

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



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*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

July 2024

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

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### Sunday 7th July ~ Trinity 6

10.00am Darsham Benefice Holy Communion

### Sunday 14th July ~ Trinity 7

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion

9.30am Theberton Taizé

11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer

11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion

11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer

3.00pm Westleton Informal Worship

### Sunday 21st July ~ Trinity 8

9.30am Yoxford family@church

9.30am Westleton Holy Communion

9.30am Theberton Morning Praise

11.00am Peasehall Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Middleton Morning Prayer

6.00pm Darsham Evensong

### Sunday 28th July ~ Trinity 9

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion

11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

11.00am Peasehall Morning Worship  
at the Methodist Chapel

6.00pm Sibton Evensong

6.30pm Westleton Songs of Praise (Wildflower Festival)

### Every Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*7th July, Trinity 6, green*

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Mark 6.1-13

*14th July, Trinity 7, green*

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

Ephesians 1.3-14

Mark 6.14-29

*21st July, Trinity 8, green*

2 Samuel 7.1-14a

Ephesians 2.11-22

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

*28th July, Trinity 9, green*

2 Samuel 11.1-15

Ephesians 3.14-21

John 6.1-21

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*The cover photo shows centenarian and World War II veteran Gwynne (in the peaked cap) lighting the beacon on Dunwich cliff to mark the anniversary of D-Day. (See also Pages 5 and 12-13.)*



### Election

Will you be staying up all night watching the swingometer? Or are you bored by the circus? Or cynical? Sometimes I feel like I'm all three at once! Without being *party* political, here are some of my thoughts on the system.

1. Use your vote. We have so little influence on politics. We can petition, we can write to our MP, we can vote. The vote matters, and we should use it.
2. I hate tactical voting. It is voting *against* what you dislike instead of for what you *actually want*. But if you voted for what you actually wanted (and others did the same) we would find out how popular your candidate and their policies really were. Otherwise we'll never know and we'll maintain the dominance of two parties and stifle the diversity of smaller parties that bring valuable different perspectives and nuance to our politics.
3. Character matters. If we were interviewing anyone for a job, we would want to know whether they *could* do the job, but also whether they *should* do the job. The first is about skills, the second about character. I am baffled that Trump still has such support in the US. So should we be voting for policies or the person? It's complicated, right? But we should value integrity, compassion and other aspects of good character in our politics as much as in our friends.
4. Read the manifesto. This has never been easier. The parties all have websites. It matters that we should read what they say their values are, and what they can achieve.
5. Talk about politics and religion at the table! This may be contrary to etiquette, but if we don't, we will never learn how to talk about these subjects, nor listen to differing opinions, nor learn to disagree well. That's a maturer way, right?
6. It's OK to change your mind. You don't want to be a weathervane, just pointing the way the wind is blowing, but you should be open to being persuaded, and to seeing with fresh eyes. That would be growth, wouldn't it? We should respect politicians who can change their minds and admit it. We should be open to changing our minds too.
7. Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: 'When people say that religion and politics don't mix, I wonder which Bible it is they are reading?' The church shouldn't seek political power, but Christians should be shaped by Christ.

However you vote, and whatever happens, we pray for God's blessing on the next government, and on this country.

*Blessings, Tim*

## **YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

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*The Yoxmere Administrators*



### **IMPORTANT**

To save money in the light of the financial situation, there will be no edition of the *Fisherman* in September, so the edition issued in August will cover both August and September. Please take this into account and, as far as you are able, send in details of events to cover both months.

### ***THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors***

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### **VIRTUAL FISHERMAN**

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Confirmation service on 26th May in Aldeburgh Parish Church, at which four people from our benefice were confirmed by Bishop Martin: Alan Boyce (2nd from left), and, from the Rogers family, Isaac, Inigo and Raphael (3rd, 4th, & 5th from left).



Gwynne, who lit the Dunwich beacon for the D-Day anniversary, celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year. Here he is with his portrait, painted by Sally Taylor to mark the occasion.



### **The Trinity**

While I have spoken about theology being the analysis of the story we find ourselves in, it is hard to do that analysis in order. Having spoken about God's nature last month, and focused on early Genesis to explore God's nature, we shall not, for now, move on to Adam and Eve and the problem of sin, but skip to the *last* major theological development of the church: the conclusion that God is 'trinity' — three persons and yet one God.

#### **What does that mean?**

This teaching says that there is only one God, and yet God shows himself as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christianity is monotheistic, although the complexity of trinitarianism confuses many. If you were to ask Christ, say, 'What are you?' he would say 'I am God'. If you were to ask, 'Who are you?' He would say 'I am Christ.'

Can you imagine three persons who thought alike, who loved the same things and the same people, and who always acted in perfect co-operation without ever experiencing envy or competition, and who also felt the suffering of one of them equally? There is no single picture or understanding of the trinity that is sufficient on its own. We must build up to it, without investing all our thought into a single image.

#### **Development of trinitarian theology**

In the gospels Jesus says many different things about who he is. He says that he is the 'son of God' and the 'son of man' and the 'son of David'. He says that no one comes to the Father except through him, and says 'I and the Father are one'. The disciples understood that he was the Messiah (more on that another month) and occasionally dropped exclamations like 'my Lord and my God!' Despite the many extraordinary miracles, it was the transfiguration, the resurrection and the ascension that gave them the sense that he was more than just a great man blessed by God. The early church found that when they prayed they prayed to Jesus, and that this did not feel wrong. They referred to him as Lord (meaning Sir), but found that they were implying Lord (meaning the name of God). Paul concluded his second letter to the church in Corinth saying 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be always with you'. He didn't seem to intentionally imply trinity, but the apparent equality of persons implied nonetheless suggested it. In 'the great commission' of Matthew 28, Jesus says to 'make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Again, the implicit equality of status is striking.

Early theological thought began to talk of *persona*. A *persona* was literally a mask worn by an actor. They understood that God was the same God, but showed himself as different roles — creator, redeemer, sanctifier — just as one actor had many parts in the same play. They said that each persona had the same *substance* or *being*— that God was the same in essence whether Father, Son or Holy Spirit. And they needed the word *perichoresis* (from Greek: chorein —like choreography, dancing— and peri, around). How did the Trinity dance around? Because God is dynamic, and no person has a fixed place, but each person is involved in the work of the others. Character, and action and role of Father, Son and Holy Spirit interpenetrate.

### **How do we picture this?**

Throughout the centuries we have used different images to try to capture this conundrum. St Patrick allegedly used a clover leaf — one leaf but three lobes. Others think of water, which can be ice, liquid or vapour, but the same substance. Or you might think of the sun, and the sun's rays, and the warmth you feel on your skin. Or perhaps the notes of a chord — three distinct notes, each distinguishable, yet also creating a chord which has its own character.

### **The Nicene creed**

Of course, in such a difficult area of theology consensus was slow to develop, and alternatives were presented. One such was presented by Arius, a 4th Century Alexandrian, who argued that Son and Spirit must be subordinate to the Father. He was present at the Council of Nicaea in AD325, when the great theologians of the time gathered and debated this point. They came out eventually against Arius, and codified Christian belief in the 'Nicene Creed'. This statement was revised fifty-six years later in Constantinople, and, with one small alteration, is what we use today to declare our faith.

### **Why does it matter?**

Getting this right matters because what we believe shapes who we are and how we act. Firstly, it is clear that God wants us to know him and love him — the incarnation says this above all. Wrestling with the complexity of God is part of knowing God, and coming close to God's heart.

If God is not trinity, then our theories of salvation and the Cross can become very ugly. Only good trinitarian theology can produce good salvation theology.

One of the most significant New Testament statements is that *God is love*. Understanding that God is unity in diversity actually gives us a very good image of what love looks like.

### **Conclusion of sorts**

The nineteenth-century theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher said that trinity was the last word on God. A hundred years later Karl Barth turned this around, arguing that theology starts with trinity. We cannot usefully say anything about God until we have wrestled with who God is — not just as Father, but as Son, and Spirit too.

*Blessings, Tim*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

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### Marriage

On Saturday 1st June, Thomas Peter Haste to Charlotte Victoria Baskett at St Peter's, Theberton

### Funerals

Gillian Lucy Hickman, aged 83 years, on 10th June, at St James, Dunwich

### Interment of Ashes


William Cole, aged 99 years, on 13th June, at St Peter's, Sibton

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings are on 1st July and 12th August 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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### Thursday 18th July

## Wave of Prayer

Sue Norrington

### Westleton Church

### 2.30pm

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**Sunday 21st July 9.30am**  
**Yoxford Church**

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### Thursday 15th August

## 2.30 – 5pm

## Cream Tea

In Aid of Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal

### Farthings, Sibton Road,

### Peasehall IP17 2JF

All Welcome

Contact Sue Norrington 660280 or Jennifer Clough 648597 for more information



# DARSHAM



## DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OPEN SUMMER SHOW

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*Lesley Blackburn*

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## **DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on 11th June. County Councillor Richard Smith and District Councillor Paul Ashton were in attendance but as an election is in progress they were unable to say very much.

The chair asked about the progress of the Hinton incinerator planning application. There is to be a meeting on 9th July at which Richard Smith will be speaking against the plans for the incinerator.

Pete Holmes was co-opted onto the Parish Council and his initial portfolio will include speeding.

Planning application for dormer adjustment and other work at 14 Fairfields was supported and a planning application for the construction of four link-detached dwellings on The Street adjacent to 1 Fox Cottages was strongly opposed.

The PC accepted the resignation of Councillor David Stanley and would like to thank him for all his hard work managing the allotments, including getting a mains water supply and repairing all the fencing. There is therefore a vacancy on the PC and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk

The next parish meeting will be held on 9th July at 7pm at the Village Hall.

*Jasmine Backhouse, Chair*

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## **WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – JULY 2024**

### **Play Area**

Planning permission has been approved, and work will commence on 12th August and is due to be completed by the end of September.

### **Tree Pollarding**

The trees over the village field to the street will be pollarded during the late summer/early autumn. Some road closure on The Street will be required. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

### **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)

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

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

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

### Events and Meetings

- Coffee Morning – Sat. 13th at 10am hosted by the Village Hall Committee
- Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 9th at 7pm
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 10th at 10am (Sally Goodacre 07900 522577)
- Writers' Group – Mon. 15th at 2pm (Russell 07496 096056)
- Watercolour Classes – Mon. 15th 9.30am-12.30pm (Colin 07528 515214).
- Horticultural Show – Sat. 20th 10.00am to 4.00pm

### Forthcoming events

10th August - Village Fete - stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola

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## DUNWICH

**ST JAMES CHURCH, DUNWICH,**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**“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

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### **D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY, THURSDAY 6TH JUNE**

The St James Church flag was raised to commence the commemoration of this significant historical event. In the Reading Room, there was a fascinating exhibition mounted by Dunwich Museum, including an interview with a veteran, unseen images, and objects from the village's wartime history.

In the early evening, over thirty people joined in with National Fish & Chip Day at Flora Tea Rooms, with thanks due to Christian, Sarah and their staff for staying open and providing delicious food. This raised £170 for the Merchant Navy Association.

As the sun went down, Dunwich's own veteran Gwynne lit the beacon (erected by Dave Cole to mark the millennium) and read the D-Day Tribute. Gwynne joined

the RAF aged 18 and, after training, served as a rear gunner on Lancaster bombers. At the end of the war he stayed on with Lancasters, dropping air supplies over the Netherlands and bringing back troops from Italy. After the war he trained as a teacher and taught History and English. He came to Suffolk to teach in the early 1960s and retired to Dunwich with his wife Maureen twenty years ago. (See cover and Page 5.)

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**Concert at St James Church Dunwich**  
**ROSEWOOD ACOUSTIC FOLK TRIO**

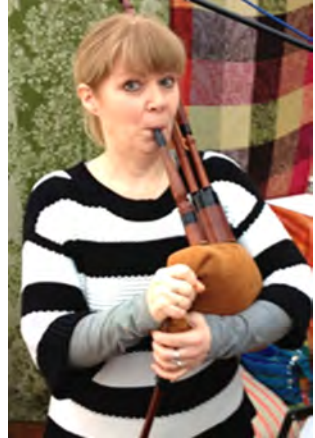
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**DUNWICH MUSEUM**

Dunwich Museum is open daily from 11.30 – 4.30. 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 activities throughout the summer, so keep an eye out for our events and check our website for updates at [www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events](http://www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events).



Support Dunwich Museum and our local community by joining the Dunwich Community Heritage Centre for £10 a year. Email us at [membership@dunwichmuseum.org.uk](mailto:membership@dunwichmuseum.org.uk). 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.

**Saturday July 6th, Dunwich Summer Sale**

Do you want a table at our summer sale? Crafts, collectables, and bric-a-brac tables welcome. If you want to be one of our craft folks and vendors, please let us know.

**Saturday July 20th, Mystery Big Cats of Suffolk Talk**

Pumas and leopards and lynxes, Oh My! Dunwich author, Matt Salusbury, will be giving a talk on the mystery big cats of Suffolk. Big cat witnesses and sceptics welcome!

**Thursday July 25th, Feast of St James Pilgrimage. Meeting at Westleton Church at 11am.** As a part of the events surrounding our pilgrimage exhibition, Dunwich Museum will be leading a secular pilgrimage walk from St Peter's Church in Westleton to St James Church in Dunwich, making our way across the beautiful heath land and following the old Roman Road to Dunwich. A light lunch will be set out in St James Church to welcome our walkers at the end of the pilgrimage. Everyone and well-behaved dogs welcome.

### **August 2nd – 5th, Dunwich Art Show**

Artists are invited to submit art works to our Summer Art Show which will run at the start of August in the Reading Room. Works can be for sale or simply for exhibition. A small fee will be charged per painting and commission will be taken on sales. Please submit sample JPEGs of your work to Sarah by June 30th.

**Please send applications for these events to Sarah at:**

[chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk](mailto:chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk)

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### **NEWS FROM DUNWICH HEATH**

July is traditionally a quieter month in terms of visitor numbers here on the heath, as families gear up for the summer holidays, but nature never stops and bird watchers and species spotters will find the heath reaching the peak of its activity should they visit...

Despite the quieter time of year, we've got a whole host of events laid on for the month, across a variety of themes. From fortnightly pond dipping and bug basement sessions, to our popular Big Breakfast, and from flower arranging workshops to a bat walk in search of the various species on site, there's something on here for anyone's interest. More information on all of our events, and how to book, is on our website. Looking ahead, at the end of the month and into August it will be great to welcome summer holiday-makers to the heath, hopefully including plenty of families to inspire with the nature and history on site. To help with that we are taking part in the National Trust's summer campaign, 'Summer of Play'. We will have nature play activities running, from den building to trails, and loose parts play, where children will be invited to use their imagination to play with the things put out for them however they want.

Lastly, the heather will hopefully make a grand backdrop by the end of the month. With the wet weather so far this year fingers crossed it will be a brilliant display, and as if in anticipation there are already some flowers blooming across the heath!

*Daniel Payne*

*Farewell to Dan who has been our Dunwich Heath special correspondent for the last three years. Wishing him all the best in his new job with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.*

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## MIDDLETON

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON

June has been a 'life in all its fulness' month for Holy Trinity with the church displaying a **D-Day Exhibition** in the Church Porch which was kindly put together by Mark Mitchels, and hosting something different every week. Middleton school also put on an exhibition of the anniversary in the church. The sunny and splendid **Open Gardens** weekend (see article below) was followed on 8th June by our second **Pop-up Brunch**. Back by popular demand, this time around the smell of sizzling bacon and fresh coffee, the sound of jazz and animated conversation tempted thirty-five people and three hungry dogs to join us in the church. At one stage there was standing room only, so hereafter ... we will simply lay an extra table. The weekend of the 16th saw our third '**Poetry and Pastries**'.

This is a gentle, reflective gathering where we ask people to bring a poem, a prayer, some prose or perhaps a piece of music they have found inspiring and that they would be happy to read/play aloud (or to be read on their behalf) and, together with coffee and a croissant, we gather round a table to share these. We brought the month to a close with a more traditional **Holy Communion**, an opportunity to give thanks for all that June had held for our church and its community.



*Amanda Taylor*

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### MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Thank you to all those who made their way to Middleton for the 2024 Open Gardens. Once again, we had a wide selection of gardens, fifteen in all; with one new garden, which had been designed on the basis of a visit to the Westleton Garden Trail last year to see what grew well in this part of Suffolk (this was reciprocated by a visitor to last year's open garden, showing their garden in Westleton this year); and two popular gardens making a return. Eighteen gardens last year turned out to be a marathon for many; so, a couple of gardens took a break this year and we hope to see them back next year.

This year, under the banner of a Creative Cornucopia, there was the addition of art, photographs, ceramics, etchings and a vintage sale by residents and friends, in the village hall.



This year the event was so popular we ran out of cake before the close on Sunday, a good problem to have. It didn't stop us raising £4,000 which will enable us to give £600 to East Suffolk Mind, who were with us for the weekend, sharing their ambition to make Suffolk the best place to receive support for mental health and wellbeing; £200 will go to Project40seven (IP17) who provide a space that offers positive ways to engage and support each other in our local community; the remainder will assist us to undertake essential repairs at Holy Trinity Church, helping us to keep our beautiful church building open to all, and at the heart of the community.

Thank you to all those who opened their gardens, big and small, all inspiring, all works of love, dedication and creativity; thank you to all those who helped and worked hard to make the event such a success with such warm heartedness; and thank you to those of you who attended and took part, and made this event continue to flourish and grow.

*David Burgess*

*On behalf of the Middleton cum Fordley PCC*

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## MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our May meeting Lynda welcomed Claire O'Sullivan from Contemporary Hempery to tell us about "The Long History of Hemp". It was first grown in China 12,000 years ago and gradually made its way west. There is evidence that the Anglo-Saxons grew hemp for making cloth. In East Anglia the hemp industry thrived from 1550-1820. It was used for clothing, household linens and ships' ropes and sails. Here in the Waveney valley the spinning and weaving of hemp fibres was an important cottage industry for rural families. The industry, never mechanised, gradually died away with the coming of cheap imported cotton and the invention of the spinning jenny and the 1812 power loom. The last hemp company in this area closed in 1925. At Contemporary Hempery in Fressingfield, Claire and her team are using traditional skills to revive this local industry. Industrial Hemp is planted in May, grows quickly without the need for pesticides or herbicides, and at 10 feet tall is ready to be harvested in August with a small mechanised cutter. The stalks are gathered up in bunches by hand. The whole process of getting these stalks to fibres ready for spinning is done by hand: retting (soaking the stalks) scutching (bashing with wood) heckling (combing with horse nail brushes). The combed, softened fibres are spun into yarn ready for the weaving loom. At the moment production is small but Claire is hopeful that the hemp industry can grow because there are 25,000



uses for hemp: oil, food, cosmetics, textiles, hempcrete, insulation, animal bedding to name a few. Contemporary Hempery holds open days and we thought a visit there would be most interesting!

In July we will be having our annual Garden Party. Let us hope that the weather will be fine.

Lynne Venn

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## PEASENHALL

Please join us for **AFTERNOON TEA**

Wednesday July 24th, 2.00-4.30

at PEASENHALL METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone very welcome. Donations for church funds.



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### PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

There's lots in store for this coming month so we look forward to welcoming all our friends and visitors to the Hall.

We kick off with **Dance Fit on Tuesday 2nd July at 6pm**, followed by a **Legs, Bums & Tums Class at 7pm**. These classes run **every Tuesday**. For further details email [fleighactiveness2020@gmail.com](mailto:fleighactiveness2020@gmail.com).

**Pop up Café Wednesday 3rd July, 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 – Friday 5th July**. It's going to be a good one.... *Wicked Little Letters*. When residents begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. But maybe it's not that straightforward and something is amiss. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Entry is by donation; the bar will be open and there will be some amazing raffle prizes kindly donated by local businesses. If you wish to hear about future films, please subscribe to our email list: [peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com)

**Wimbledon Finals on the Big Screen, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July**

We will be showing the ladies' final on the Saturday and the men's final on the Sunday.

Doors will open at 1pm and the bar will be open with perhaps some Pimms and strawberries too. Entry is by donation.

**European Football Cup Final, Sunday 14th July**

Will our boys be 'bringing it home'? Come and watch the final on our big screen.

Doors open 7pm for 8pm start. Entry by donation. Bar and hot dogs.

**Bingo, Friday 19th July**. Doors open at 6.45pm until 10pm. Refreshments available. For more information, please contact Jenny on 07788 942051.

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**Pop-up-Pub, Friday 26th July.** Doors open at 7.30pm. 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.

We continue to look at ways we can improve our facilities and are delighted to announce that by the time you read this we will have WiFi and a new audio system in the hall, including Bluetooth. This will hopefully open lots more opportunities in what we can provide to our community and hirers. Watch this space!

We are looking for someone to help us with our social media posts. If you have a bit of IT flare and some time to spare, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane, details below.

As always, we couldn't host these events without the support of YOU the community. All proceeds from events go towards the upkeep and improvement of our community space.

We are a registered charity. No: 304808

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](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

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For more information about what's going on visit: [www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall](http://www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall)

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## **UPWARDLY MOBILE!**

Look out for the mobile library in Peasenhall. Did you know that the mobile library, run by Suffolk Libraries, visits Peasenhall every four weeks? You may have seen it passing through but may not realise how easy it is to access and use the service.

The mobile library stops at Swan Gallop 9:35 – 9:55 and Mill Hill 10:00 – 10:15 every four weeks and will next be visiting on the following dates July 9th, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, October 29th, November 26th, December 24th, 2024.

If you've not already got a library card it's free and easy to get one and you can join Suffolk Libraries next time it visits. You can borrow twenty items for eight weeks at a time (is that right?) and if you're worried you won't find something you like on board, the mobile library driver can help you reserve something from the entire Suffolk Libraries catalogue to collect next time it visits! So you can pick from nearly a million items and you're not restricted to what's on board! The mobile vehicles also have lifts to help those with mobility issues.

For more information go to [suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://suffolklibraries.co.uk) and check out the Visit pages or contact our customer service team at [help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk) or by calling 01473 351249 between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday.

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## **NICKY'S FOUNDATION SALE**

This year's Plant and Bake Sale in aid of Nicky's Foundation raised a whopping £2,600! Once again, and despite the damp weather conditions, many people came to support this annual event, which this year included a small art exhibition by Dawn who exhibited her Cameroon-inspired collection of paintings.

Refreshments were served while visitors watched a short film made by our team in Cameroon along with trainees at our Inclusive Livelihood Skills centre which again is where the funds raised at the sale will be directed. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us.

Nicky's Foundation Inclusive Livelihood Skills Project is now in its third year and aims to overcome the following local issues:

- There are few rehabilitation services and inclusive schools to provide disabled children/young people with both skills and knowledge required for employment.
- Most employers lack knowledge of disability-related issues and are reluctant to incur costs to adapt their environment to ensure it is accessible to all.
- Some people still believe that disabilities are contagious or a punishment for sin, so prefer to isolate disabled people.
- Some family members still have a negative perception about disabled children and see them as a burden and not worth investing in.

For as little as £45 per month a trainee/apprentice will receive training and mentoring in their chosen subject.

All donations will help us. It might be that nine people can give £5 per month or three people can give £15 per month. but any amount is very very welcome as all donations will help us to continue to offer people with a disability a life changing opportunity.

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Thank you.

*Nicky Smith*

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## **SIBTON**

### **ART IN RUINS AT SIBTON CHURCH & THE SIBTON ABBEY RUIN**

**July 13th & 14th: 10.30am – 4.30pm daily**

Plans for the major event of the summer are developing well. Over seventeen artists are expected to display their works at the church, and work will be for sale. There will also be demonstrations of technique to inspire you in your own artistic skills. As usual Sibton Church will provide refreshments all day on both days.

By kind permission of the Levett-Scrivener family, the Sibton Abbey Ruins site will be open. You are invited to walk to the abbey along the footpath by the river Yox. Once at the site, you can take the opportunity to sketch, photograph or paint, or you can wander among the ruins: stewards will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the abbey's history.



Tickets are on sale from Peasehall General Store and the Weavers Tearoom. They will also be available on Eventbrite and (*cash only*) on the door. The ticket price is £5 for an adult; tickets for under 15s accompanied by an adult are free. Tickets are valid for a single day, but why not split your visit by buying two, in order to make the most of what we believe will be a very special opportunity?

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### **WOLLASTON CONSORT: A BAROQUE DUO**

**Julie Harmer, Flute    Peter Clayton, Harpsichord & Organ**

**August 10th : 3.30pm**

This will be a concert of music to delight for flute and harpsichord, essentially from the baroque repertoire. Sibton's historic organ will also be played. Tea will follow the concert. Tickets: Adults £10.00; Under 18s £5.00 will be available from Peasehall General Store and the Weavers Tearoom and (*cash only*) on the door.

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## **THEBERTON**

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Refreshments, small plant stall, dogs on leads. Entry by donation

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## **WESTLETON**

### **56TH ANNUAL WESTLETON WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July, 12 noon to 5.30pm**

This year the wildflower arrangements in the church will depict the **Effects of Global Warming**

There will be craft and plant stalls with refreshments in the Village Hall. *Free entry. Donations welcome to support the Church & the Village Hall.*



## WESTLETON WI

Our June Meeting featured a local ukulele group, Uke-N-Smile, based in Thorpeness and consisting of players from the surrounding villages (one lady even from Westleton!); also a buffet - an absolute recipe for success.



The band played various songs from the likes of Chas & Dave, Status Quo, The Beatles, Dusty Springfield and Ringo Starr. It was very entertaining and uplifting, an opportunity for all to sing along and join in the fun – a refreshing change to have some live instrumental entertainment which brought a smile to many faces.

The group introduced us to the various types of ukulele, from piccolo to bass, and how they differed. The band invited anyone along who was interested in joining. They meet at Thorpeness every Wednesday at the Ogilvie Pavilion.

*Gill Wood*

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## WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL, JULY 2024

The **Wheelbarrow/Community Market** is back in the foyer on Saturday 6th July from 10am-12.30pm. Come along to find lovely local produce, bric-a-brac, gifts, crafts and more! Refreshments will also be available. Later that evening at 7pm for 7.30pm the **Film Club** is showing *Wonka*, a 2023 musical fantasy film. Dress-up and colourful clothes are encouraged! Tickets are £5 each and available on the door.

On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th we will be showing the **Wimbledon finals** in the main hall and on the Foyer TV, with the WI serving delicious cream teas in the main hall, and the hall team serving hot and cold drinks in the Foyer, including a bar (with Pimms too!) from 12noon on both days. Money raised goes towards the WI, and village hall maintenance. All welcome.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st from 10.30am – 4.30pm the **Westleton Art Group** will be having their annual summer exhibition in the main hall. There will be a wide variety of paintings by local artists for you to admire and buy (at affordable prices!). Free entry.

On Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th 12noon – 5.30pm is the annual **Wild Flower Festival**. From beautiful flower displays in the church and bug hunting in the churchyard, to plant stalls and a craft fair in the main hall, and refreshments in the foyer, we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy. Money raised goes towards your church and village hall upkeep.

**Carpet bowls** this month will be on **Sunday 7th (not 21st)** from 2-4pm. £2 per person, as a drop-in rate. Refreshments will be provided in the Foyer half way through. No experience needed – all are welcome.

This month artist **Thomas Canham** will be exhibiting his beautiful local scenes in the Foyer. Called 'Suffolk – the Beauty and the Bleak', it is open for viewings and sales (from £40 to £120) 10am-12noon weekdays.



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The **Parish Council** will be running their monthly drop-in surgery session in the Foyer this month on Monday 29th 10.30-11.30am. (See Parish Council report below.)

**Consultation Room.** We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07821 055404. On Thursday 4th July 9am-4.30pm we have **footcare** with Susan from **No Bad Feet**, and also Friday 5th July 9am-12noon. To book call her on 07497 371073. Linda Freeman will be **hairedressing** in the Consultation Room on Monday 15th. Call 07765 971774 to book. **Reflexology** is back on Saturday 27th 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton. 07930 341901. [www.julietoverton.co.uk](http://www.julietoverton.co.uk)

To see our latest timetable of varied activities, events and groups please see the **events page** on our website [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk) and join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly What's On in the Foyer, or view it at the inside and outside hall notice boards. For more information or to go on our mailing list contact Annie - Centre Manager on 01728 648354 or email [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk)

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

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## WESTLETON WELLBEING WALKS

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

**Wednesday 3 July** 10.30am Hogs Grove forest tracks and paths. Meet at Forestry England Hogs Grove Car Park, Dunwich IP17 3DZ. 2.85 miles, 80 mins, Grade 4

**Tuesday 23 July** 10.30am Walking Westleton Heath. Meet at Westleton Village Hall IP17 3AD. 3.5 miles, 75 mins, Grade 4

**Tuesday 30 July** 11.30am Middleton Footpaths and quiet lanes. Meet at The Middleton Bell Inn Car Park, IP17 3NN. 2.8 miles, 75 mins, Grade 4

**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

More walks can be found online at [www.ramblers.org](http://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.

## WESTLETON COMMON EVENT JULY 2024

There will be a **Nature Walk** on

Saturday July 6th 10.30am - 12 noon



The rare silver-studded blue butterflies will hopefully be around for us to enjoy, amongst other wildlife during our gentle wander around the Common.

**Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard,  
at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.**

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### WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

In May, Westleton residents participated in a survey asking which of the traffic calming measures, first presented in February, they would still want in the event that EDF and the local Councils approved the installation of Average Speed Cameras on the B1125 at the entrance/exits of the village. Many thanks to everyone who submitted their views. The Parish Council presented the results of the consultation at the Annual Parish meeting on 20th May.

The very good news is that at meeting of the B1125 Working Group on 11th June, EDF and the local Councils announced that Average Speed cameras will be installed in Westleton on the B1125. Consequently, the Parish Council presented the results of the residents' consultation. EDF and its traffic consultants are now amending the plans. More information about the implementation of traffic calming measures can be found on Westleton Parish Council Website, the village notice board and in the Village Hall. During the May Parish Council surgery, a resident raised concern about the Leiston Surgery's decision to stop the Village Shop prescription service. The surgery staff have explained that the decision was imposed upon them by the Care Quality Commission and cannot be reversed. The surgery has, however, sent letters to all residents who regularly used the service. The letter explained why the decision was taken and that the surgery is happy to talk to any one with concerns. Any resident who feels that they should have received such a letter, but did not, should call the surgery on 01728 830526 and ask to speak with the dispensary team. Prescriptions can now be collected from:

- The Leiston Surgery: Monday to Friday 8:00am-6:30pm
- The Yoxford Surgery: Monday and Fridays 10:00am-12:00pm.

The Westleton village summer picnic will be held on the playing field on Saturday 10th August - an occasion for all Westleton residents to get together with food, music and games. Please see notice boards and Parish Council and Village Hall websites for more information. If you would like to help in the organisation of the day, please contact Ian Haines on: [westletonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:westletonclerk@gmail.com).

The July Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 29 July - 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. Please do feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors.

*Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council*

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## YOXFORD



### 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.

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### A WELCOME IN YOXFORD

Since moving to Yoxford in 2021 from East Sussex I have settled into village and church life and have been made to feel part of the community here. With St Peter's being at the heart of the village I have been attending church services regularly and made to feel very welcome. At the APCM I was elected to the position of church warden alongside Barrie Davis; it will be a privilege to serve St Peter's.

Although the congregation is smaller than pre-Covid, we are now slowly increasing. Part of this growth has been from new people moving into the area, bringing their skills, gifts and talents. We need these: perhaps you are one of them? Do come along to one of our services: we have a mix of traditional and informal worship across the month, all at 9.30am on a Sunday morning.

Our family@church service (see poster on page 8) welcomes all comers, young and old and everything in between, every third Sunday of the month at 9.30am, for lively, informal and welcoming worship. And Pebbles@St Peter's is a new play group for under 4s (see notice above).

St Peter's Yoxford welcomes YOU! It is *your* church in the heart of *your* village.

*Lynne Putland*

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### 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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**Community Matters:** The awards season is now open! It may not be The Oscars but...

**Suffolk Community Awards** - Nominations now open! The Suffolk Community Awards 2024 will recognise and celebrate all those who have improved the quality of life for a community in Suffolk. It is a partnership approach, delivered by Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council, and Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

This year's awards are bigger than ever with 17 awards now up for grabs. Categories range from youth participation and young person of the year to community buildings, contribution to volunteering, most active communities and council, councillor, young councillor and clerk of the year. Do you know someone who deserves recognition? To submit your nomination, search online for Suffolk Community Awards

East Suffolk Council has launched this year's **Quality of Place Awards**. Organised since 2010, the awards aim to recognise and encourage an interest in the quality of the built and natural environment of our area. Each year, nominations are invited for projects in six categories: Design New Build, Design Extensions and Alterations, Building Conservation, Community, Landscape and Nature/Ecology. The nominations are now open and you have until **Friday July 26th 2024** to submit a nomination.

Interested? Nominate online at: East Suffolk Council's Quality of Place Awards 2024

**Village Green Spaces:** In last month's newsletter, the Parish Council asked for ideas about ways to improve the cemetery, with one idea being to devote a small area to wildflower planting. If you'd like to contribute to this discussion or have any thoughts and ideas about how we can improve this area, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. [parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com) or 07767 987691.

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## YOXFORD BELL RINGERS' SUCCESS!

Tower bell ringers from Yoxford took part in the NE Suffolk Striking Competition in Theberton on 11th May 2024. There were nine teams entered, and bands of bell ringers from all over North East Suffolk took part, including Halesworth, Reydon, Beccles, Southwold and Aldeburgh.



There were two types of ringing on the day called Changes and Change Ringing, with 23 points on offer. Extra points were scored for faults so the lower the points the better the ringing. Judging was by two judges from outside the county and their critique was sweetened by the refreshments on offer!

Yoxford came 1st in Call Changes with 33 points and were awarded the Call Change trophy as seen in the photograph, and 3rd overall on the day. Congratulations Yoxford, who have now qualified for the County Striking Competition.

Position	Tower	Faults
1st and winners of the <b>Trevor Hughes Trophy</b>	Halesworth	23
2nd	Beccles A	26
3rd and winners of the <b>Call Change Trophy</b>	Yoxford	33
4th	Aldeburgh	40
5th	Beccles B	71
6th	Metfield 2	78
7th and winners of the <b>Harry Archer Trophy</b>	Reydon	88
8th	Metfield 1	101
9th	Southwold	DNF

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*Rosemary Draper*

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