

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The
Yoxmere
Fisherman*

February 2026

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday, February 1st ~ Candlemas

10.00am Westleton Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, February 8th ~ 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Theberton Taizé
9.30am Westleton Morning Worship
9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
with Archdeacon Rich Henderson
10.00am Darsham Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Middleton PCC-Led Service
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer

Sunday, February 15th ~ 1st Sunday before Lent

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)
4.00pm Sibton Evensong

Wednesday, February 18th ~ Ash Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Ashing Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 22nd ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
9.30am Yoxford PCC-Led Service
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion at Middleton
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion with Dunwich
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship
with Methodist Chapel

Sunday, 1st March ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Middleton Benefice Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford 10.00am Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

1st February White

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

8th February, Green

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-34

15th February, Green

Exodus 24.12-18

2 Peter 1.16-21

Matthew 17.1-9

22nd February, Purple

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

Cover photo by Mandy Beaumont (see page 7).

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



Last February, in this opening column, I wrote about a different pattern of services through Lent, and a Lent course to be shared with all the churches in the deanery (the area from from these villages south to Aldeburgh, Snape and Blaxhall).

The changed pattern of services was enjoyed by many... and not so much by others. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away — and so did the Rector. The Lent course, working through a variety of ethical subjects, was very well received (and the *Theology Corner* in the last few months has been a poor reflection of the wisdom and passion shared by the wonderful speakers I cajoled into coming).

As such, we will be repeating this shape of Lent study this year. The working title for the course is 'Practising the Love of Jesus', and we will again be meeting on the **Sundays of Lent (22nd February to 29th March) at 4pm in Darsham Village Hall**, and it will be led by clergy from around the deanery (see poster on page 8).

What do we mean by 'Practising the Love of Jesus'?

In 1984 the Anglican Council created the Four Marks of Mission, to which a fifth mark was added in 1990. The idea was to create a very simple framework for thinking about what Christian mission was (and perhaps what it wasn't), and crucially, this framework was created by a team from across the world — this was not to be a framework of mission as conquest or colonialism. The marks are:

1. Tell the good news of Jesus Christ
2. Teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. Tend to human needs with loving service
4. Transform unjust structures of society
5. Treasure and safeguard the integrity of God's creation

That these concepts can be squeezed into a five 'T's' mnemonic is helpful! These five marks were never intended to take any particular place of prominence, and yet it turns out that they capture something of the way of Jesus as set out in the gospels, and something of the holistic way in which Christians should try to live in response to their faith. These five concepts are not a stick to beat people with, but markers that show how we can and should live a rounded Christian life.

All are welcome as we explore what a Jesus-shaped life might look like today. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided!

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Mary Jill Shinnars on Saturday 17th January 2026, at St Peter's Westleton.

Funerals

Margaret Isobel Mary Haste, aged 83 years, on Tuesday 2nd December 2025, at St Peter's, Theberton.

Dorothy Ena Kemp, aged 93 years, on Wednesday 10th December 2025, at St Michael's, Peasenhall.

Cana Herbert Stuart Turner, aged 99 years, on Thursday 18th December 2025, at St Peter's, Westleton.

'Rupert' Michael Charles Hannen, aged 80 years, on Tuesday 23rd December 2025, at St Peter's, Yoxford.

Interment of Ashes

Gillian Ann Padgham, aged 87 years, on Tuesday January 20th 2026, at St Peter's, Westleton.

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HELP NEEDED FOR UKRAINE VIA HOPE AND AID DIRECT

As I write, the situation in Ukraine continues to worsen. Destructive bombings continue, they are experiencing the coldest winter conditions for years, there's no let up from anything. HAAD lorries will continue to drive across Europe, laden with supplies of humanitarian aid of all kinds.

Let's try to help fill those lorries! Please dig deep into your cupboards, add an item to your shopping trolley and bring them to me, or ring and we will collect from you.

As before, good-quality winter clothing for all ages, bedding, sleeping bags, towels, shoes and children's toys are very much needed and appreciated. And then tinned or dry food, hygiene and medical items as well as detergents are also much in demand.

Thanks to those good friends who kindly dropped off items before Christmas - and best wishes for 2026.

Esther Paige

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THEOLOGY CORNER



In December I wrote about the use of reason in Christian ethics. One of the ethical theories that is born of reason is consequentialism. Where many Christians will decide something is right or wrong simply on the basis that the Bible says so, consequentialism might say that ‘the end justifies the means’. What might be the strengths and weaknesses of such thought?

Jeremy Bentham first began to talk about ‘utility’ with regard to crime. Where the law and its penalties could so frequently be a blunt instrument, Bentham urged thought for the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people. To cite *Les Misérables*, theft of a loaf of bread because your family is starving is a problem (because it’s theft, and a loaf has value), but justice should consider the welfare of the thief’s family as well as justice for the baker. Bentham’s argument for utility and for maximising happiness proves a vital and important foil for the rigidity that we so often see in the law (and in attempts to work with Biblical law).

We might similarly see these principles at work in medicine. How do you fairly distribute limited medical resources? The idea of Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) may be abhorrent to the patient or relative who feels short-changed by a pressured health service, but saving the most lives - giving the highest quality of life to the highest number of patients with limited resources - must surely be the best we can do in an imperfect world.

The ‘end justifies the means’ can, however present a thorny dilemma. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a famous German theologian, pastor and pacifist who was executed in 1945 for his ties to a plot to assassinate Hitler. It is unclear exactly how strong his ties (if at all) were to the failed 20th July plot, but the question remains tantalising. If you could assassinate Hitler, would the sin of murder nonetheless be the lesser of two evils? You may think that it would. And yet... that act would set (or continue) a precedent. And might this not provoke others to believe in their right to be judge, jury and executioner? What if their judgement is wrong? If ‘the end’ justifies the means, isn’t there a problem working out where ‘the end’ actually is?

Ironically, the outcome of consequentialist ethics (despite seeking to base action on probable outcome) can be less predictable than we might think!

Blessings, Tim.

CAMPAIGN RATS MAKE AN APPEARANCE ALONG THE B1125!



For several months now, the B1125 Action Group has been campaigning directly to all relevant stakeholders to maintain the B1125 as a rural B-road along our Heritage Coastline - instead of enabling it to turn into the dangerous rat-run it has become. So many of you have reported examples of reckless driver behaviour and speeds which have made you feel unsafe on this road, and yet there is still no proper resolution in sight. The Group's focus is that the B1125 should **not** be the Google/SATNAV route of choice for traffic rushing to and from the north (that should be using the A-roads) and believes it requires multiple new measures to both reduce the volume and curb dangerous speeds.

To date the B1125 Action Group has succeeded in persuading our MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter and ALL the local Parish Councils (jointly) to put more pressure on Sizewell C, Suffolk County Council's Highways and Suffolk Constabulary to work together with local communities to make the B1125 safer through the urgent implementation of a variety of more appropriate traffic calming measures.

Please contact the B1125 Action Group: b1125actiongroup@btinternet.com for more information about the campaign's objectives and to engage with future campaign activities.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 2nd February and 2nd March 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.

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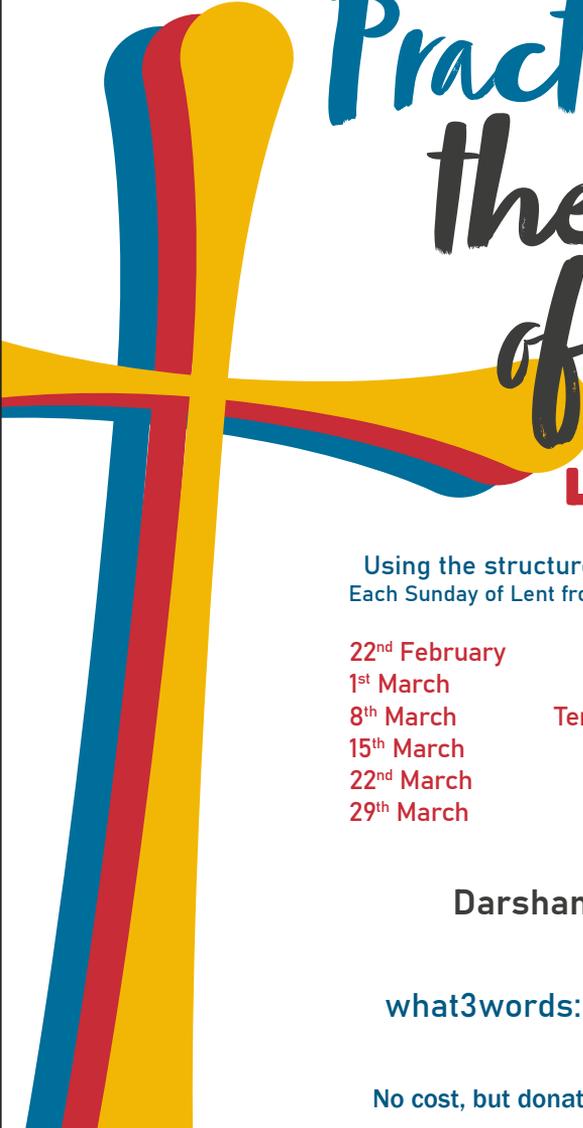
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Using the structure of the Five Marks of Mission
Each Sunday of Lent from 22nd February to 29th March 2026

22nd February

Telling the Good News

1st March

Teaching Jesus' Way

8th March

Tending to the Needs of the World

15th March

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22nd March

Treasuring God's creation

29th March

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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: SAVE THE DATES

10th May - Spring Lunch

11th October - Harvest Lunch

For details please contact Shirley Field 01728 668371 or Jeanne 07949 263972.

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – FEBRUARY 2026

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 - lifeforceyoga.co.uk)

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

Carpet Bowls – Every Fri. 2.30pm (contact Chris Fox (07725 725008)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30 -10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146) **(Not 17th)**

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

Home Education Group – Wed. 9:00am (contact Rebecca Coe) **(Not 11th or 18th)**

Dash Astro – Sun. 8th Observing, Sun. 22nd Meeting
(contact Chris Mead - 07736 160577)

Events and Meetings

Textile Temptations – Wed. 11th at 10:00am (Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Coffee Morning (Including bacon and sausage baps) – Sat. 14th at 10:00am
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Film Night – Sat. 14th *The Ballad of Wallis Island* (see notice on page 12)

Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 10th at 7:00pm

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 16th at 9:30am - 12:30pm (Colin on 07528 515214)

100 CLUB RESULTS JANUARY 2026

£100 Jane Bell, £50 Mitch Oliver, £25 Jasmine and Mike Backhouse.

FUND RAISING

Darsham Village Hall is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

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These donations mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find the link at the What's-On page on the Darsham Village Hall website.

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

February 14th *The Ballad of Wallis Island*

This is another great film, a comedy about a lottery winner who dreams of getting his favourite musicians together. His fantasy becomes reality when they agree to play a show at his home. One critic said that in some ways, it reminded him of *Local Hero*.

Tickets £5, available at the Coffee Morning on the 14th or on the door - you will be able to use a card reader for tickets. Doors open at 6.45pm and film at 7pm. There will be a bar and snacks which are cash only. We look forward to your company!

Anne 01728 668270 or 07852 237389.

DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Open Spring Show
Village Hall 28th March 2026**

Drop off 9.30 – 10.30am; viewing from 2.45pm
Refreshments available

*Our open show welcomes entries from everyone.
New this year we have added a photography section.*

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

Also available from the website at:-

www.darsham.onesuffolk.net

Clubs/Horticultural Society



DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL, MEETING ON 13TH JANUARY

County Councillor Richard Smith informed the PC that reports that Suffolk CC was in the red for pot holes was not correct. Also, due to rising costs and reduced funding the council tax will rise by 4.99%.

Data collection by councillors has demonstrated a significant increase in traffic entering the village. This matches concerns by neighbouring villages that the villages are being used as a 'rat runs'. With this in mind large metal 'rats' are now being placed in strategic locations locally demonstrating our dissatisfaction

with this situation. Darsham intends to purchase some of these rats to provide a cohesive message that all our neighbouring villages are suffering the same impact. In November 2025 15,945 vehicles were recorded entering our village, and in December 2025 this had increased to 19,066 vehicles.

Darsham is a dark skies village which we should all be proud of, so please continue to support our dark skies by restricting outside lights to sensor lights and encourage your neighbours to do the same.

The Darsham litter pick will be on 8th March, meeting at 10am at the village hall.

The next PC meeting will be held on 10th February at 7pm. All are welcome.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chair Darsham PC

DUNWICH

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The museum is now closed for the winter season. We will be open from February 14th - 22nd, 2-4pm. The museum can be opened by appointment outside of opening hours, so if you wish to visit, please write to us at manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk.

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

Museum Talks

Dunwich museum is planning a programme of online and in-person talks for the coming year. They will cover a wide range of topics, such as the art of the Suffolk Coast, the history of trash, the geological story of our dynamic coastline, talks by local authors, and many more. Keep an eye on our website for more details and/or join our mailing list to keep up to date with our upcoming events.

Email chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Wednesday February 18th – Environmental Drop-in Activities, 12-4pm

Join us in the Dunwich Reading Room for some early spring fun! Make wildflower seed bombs, pot plants, and more. Free to all ages, donations welcome.

It has been an extremely busy year here at Dunwich Museum and we want to thank everyone who made it possible. It is with the amazing support of our community, funders, and partners that we are able to run our programme of activities.



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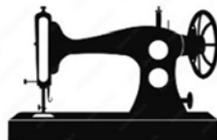
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MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Canon Roger Smith

We were saddened to hear of the passing of the Revd Canon Roger Smith who, together with Molly, had lived in Middleton whilst ministering in the Yoxmere benefice. Several from the village attended the funeral at Metfield and our thoughts are with Molly and the family.

Advent and Christmas

Holy Trinity started the festive season with 'Waiting in the Dark' each Sunday evening during Advent with just the Advent candle lit for an hour of silence, reflection and peace. The Carol service was very well attended and ended with mulled wine, mince pies and socialising. Midnight Mass on a very chilly windy night completed our Christmas.

Poetry and Pastries

January saw our first 'Poetry and Pastries' PCC-led Sunday morning of the new year which is well supported and a lovely opportunity to read or listen to poetry and/or music of one's choice.

Rita Pateman, Churchwarden

MIDDLETON-CUM-FORDLEY WI

It is with deep regret and much sadness that after 102 years in Middleton village we have had to make the difficult decision to close our WI in March 2026.



Rita, President on behalf of the Committee and members

PILATES CLASS

Body Control Pilates Teacher, Victoria Hayden is planning a Pilates taster session on Friday 6th February at Middleton Village Hall at 1.10pm, with a view to starting a new class for new clients a few weeks later.

The new class will have a particular focus on bone density but will include all the usual Pilates joys such as increasing strength, mobility and flexibility, improved posture, reduction in aches and pains, as well as improved pelvic floor function.

Booking is essential; please note this is not a drop-in session. There are twelve places available with a fee of £11.50 per person.

Please email or call Victoria on 07713 277176 or victoriahaydenpilates@gmail.com

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Pop up Café

Wednesday 4th 10am – 12pm. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Craft club

The first and third Monday of each month 2-4pm £3

Everyone welcome

Clubbercise

Every Tuesday 6-7pm.

If you would like to book or need more information, please contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk

Pilates Class

Every Thursday 9.15-10.45am. The class is suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com

Peasenhall Picture Palace

Friday 6th February. Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

The next Film Club will be showing *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* (2025). This follows the Crawley family into the 1930s as Lady Mary faces scandal from her divorce, threatening the family's reputation amidst financial woes, leading Robert to cede control to Mary, who embraces leadership, saves Downton from a conman, and secures its future with support from her family and staff. Ending with a fond farewell to past generations and a new era for the estate under Mary's guidance.

Thank you to everyone who supports us and to the local businesses who provide very generous raffle prizes. If you would like to hear about future films, please subscribe to our mailing list: peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com

Exciting News

The Assembly Hall is having a refurbishment of the toilets, starting mid-February. This will mean that we will have a fully accessible disabled toilet added. The work is expected to be complete by mid-March.

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Advanced notice - St Patrick's Night Pop-Up Pub

Friday 20th March 7pm onwards. With live Irish-themed music from the Butcher Boys and the Westleton Whistlers.

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 continued improvement of our community space.

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.

Save the date -

Peasehall Garden Festival- 20th & 21st June 2026

Open gardens, art/photography competition,
children's nature sessions.

If you would like to open your garden,
please contact Zoe 07709 746167.

We will be fundraising for local charities.



THEBERTON

ST PETER'S THEBERTON

SAVE THE DATE – THE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW IS BACK!

The **Theberton & Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show** returns on **Saturday 25th July** at **Theberton Jubilee Hall**, and while gardens are only just beginning to wake up, now is the perfect time to start planning your entries — especially for our handicrafts classes, which need time and care. **Whether you're an experienced grower, baker or maker, or trying something new for the first time, there's something for everyone at this much-loved community event.**

This year's show features a wide range of classes, including flowers, vegetables, cookery, handicrafts and plenty of children's classes, so the whole family can get involved.

Adult handicraft categories will include:

- patchwork (max 24" x 24"),
- hand embroidery or appliqué,
- knitting (up to 500g wool),
- cross stitch,

- an article made from recycled materials,
- a handmade greetings card,
- a handmade Christmas decoration,
- an item made from paper or card (max 24" x 24" x 24"),
- an item made from glass, wood, metal, clay or stone (max 24" x 24" x 24"),
- a picture in any medium (not a photograph).
- a photograph on the theme "A Sense of Suffolk".

On the day, there will be tea and cake for sale, an auction of prize-winning produce, and plenty of opportunity to chat, catch up, and get to know your neighbours. **Now's the time to start planning your amazing entries!**

WESTLETON

ST PETER'S CHURCH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS PHASE TWO

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Access for all" appeal. The drive has been successfully resurfaced and widened to allow for easier access. It is now wide enough for ambulances or modern 4x4s to gain access. The threshold step has been lowered, no longer requiring a ramp, allowing easier entry for those using wheelchairs, walking frames or push-chairs. There are now two car-parking areas, with the one nearest the church designated for those less able. The external lighting has also been improved with energy-efficient LED bulbs.

We are very grateful to all those who donated both locally and from far away. A significant proportion of the funds came from the many charitable trusts and organisations who supported our appeal: The Benefact Trust, Suffolk Historical Churches Trust, Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Trust, Westleton Parish Council, The Dunwich Town Trust, Tallis Chamber Orchestra, The Church of England Minor Repairs Fund and Net Zero Quick Win Fund. Please come and see for yourself what has been achieved.

Thank you from Westleton Parochial Church Council and all at St Peter's.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS - NEW YEAR

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Common in 2025. The next **Working Party** is on **Saturday 21st February** from 10.30 to about 12.30. Everyone welcome; many hands make light work!

The next **Nature Walk** is on **Saturday 28th February** from 10.30 to about 12noon. Please meet by the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.

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DEATH CAFÉ

This will be held on Thursday February 19th at 4.15pm in the Village Hall Foyer. We will be joined for this session by Donna Taylor, Solicitor, who will be talking about Power of Attorney. All welcome. Call Fran on 07930 175584 for further details.

SAVE THE DATE
WESTLETON GARDEN TRAIL 2026
SATURDAY 13th & SUNDAY 14th JUNE
More details to follow

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All regular groups and activities have now started back – please see our website and notice boards for details of times. Make this the year to start a new activity and make some more friends. We are a very social lot!

Coming in February!

Monday 2nd - Village Meal – ‘Come Dine with James’. An opportunity to enjoy a three-course meal prepared and cooked by our own James Finch. The menu and tickets (£30pp) are now available from both the Foyer and Westleton Stores but are selling fast.

Saturday 7th– Community Market returns in the Foyer 10am -12pm – local produce and home-cooked food.

Saturday 7th - Film Night with a showing of *Black Bag*, a 2025 American spy thriller. Doors and the bar open at 7pm. Tickets still only £5 - pay on the night.

Sunday 22nd - Our ever-popular **Flea Market** will take place in the main hall from 10am – 3pm. A chance to peruse and purchase good quality antiques, collectables and other pre-loved items, so save the date and all those pennies for that bargain. Entry fee is 50p; under 16s are free.

Friday 27th – an informative talk from the **RNLI** with light supper. Further information and details for the purchase of tickets will be published on our website and social media.

Foyer: please come and join us for coffee, tea, etc. and a chat. Open weekdays daily 10am – 12pm.



The Chess and Coffee Group. This group meets every Wednesday between 10am - 12pm in the Foyer and welcomes anyone wanting to play and anyone wishing to learn to play chess.

Practitioners:

Hairdresser – Hannah from the Travelling Salon will visit the hall on Tuesday 20th January and 3rd February, 10am – 12.30pm For appointments or to discuss your requirements, please contact her on 07856 517925 or email travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com

Footcare with Susan - will be back 5th/6th February (nothing in January). To book an appointment, telephone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073.
Email: susan@nobadfeet.co.uk

Physiotherapist - We can also offer pet and human registered physiotherapist Emma Strachan (variable days). Contact her direct to book on 07821 055404.

Tech Table

Our wonderful and supportive Tech Table has returned after a well-deserved Christmas break. If you use this service, please take the time to read this information from the Team:

We are now into our third year as a volunteer Tech Table at Westleton Village Hall. In that short space of time AI has come to the fore, Windows 10 no longer receives security updates, and there are now a number of Linux Operating System users.

It is hard to find two people using the same device, with the same operating system, or the same internet/data provider, in the same way. So each visitor to the desk presents a new challenge, even if the underlying difficulty is the same. It means that keeping abreast of tech developments is an ongoing struggle for us all, even the tech volunteers.

For obvious reasons we are not able to give advice on financial decisions such as device purchases or phone/broadband contracts. And, for the same reasons, we don't provide home support (which means it is more difficult to talk about certain issues affecting the home such as PCs, broadband or printers).

The Tech Table only operates on Tuesday mornings in the Westleton Village Hall between 9.30 and 12.00. If you have a difficulty that cannot wait until Tuesday, then you will need to approach a professional repair outfit. It isn't necessary to book a slot on Tuesday even though some tasks do take the whole morning to complete. If you have a tech issue, come along and, between all of us, we will try to outwit the system (and please make sure you bring the relevant passwords so that you can input them when needed!).

100 CLUB

December Winners

1st prize - £100, No. 52 Fiona & Christopher Harington

2nd prize - £50, No. 110 Brenda M. Bell

January Winners

1st prize - £100, No. 63 Brian Boulanger

2nd prize - £50, No. 216 Roger Troke

If you want to have a chance to win this year, the application form for the 2026-27 100 Club draw is in this Fisherman for Westleton. You have to be in it to win it!

WESTLETON GARDENERS – OPEN TO ALL

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th February in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you want to know what happens behind the scenes regarding plant purchases at a garden centre come along and listen to Stuart Andrews, Category Head - Plants, from Nottcutts. The title of his talk is 'Behind the Scenes at Nottcutts'

We are a small friendly gardening club with no annual membership subscription, but a 'pay on the door' system. Entry is £4 each, inclusive of refreshments. Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be time to chat too.

Marilyn Stephens

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORKS 2026

A big thank you from the fireworks group for a great attendance and support. We hope you all enjoyed the fireworks and bonfire. Thanks to the Parish Council for their support, and also to everyone who helped with the food and drink. Thanks to Nat Bacon, and Warrior Fire & Rescue. See you all on January 1st 2027.

Nick Shearme, Chair of Bonfire Advisory Working Group

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The White Horse: during the residents' meeting on 1st December, a show of hands demonstrated that a sufficient number of residents are willing to support the day-to-day running of the proposed Community Pub. Accordingly, a Steering Committee was established which now has the task to select a suitable legal structure, manage negotiations with the Chestnut Group, raise funds, establish governance, and agree a business plan. The group will then manage the operation of the pub itself.

Many thanks to all who have supported the venture and in particular to the Steering Committee.

Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum 4th February: The Parish Council will be raising questions about traffic volumes and speeds on the B1125, additional traffic generated by the planned accommodation campus in Hinton, and poor road signage.

If you have a question you think the PC should ask at the next forum, please submit it to: clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

LionLink: the consultation for the proposed Lionlink interconnector with the Netherlands has started (see the National Grid LionLink webpage). The project proposes that the cables landfall at Walberswick and connect to the converter station at Saxmundham with the underground cable route passing around the north-west corner and then to the west of Westleton. The proposed cable route follows a line central to the route corridor detailed in the earlier consultations - which means the cable route will not run as close to Westleton as could have been possible.

The LionLink team will be holding a consultation event in Westleton's Village Hall on Saturday 21st February when you can view the plans in and question the LionLink team.

Other events are scheduled in surrounding towns and villages on other dates (see the LionLink website).

Sea Link Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Examination: The PINS examination has started. The Issue Specific hearings will take place 28th-30th January. The Parish Council will make further representations stressing concerns about the weight of traffic on the East Suffolk road network and the cumulative economic, social and environmental effects of Sea Link and the other current and planned energy projects in East Suffolk area.

Bonfire/Fireworks: many thanks to Nick Shearme and all who planned, attended and donated to the New Year's Day bonfire/fireworks and for making it a real success!

Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Westleton website and the notice board by the village shop.

The next Parish Council surgery will be 10.30-11.30am in the Village Hall Foyer on Monday 26th January.

*Andrew Turner
Chair, Westleton Parish Council*

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TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Concert at St Peter's Church, Westleton, IP17 3AQ
Sunday 15th March, 3pm

Director and violin soloist: David Alberman

Symphony No. 4 in F major - William Boyce

Nocturne in B major - Antonín Dvořák

Violin Concerto in A minor BWV 1041 - Johann Sebastian Bach

A Downland Suite - John Ireland

Divertimento for String Orchestra - Béla Bartók

Admission will be by programme, £15 at the door (cashless payments accepted).

Any changes to concert arrangements
will be posted on our website www.tco.org.uk

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NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

Christmas is over once again! The December 'Sing Out' concert was an absolute joy and very much appreciated by a packed church, raising over £700 for the local food bank.

St Peter's has had a busy time, with well-attended family-friendly services throughout December, with wonderful carols, a scratch choir, and music and organ playing by Alec. Thank you to all for your help and to Revd Tim and Revd Ruth. And thank you flower arrangers for a beautifully decorated church!

A pop-up table with free Christmas items ran for the week prior to Christmas. This was an outreach to local families and was received well. Our thanks go to Rosie who set it up. Well done and thanks to all those who contributed.

Candlemas on 2nd February will bring the Christmas season to an end. This is a celebration of the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple. Traditionally candles are blessed and lit in church which symbolises hope, light and new beginnings. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at any of our services.

There is also a book stall in church with donations going towards our organ fund. A very happy healthy and light-filled new year from St Peter's, Yoxford.

Lynne Putland, Churchwarden

PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

Every Wednesday during term time 11am-12noon. Pebbles is a stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers. Refreshments will be available for adults. Suggested donation of 50p per family.



SPRING CLEAN

We are having our yearly spring clean of St Peter's Church, Yoxford on Saturday 14th March 9.30 - 12.30. If you attend the church or only go for weddings and funerals but you care about the church looking its best, then do come along and give a hand. 'Many hands make light work!'

There is a Cleaning Rota at the back of the church. If you are able to sign up for just one of the months in the year for just a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. Thanks.

Julian Lock

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON

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

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 meeting – first Thursday of the month - 7:00pm – 8.30pm

Community Film Nights Yoxflicks – monthly – dates published separately

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

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

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

SING OUT COMMUNITY CHOIR

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