradition and reason, next time.

Blessings, Tim

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages

Edward Henry Leslie Genochio and Aina Mañà Domes at St Peter's Westleton, on Saturday 5th July.

Richard John Butler and Rebecca Clare Ling at All Saint's Darsham, on Saturday 19th July.

Interment of Ashes

Samuel (Sam) Eric Spall, aged 87 years, at St Michael and All Angels Peasenhall, on Thursday 10th July.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE

This year's Cycle Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13th September between 9am and 5pm. The event has been running since 1982 and is a fun way of visiting other churches and raising money to support the charity. For further information and sponsorship forms, look for details of local organisers on the individual village pages.



HELP TO KEEP THE FISHERMAN AFLOAT

The *Yoxmere Fisherman* is non-profit-making and delivered free to every home in the benefice. It is still operating with limited financial resources and the current double issue is a means of cutting costs. We are very grateful for past donations. If you would like to support the magazine, you can donate by one of these methods:

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Monday 4th August, 8th September and 6th 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.

No meeting in August

Friday 12th September

NORTH SUFFOLK AREA

AFTERNOON

Growing Younger in Our Churches - Revd Russ Gant

Gift Stall, Produce and Cakes, Raffle

Reydon Church, 2.30pm

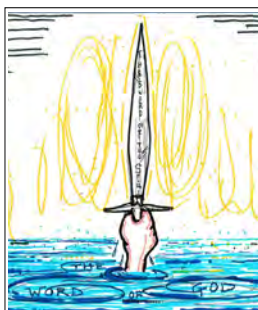
All Welcome

For further information please phone
Sue Norrington 07913 488670
or Jennifer Clough 01728 648597

family@church

Yoxford Church 9.30am

Sunday 17th August
THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT



Sunday 21st September
PUTTING THE ARMOUR TOGETHER



SING OUT COMMUNITY CHOIR

We start our new term on Monday 8th September (not Wednesday) at 7.00 pm.
We will be meeting every Monday during term time at St. Peter's Church, Yoxford.
We are your local Community Choir, singing a wide range of songs from choral and pop to musicals. Whether you read music or not, all are welcome. Especially if you are a man!

For more information contact us at.

Email: singoutyoxford@gmail.com Website: singoutyoxford.co.uk

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DARSHAM

DARSHAM PC MEETING, 8TH JULY 2025

Following the purchase by Sizewell C of land at High Lodge, Hinton, Darsham PC invited representatives from surrounding village PCs to attend the meeting to discuss a coordinated approach at the Sizewell Northern Transport forum to be held on 6th August 2025.

This land initially had planning approval for 170 holiday lodges and Sizewell has stated that it intend to apply to change its use to provide full time accommodation for Sizewell C workers. It is therefore important that the local parish councils work together to limit, as far as possible, any impact on the surrounding area.

It was reported that, at last, some progress is being made on the land at Turtle Green.

The Village Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 12th October, meeting at 10am at the Village Hall.

The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chairman Darsham PC

DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Open Autumn Show

Village Hall 6th September 2025 Viewing from 2.45pm.

All Welcome Refreshments available

Schedules available from the boxes outside the Village Hall and "Springfields".

Also available from the website at www.darsham.onesuffolk.net
under Clubs/Horticultural Society

OPERATION: RADAR

Darsham Village Hall Friday 12th Sept. 7.45pm

In association with Bawdsey RADAR Trust to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE/VJ Day, Black & White Productions revisit how RDF (or Radar as it came to be known) was developed at Orfordness & Bawdsey with a new play by Suzanne Hawkes.

It's a race against time as boffins Robert Watson Watt and Skip Wilkins try to come up with solutions to the impossible problems of detecting aircraft and

IFF (identifying friend or foe) before they succumb to the bleak conditions of Orfordness - or Hitler unleashes the might of the Luftwaffe. With live music and a mixture of new songs and old favourites from the period, this is a chance to celebrate the amazing achievements of a small group of men and women who were a vital part of the victory.

Tickets £15/£13 01394 279613 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/black-white-productions
Black & White Productions is a semi-professional award-winning theatre company which has been touring plays about the history of East Anglia for the past twenty years to great acclaim.

SAVE THE DATE: DARSHAM CHURCH HARVEST LUNCH

This will be held on Sunday 12th October at the Village Hall at 12:00 for 12:30pm. Donations on the day and a raffle will be held for a cat protection charity.

To book please contact Jean - 07949 263972 or Shirley - 01728 668371

WHAT'S ON IN DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. from 1:00pm (contact Carol 01986 784642)

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

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11:00am to 12:00pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)

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

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Alan Holland 01728 668451)

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

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30 -10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521318146) (**Not 29th**)

Home Education Group – Wed. 23rd and 30th (contact Rebecca Coe) (**Except 13th August and 10th September**)

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

Events and Meetings

August 2025

Darsham Summer Fete Saturday 9th

If anyone would like a stall, please contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955

Crafty Club – Mon. 7th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 18th at 9:30am to 12:30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)

Textile Temptations – Wed. 13th at 10:00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

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September 2025

Horticultural Show – Sat. 6th 9am to 5pm (see notice on page 10)

Crafty Club – Mon. 1st - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 15th at 9:30am to 12:30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)

Textile Temptations – Wed. 10th at 10:00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Majyk Scraps Textile Art Group Exhibition

27th & 28th September from 10am. Darsham Village Hall, entrance £3 (cash).

Raising funds for the Red Rose Chain. Refreshments available. For further information contact majykscraps@gmail.com.

Darsham Village Hall is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Link on Darsham Village Hall website.

THE FAST-APPROACHING RIDE + STRIDE EVENT, SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Darsham will once again be entering a team in this year's event. Last year Darsham raised a record amount of £1,130, half of which went to SHCT and the other half to All Saints' Church in Darsham. We had four cyclists last year and would welcome more. For more information, contact our local organiser, Clive Beaumont on clivewbeaumont@outlook.com or 07775 582310.

DUNWICH

Dunwich St James Church Flower Festival

"We Love This Place"

August 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 10am - 5pm

Flowers, teas, cake stall, books and plants

Organ music

Sunday 3rd August, Benefice Festival Service 10am



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE + STRIDE, SEPT 13TH

The organiser for Dunwich is Angela Abell. To take part or with any queries, please phone 01728 648107 or email acabell@btinternet.com.

NATIONAL TRUST DUNWICH HEATH

A Summer of Play is returning to Dunwich Heath and Beach! Come along and spend a day in nature, where you can explore with a tracker pack, go pond-dipping and bird-watching, or play some lawn games beside the heath. Pick up a tasty treat from our tea-room or enjoy your own lunch at one of our many picnic spots. We've also got lots of other events coming up too, including:

Big Breakfast, 17 August, from 8.45am

Cooked breakfast in the Coastguard's Look-out. From £8.50, pre-booking is required.

Walk with the Ranger, 25 July and 29 August, 10-11.30am

Discover more about Dunwich's special coastal landscape, including the unique plant and animal species that thrive here. From £6, pre-booking is required.

Pond-dipping, every Saturday and Sunday, 12noon-2.00pm

Discover more about what lives in the waterways around Dunwich Heath with our free guided pond-dipping sessions. These sessions are drop in, but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Walk With Us, 16 August, 10-11.30am

Rediscover nature and walk your way to better wellbeing on one of our free, volunteer-led group walks. Coastguard Cottages Tea-Room will be open for refreshments afterwards.

To find out more, and book, visit our website at nationaltrust.org.uk/dunwich-heath

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

Dunwich Museum is open daily from 11.30am – 4.30pm. Visit us and learn about the city lost to the sea. Our special exhibition this year is on Pilgrimage and features some unique pilgrim badges.

We run events and activities throughout the year, so keep an eye out for our events and check our website at www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events.

August 1st – 4th, Dunwich Art Show. 11.30am – 4.30pm.

A show featuring local artists and art will be held in the Dunwich Reading Room, from Friday August 1st to Monday August 4th, lining up with the Dunwich Flower Festival. Friday will be an evening opening at 6pm, with Saturday through Monday opening from 11.30am - 4.30pm.

August 9th , Dunwich with a Twist. 2.30 – 4pm.

An afternoon of music and poetry in the Reading Room Garden, featuring the Dunwich Drifters. Refreshments and seating available, but please feel free to bring a picnic blanket!

Wednesday August 13th, Dunwich Wildlife Safaris. 10.30-4.30pm

We are running a wildlife safari this summer led by expert naturalists to introduce you to discovering, identifying and recording plants of varied habitats and their invertebrate inhabitants such as moths and beetles. Email us at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk or check out the Events page of our website for more information if you are interested.

Wednesdays in August, Free Drop-in Activities. 12 – 4pm.

We are running our programme of free summer activities every Wednesday in August! The majority of these will be in our Reading Room or on the Reading Room Field, although we have a few beach activity days in the works. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

MIDDLETON

CHURCHWARDEN

We are delighted to let you know that Rita Pateman has agreed to being Holy Trinity's churchwarden for another year. The Visitation Service took place in June. A person of many quiet kindnesses, her resolute commitment and unwavering support are hugely appreciated by all of us on the PCC and beyond. Should you need to contact her with a church enquiry, her number is 01728 648377

Middleton-cum-Fordley invite you to our

SUMMER FETE & COMIC DOG SHOW

on Saturday 23rd August at the Recreation Ground.

Stalls and entertainment begin at 2pm until 4:30.

Live music with SilMor

Family friendly Games and Crafts, Tombola, Raffle,

BBQ, Teas, Beer Tent and plenty more.

Please come along and have some fun!

“FOLK IN THE GARDEN” - SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

After a year's absence, it's exciting to announce the return of our fundraiser for Bowel Cancer UK. We have even more homegrown, amazingly talented multi-instrumentalists and singer-songwriters for you this year. The wonderful five-piece **SilMor** will start the afternoon off in great style, followed by a short set with the delightful duo **Kyson Point**, and then the magnificent **Honey & the Bear** with **Toby Shaer**.

We are suggesting an entry donation of £10-15pp - but please there is no obligation; we ask only that you give whatever you are able and comfortable to - we envisage the afternoon as 'A Celebration of Life' and everyone is welcome. **If you are interested, please email: mobilemandy@me.com** for more details.

Mandy & Steve (Manor House Garden - on the B1125/Leiston Road)



Honey & the Bear

AUTUMN POP-UP BRUNCH

14th September, 10-11.45am

Holy Trinity Church

Not wanting to wish the summer away but, if you would like something delicious to look forward to, please pop the the Autumn Pop-Up Brunch in your diary now! Any time between 10 and 11.45am - leaving you free to mosey over to the pub when it opens at midday if you choose, or home for lunch...

If you have any questions about this event, or would like a lift, please contact Amanda Taylor: 07990 602563 or ajt.opom@gmail.com or Camilla Sim: 07740 427414 or camillasim9@gmail.com

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE + STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday September 13th. The organiser for Middleton is David Burgess. Email davidb7.db@gmail.com for sponsorship forms and any other information.

MIDDLETON WI NEWS



At our June meeting we welcomed Mark Mitchels to give us a talk on “The Suffolk Coastline”. He began by saying our coastline is one of the least developed in the country. There are rivers running inland from the sea with few ways to get across them; therefore there is no major road that runs directly down along the coast. Over the centuries erosion and silting up have done much to change the geography of the coast.

There is room in this report for only some of his stories. Lowestoft's herring industry once employed 10,000 people, now it is all gone. Covehithe was once a port with a large fifteenth century church, the remains of which and the smaller seventeenth century church built inside it will with cliff erosion disappear into the sea within ten years. Southwold's cannons on Gun Hill were not from the Battle of Sole Bay (1672) but brought down much later from Scotland, and buried underground in WWII to prevent them from being targets for the Germans. In 1879 a narrow-gauge railway connecting Halesworth, Wenhamston, Blythburgh and Southwold was built, carrying a six-carriage train that went at only 6mph, eventually being replaced by a bus service in 1928. Blythburgh, near the church, was the site of the 654 Battle of Bulcamp between the East Anglians and the Mercians. Opposite the end at Orfordness is Orford where a castle was built in 1178, not to deter foreign invaders but to see off the Bigods of Framlingham. The final place Mark mentioned was Felixstowe, once a gentle Victorian sea bathing resort, transformed into one of the largest container ports in Europe. This was the vision of local businessman, George Tomline who in 1884 had brought the railway to Felixstowe and then established the port.

There will be no WI meeting in August but we will have a stall at the Middleton Fete on the Bank Holiday weekend. Please come and see us. Our September meeting is on the 17th at 7:15pm. Julie from H&J chocolate makers in Beccles will speak. All are welcome.

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The annual bike ride and walk takes place this year on Saturday September 13th between 9am and 5pm. Sponsor forms and any other information are available from Mike Thickitt, 1-2 Forge Cottage, Peasenhall. Or call 01728 660549.

The organiser for Peasenhall Methodist Church is Christine Cole - ccole075@btinternet.com.

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

Firstly, from Peasenhall a huge THANK YOU to everyone who exhibited at – and visited – our end-of-June Makers' Market. It was a great success and one of our most successful fundraisers.

Peasenhall Picture Palace Friday 1st August

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy.

Now in her fifties, Bridget is navigating life as a single mum after the death of her beloved husband Mark Darcy. Her friends are pushing her to 'get back out there' but can she juggle motherhood, a new career and jumping into the confusing world of modern dating?

Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

Peasenhall Picture Palace Friday 5th September

Please look at our social media/website for details of the film to be shown. Thank you to everyone who supports us and to local businesses for raffle prizes. You can subscribe to our mailing list at: peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com

Quartetto Famiglia, Sunday, August 24th at 7.30pm

The popular Quartetto Famiglia plus a guest will perform a quintet plus other pieces. Exact programme to be confirmed. For more information contact John O'Connor on 01728 660339 or email peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com

Craft Club is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month so will be on the 4th and 18th of August 2-4pm and 1st & 15th September. Knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing. Refreshments provided with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. If you have any queries, please email Jane – theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Clubbercise, every Tuesday at 6-7pm.

To book or for more information, please contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk

Pop up Café Weds is the first Wednesday of the month – 10am – 12pm, hosted by the wonderful Weavers team of Sara and Beth. Tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Pilates Class every Thursday 9.45-10.45am. Suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com

Pop-Up Pub Friday 29th August 7-11pm and Friday 26th September 7-11pm

Come along for a drink and chat with friends. There will be games available (cards, scrabble, Bananagrams, dominoes etc). Licensed bar.

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Quiz Night, 7pm Saturday 13th September.

Stewart McCartney, quizmaster *extraordinaire* returns to host our popular quiz, postponed from July. Teams of 4-6 people and £10 per person which includes a ploughman's supper. If you can't make a full team, we will pair you up. Licensed bar and raffle. To book please contact Jane on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com.

If you would like to book the hall for a family gathering or event, please telephone 01728 660010. A sound system, Wi-Fi and projector are all available.

For general enquiries or if you would like to join our friendly committee or volunteer at some of our events, please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and see www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall.

PEASENHALL LITTER PICK

Saturday 4th October. Meet at the Assembly Hall 9.30am.

PEASENHALL SPEEDWATCH TEAM

More volunteers needed, contact Zoe Horlock 07709 746167.

SIBTON

Concert by the Wollaston Consort

This will take place at Sibton Church on Saturday August 30th at 3.30pm. Julie Harmer (flute) and Peter Clayton (harpsichord & organ) play music from across Europe in the Baroque style. An afternoon of sparkling music by Blavet, Quantz, Buxtehude and Sweelinck. As always, you are welcome to stay for tea, served at 4.30pm following the performance. Tickets: Adults £15, under-18s £5. On sale at the door, or from July 15th onwards at the Weavers Tearoom Peasenhall and the Peasenhall General Stores and on Eventbrite. There is ample free parking on the church's car park at IP17 2LX.

SAVE THE DATE!

More news about the Friends of St Peter's Sibton's October event: 'Optics' will be playing at Sibton church on October 11th: 7.00pm until 10.00pm; food and bar available. Tickets £15.00 from the normal outlets.

Andrew Campbell

SHCT RIDE + STRIDE

The organiser for Sibton is Jan Belton, jan.belton@btinternet.com

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THEBERTON LIONESSES SUMMER CEILIDH

The Theberton Lionesses have a few tickets left for the ceilidh on Saturday 30th August from 5.00pm to 10.30pm at Darsham Village Hall. The Hosepipe Band are performing and calling.

We will lay on a two-course Scottish-themed buffet, a bar will sell soft drinks as well as wines, craft beer and shots of single malt whisky, and there is a raffle of Scottish prizes.

Dressing up is encouraged and we will award a prize for best Scottish dress, but this is not compulsory. Do join us for a fun evening raising funds for the local hospices. Call Suzi Cooper on 01728 635736 or message 07879 685136 or email thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

RIDE + STRIDE

Get on your bike on September 13th for the 2025 to support your local church and county organisation.

Contact Nick Cooper for sponsorship forms (07788 446050). Help would be appreciated to meet and greet the many cyclists at St Peter's on the day.



SAVE THE DATES!

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Saturday 4th October at Theberton Village Hall, 10am - 1pm.

Jumble Sale, Saturday 18th October at Theberton Village Hall, 11am - 1pm.

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PROJECT UPDATE

AUGUST 2025

Work across all Sizewell C sites continues to progress at pace.

Last month, Sizewell C announced plans to build a new post-16 college for its host town in Suffolk – a move that could transform higher education access in the area and ensure a long-term skills legacy for the region. The Further Education (FE) college will be delivered in partnership with Suffolk New College and will be an extension of their current local provision, known as 'On the Coast'. It will be a permanent high-quality post-16 education facility for Leiston, which will deliver comprehensive, multi-site education and training. Further details regarding location and planning requirements will be outlined shortly. For further information visit sizewellc.com/news.

Construction of the northern section of the temporary sea defence has started with the first sheet piles being installed. The works will take place within the Sizewell C fence line and the public footpath will remain open. We apologise for any noise disturbance which we will endeavour to keep to a minimum. Works will soon commence on installing a temporary outfall on the beach. This work will be for a short duration and within a fenced compound.

Site preparation, including construction compounds and welfare facilities, ecology and archaeology mitigations, continues at

our Northern Park and Ride in Darsham. Construction of the roundabout next to the A12 and Willow Marsh Lane has started. To aid road safety for all road users a 30 mph speed limit on the A12 is planned between the A144 and the Darsham level crossing.

Similarly in Wickham Market work will conclude this summer. As areas become clear of archaeology work, construction will begin in a phased manner.

From the week commencing 7th July, track works will start along the Leiston branch line. Once this phase is complete, there will be new track and ballast laying.

The works will be carried out by engineering trains and specialist tracklaying plant including along the track. The work can be noisy and create dust, however we will have dust suppression in place to minimise the impact. Working hours will be from approximately 07:00 to 19:00.

Our forums are a way for local people to hear about key issues related to the construction of Sizewell C. All forums run from 18:00 to 20:30 (arrival from 18:00).

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Saturday 30th August

9.30am at the churchyard.

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Spare tools will be available.

Please wear sensible protective clothing.

For further information contact Joyce 01728 649045.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL

On **Saturday 2nd August** will see our usual popular **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** in the Foyer and outside (weather permitting) 10am - 12.30pm. Lots of local and home baked produce, honey and eggs, and now seasonal homegrown fruit and vegetables, as well as bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments as usual in the Foyer.

Following the Community Market and with a start time of 3.30pm (bar opening), we will be holding a **Summer Barbecue**. Your ticket for £12.50 will allow you to enjoy a choice of BBQ meats (and vegetarian), homemade salads, a roll and ice cream. Cooking from 4pm – 7pm. To help with catering, we hope that you purchase tickets in advance, either from the Foyer or from Westleton Stores. On sale now!

On **Sunday 17th August** you have the opportunity of a ‘**French Evening**’. Doors open 6.30pm with a meal cooked by James Finch at 7pm. This will be followed by a showing of the film *Chocolat*. There will be a French-themed raffle, wines and goodies - berets and French attire optional! Tickets at £20pp will be available soon from the Foyer and Westleton Village Stores.

Other Events

On Saturday 23rd August the **Yoxmere Model Railway Group** will hold an Open Day from 10am (see notice on page 26).

During the following weekend (30th/31st) the Hall will host **Westleton Art Exhibition**, an annual event that draws a regular attendance and which showcases the considerable local talent in our village. 10.30am – 4.30pm each day.

Art in the Foyer in August - we are looking forward to displaying art by **John Ash**. Please come along and view during the Foyer open hours.

Foyer: please come and join us for coffee, tea etc. and a chat. Open weekdays daily 10am – 12pm. The Chess and Coffee Group also runs on a Wednesday from here.

Tech Table: The Tech Team will continue to run throughout August but will be reduced by 50%. It will still be on a 'drop in' basis on a Tuesday morning in the Foyer from 9.30am until 12midday

Hairdressing: Hannah Cutting from Travelling Salon will be visiting on **Tuesday 5th August** 10am -12.30pm. If you would like to book or have a chat about your requirements, she can be contacted on 07856 517925 or email: travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com

Footcare with Susan - will be visiting the hall on **Thursday and Friday 14/15th August**. To book an appointment, phone: 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email: susan@nobadfeet.co.uk

Reflexology is back on **Saturday 16th August**. New hours are 10.30am – 12.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or www.julietoverton.co.uk

Books Please! The hall will be holding its annual and very popular book sale on 1st/2nd November and we will welcome donations of any type of book that's in good condition. Books can be left at the hall with the Centre Manager or can be collected if you cannot transport. Thank you in advance.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES IN SEPTEMBER!

A Westleton Hall Event - Friday 26th September

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WESTLETON DEATH CAFE (with cake!)

Reminder for the Autumn launch on **18th September**. 'Death Cafe is a place where thoughts, queries, information on all matters death and dying can be shared - things that are hard to drop into everyday conversation'. Please note that on **Thursday August 21st** we will be available in the Village Hall Foyer from 10am to 11am - to answer any questions you might have. For further information see <https://deathcafe.com/what/>

Fran, Dilys, Keith & Judie

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS

The next **Working Party** is **Saturday 20th September** from 10.30 to about 12.30.

The next **Nature Walk** is also in September on **Saturday 6th** from 10.30 to about 12 noon.

Please meet by the main Common Noticeboard opposite the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.



WESTLETON WI

In July, we enjoyed a very successful garden party in Marilyn Stephens's garden. The weather was glorious, the cakes, sandwiches and drinks were delicious, the company very welcoming and the garden was absolutely inspiring.

Thanks to all.

We are always keen to welcome new members. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Gill Wood

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The next Sizewell C (SZC) Northern Transport Forum will take place on 6th August. If you have any questions you would like asked at the meeting about SCZ transport issues, please contact Ian Haines on clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk so that the Parish Council can submit the question to SZC.

SCZ has recently bought a plot at the High Lodge site in Darsham/Hinton which has planning permission for 170 tourist lodges. SZC plans to use the site to accommodate an unspecified number of its workers. If the District Council approves the application for change of use to *worker accommodation*, local Parish Councils will coordinate to ensure that the SCZ residents will be required to take buses to site rather than drive through Westleton, and ensure that SZC provides facilities on the site comparable to those planned for the Eastbridge accommodation campus to avoid pressures on local services.

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on Monday 29th September, 10.30-11.30am in the Village Hall Foyer. The surgery is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns/ask questions to the Parish Council.

Please go to the Westleton website or the notice board by the village shop to read minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

100 CLUB WINNERS

June: 1st prize Andrew Burtenshaw;
2nd prize Shirley Fisher

July: 1st prize Beth & David Taylor;
2nd prize Edward & Lynda Tyler

YOXFORD

While Yoxfayre, which happened on 5th July (followed by a 'Songs of Praise' service on 6th July), was a great success in many ways, it was sadly overshadowed by the tragic death of a son of Yoxford on the Friday night. Our prayers and deepest sympathies extend to his family and wide circle of friends. But it is also right at this moment to extend our gratitude to all who worked so hard to make Yoxfayre happen — to Amanda Sutherell, Mary Axon and the entire planning team, to Sing Out, to the school choir and Katie Graham, and Alec and other musicians, to all those who ran fair games on Mulberry Park, to those at the village hall displaying art and history and running the dog show, and to those involved in the clothes and bric-a-brac sale there; and to those who arranged flowers in the church, made tea, and sold plants, books and cakes, the tomobola and the raffle... and everyone else I have forgotten. Thank you — it was an inspiring collective effort.

Revd Tim.

SING OUT SUMMER CONCERT

A big thankyou to everybody in the choir for helping to make this concert such a success.

From those who helped to set up, serve wine, provide nibbles for the occasion, and clear away at the end, and of course those of you who attended such a wonderful concert. Thanks to you all, we managed to raise £700 for the charity Music in our Bones (<http://musicinourbones.com/>).

We always welcome new members of the choir. See our notice on page 8.

Julian Lock

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SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE 2025

This year's Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13th September from 9am to 5pm. Suffolk Churches would like to encourage more participants and sponsors, and especially younger riders and striders. If you feel like cycling, walking, sponsoring, or helping in church for an hour or so, you will be very welcome. For further details contact Rosemary Draper on 01728 668536.

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON

Meet Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11:00am – 12:00pm

Table Tennis – Tuesdays – 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Outreach Post Office Mobile Van - Wednesdays - 9:15am – 10:15am

Art Classes – Thursdays – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Youth Club - Thursdays – 6:00pm to 8:00pm - 11-18 year olds

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

Community Film Nights Yoxflicks – monthly – dates published separately

Community Pub Night (licensed bar) – last Friday of the month 6:00 – 11:00pm

Tennis Courts – to book, contact Laura Greenberg on 07867 521697

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

WRENTHAM CHAPEL

“Seedtime and Harvest”, a Caedmon evening at Wrentham Chapel, will be held on Friday 19th September from 7.00pm - a seasonal celebration in music, word and song, contributed by members of the audience on the night. There will be an interval with a light buffet, wine and fruit juice. This is a free event but we welcome donations for Christian Aid. Details from Sue Hardy 07771 882738.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP

In villages across the Yoxmere area, I know many residents are worried about two very practical issues: road safety around our schools, and the lack of reliable local bus services. These concerns come up time and again when I meet with constituents.

One of the most immediate concerns is the safety of our children on the way to and from school. Working with primary schools in the constituency, I've launched a Parliamentary petition calling for a tailored road safety plan for every primary school in the constituency. That means looking carefully at local speed limits, crossings, pavement access and visibility - all informed by the people who know these roads best.

Separately, I've also just launched an online survey on local bus services. I know how difficult it can be in rural and coastal communities when bus routes are cut, services become unreliable, or timetables no longer reflect real life. Whether you still use the bus, used to, or want to but cannot - I would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your experience. The more responses I gather, the stronger the case I can make for improvements to our bus services – and I'm keen that we shape the solutions together. You can find the bus survey on my website www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org

Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP (jenny.riddellcarpenter.mp@parliament.uk)

TURTLE DOVES AT SUNRISE

It's sunrise on a chilly May morning. I get rather wearily out of my car, and instantly hear the delightful 'tur-turr' of a turtle dove, perching on the telephone wires nearby. All fatigue lifts immediately, and suddenly the morning is golden and magical! I am setting out on a farm survey, plotting all farmland birds onto a map, in order to map their territories later in the season. It will take me at least three hours, and I'll be drenched in dew from the thighs down, but that sound has made it all worthwhile...

I am the new Community Projects Officer for Operation Turtle Dove in Suffolk. This is a collaboration between the RSPB, Natural England, Pensthorpe Conservation Trust and Fair to Nature. The RSPB works internationally for the conservation of the Turtle Dove. They have been instrumental in the total ban on hunting Turtle Doves in France, Spain and Portugal over the last four years, and Operation Turtle Dove also works with landowners in England to improve habitat and feeding conditions for the birds.

My particular role is to assist smaller landowners and community groups to do what they can for Turtle Doves, particularly in areas where they have been known to breed in the past. After the four-year ban on hunting, the numbers of the Western European Flyway Population have begun to bounce back – over 30% in the first three years of the ban. The turtle doves which arrive on our shores are part of this population, wintering in west Africa.

When they arrive, what they need is actually quite simple, but not always common. Thick, scrubby, thorny hedges or thickets to nest in, easily accessible water, and seed. Studies have shown that seed is often the limiting factor, as farming methods now often don't leave a lot of space for the sort of arable 'weeds' that provide the seed that the doves need.

We have advisers who work with farmers and are familiar with the agri-environment schemes which can enable the work.

So, if you have Turtle Doves on your land, or have had in the recent past, then please get in touch!

It is a free service, and I can visit to see how we may be able to optimise your patch for Turtle Doves and other wildlife... Also, if you hear or see a Turtle Dove, please submit your sighting to BirdTrack (www.BTO.org).

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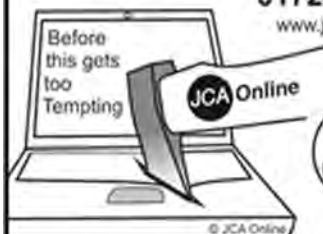
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