

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The
Yoxmere
Fisherman*

June 2026

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2026

Sunday, 7th June ~ 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Theberton Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 14th June ~ 2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Taizé
9.30am Westleton Morning Worship
9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
10.00am Darsham Informal Worship
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Middleton PCC-led Service
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer

Sunday, 21st June ~ 3rd 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 Peasehall Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm Dunwich Choral Evensong
with Jubilate Choir (see page 12)

Sunday, 28th June ~ 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Peasehall Morning Praise
with the Methodist Chapel
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday, 5th July, ~ 5th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Peasehall Benefice Holy Communion
Wednesdays at Yoxford ~ 10.00am Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

7th June, Green

Genesis 12.1-9
Romans 4.13-25
Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

14th June, Green

Genesis 18.1-15
[21.1-7]
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9.35 – 10.8
[9-23]

21st June, Green

Genesis 21.8-21
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

*28th June, Trinity 4,
Green*

Genesis 22.1-14
Romans 6.12-23
Matthew 10.40-42

Thanks to Angela Abell for the cover photo of foxgloves on Broom Hill, Dunwich

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



I recently came across the German word *fernweh* (say FAIRN-vay), which translates as 'far-sickness' and is sometimes translated as wanderlust (itself a German word). While wanderlust is itchy feet, or a desire to travel, *fernweh* acts as a sort of opposite to homesickness. Homesickness is that condition of being far from home and simply longing

for the familiar streets and culture and friendliness of home — rest. But there are also times when we long to be somewhere else. Many of us may have felt it during the pandemic, when we were locked down and could not travel. Suddenly, more than ever, we wanted to be able to just be somewhere else...

I don't think this feeling has anything to do with not loving where we live, or the people we live with. It is no betrayal. Perhaps it's just a desire for variety? A yearning to see what is beyond the horizon?

Carrying on from my thoughts from last month, Bond films always give us at least three different world locations. Skiing in the Alps, fishing in the Caribbean, the misty moors of Scotland — a catalogue of beautiful or exciting locations, the majority of which we will not visit, but can enjoy tantalisingly on the big screen ... or the small one. Does it soothe the *fernweh* or make it worse? Like scratching an itch but making it even itchier. Of course, all films are set *somewhere*, and part of the beauty of a well-made film can be the capacity to immerse us in *somewhere* else — even the past, or the future, or make-believe.

I also get 'season-sickness' or weather sickness. During winter we long for summer days, but in drier months I also find myself wishing for heavy rain or fog: not simply because 'the garden needs it', but as a yearning for a different atmosphere.

Some places can be so wonderful that we declare them 'heaven.' I don't know what your heaven is. I picture a big log cabin near a lake, amidst mountains and forests. The Bible's nearest equivalent is a great city of light, with a river running through it, and a great tree that bears all different kinds of fruit, and peace. It's not meant to be the last word on what *you* desire, so much as a hope and a question — how can we make our world more like this?

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

Diane Toni Rose Green at St Michael's Peasenhall, on Sunday 10th May

Marriage

Peter Austin Bloomfield to Diane Toni Rose Green at St Michael's Peasenhall, on Tuesday 12th May

Funerals

Jean Marian Childs, aged 84 years, on Tuesday, 19th May, at St Peter's Yoxford, followed by burial at Yoxford Cemetery

Joe Shakles, aged 82 years, on Wednesday, 20th May, at Holy Trinity, Middleton

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2. Try the postcode search "Find your local NW" and join your local Neighbourhood Watch.
3. If there's no local scheme you can set up a new one by clicking on "Start a new scheme". We will be in touch to help and provide free materials including street-signs and membership leaflets.



For additional information contact: enquiries@suffolknwa.co.uk or visit www.suffolknwa.co.uk

Nick King

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 1st June and 6th July 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.

HELP TO KEEP THE FISHERMAN AFLOAT

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Thursday June 18th,
2.30pm

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or Jennifer Clough 01728 648597

family@church

YOXFORD CHURCH
Sunday 21st June, 9.30am



Not Peace But a Sword!

 An informal family-friendly service
for the young and the not so young



Christian hypocrisy around violence?

In previous months I have set out just war theory, an outline of pacifism, and some thoughts on peace-making. The recent contretemps between Donald Trump and Pope Leo perhaps gives us a good lens through which to view Christians and violence.

Trump's government, backed by right-wing Christians, opened war on Iran — an act that pays no heed to just war theory. Pope Leo has repeatedly challenged this, stating “Jesus is the King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. He does not

listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them.” The problem is that historically, war *has* been waged in the name of Christianity. Does that make the Pope and me hypocrites?

The Jesus we encounter in the gospels rejected violence. The early church was the same: martyred and persecuted, but itself peaceful. That was the gold standard of Christian behaviour. But it didn't last. I think there are three factors that have affected Christians and violence since then: choice, education and power.

Human nature has always been capable of both great good and great evil — greed, spite, and occasionally violence. Christian faith should guide and reshape those tendencies to greed and violence, but when this fails the fault is our own, not that of Jesus. Our level of education in the faith, and our level of conviction in this creed, will also make a substantial difference.

If you seek to join a persecuted minority, you only do so when your belief, understanding and investment is high. When emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in AD312 the balance shifted. Persecution stopped, and it became normative to say you were Christian. But the ‘Christian’ Roman world could not maintain those levels of belief, understanding and personal investment.

We have only had printed Bibles (and hence better access to the gospels) since 1440. Global literacy has only really taken off in the last two centuries. While priests had Bibles long before that, even *their* education would be a fraction of what it is today. I don't think many Christians thought about Jesus' non-violence between AD312 and at least the Enlightenment, or even the twentieth century. That doesn't change the fact that Jesus has much to say about both violence and power that we should heed — even if our forebears did not.

I believe that greater clarity around Christ's non-violence, his emptying himself of power on the cross, and as a victim of violence rather than an imposer of God's will, is changing Christian views. That certainly exposes Christianity to endless charges of hypocrisy. But then the only person who was never a hypocrite was someone who had no standards at all!

Blessings, Tim.

DONATE A BIKE - UPDATE

Thank you to those who have already donated bicycles to Re-Cycle following my article in May's *Yoxmere Fisherman*. So far, I have received eleven bikes. Can you help me increase that total, as every bike sent to Africa has a transformational effect for the family receiving it?

In 2025, one in three of the bikes sent by Re-Cycle helped children reach school. Another third enabled income generation, helping traders and workers reach markets and job opportunities, improving nutrition, housing and education. The remaining bikes improved local access to healthcare, supported farming, and strengthened communities. So please have a look in your shed and see if there is a bike you no longer need. Every bike creates wide, lasting change.

You can call me on 07957 802575 or email jim@jkashton.co.uk to arrange for me to collect. Find out more about Re-Cycle at www.re-cycle.org.

Jim Ashton

UKRAINE APPEAL THROUGH HOPE AND AID DIRECT

Sadly, the war in Ukraine continues as in other parts of the world and requests for donations via HAAD continue. The charity aims to send two large lorries full of humanitarian aid to Ukraine twice a month, but with the problems in oil distribution, the cost of diesel is mounting up, so financial donations are also welcome via the HAAD website. The local response to the appeal in the *Fisherman* has been truly magnificent, so a BIG thank you to everyone! The list of needs is more or less the same as before:

Food – tinned and dried, except rice and pasta. Toiletries, sanitary and hygiene items. Medical equipment, from wheelchairs, to bandages. Kitchen and household necessities - including cleaning products. Bedding, including duvets. Children's and teens' clothing, but NOT adult clothing, except for shoes, socks and underwear. Toys and educational materials. Small household tools. Banana boxes to contain donated goods. Carrier or other bags.

I can collect from you. Thank you, as ever!

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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the spring lunch held on 10th May and to the local businesses who gave their very generous support.

£323 was raised for the church together with £75 that was raised by the raffle which will be donated to the PDSA. Well done to all.

Thanks again everyone and a date for your diary is the 11th October for the harvest lunch. See you there.

Shirley and Jean

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on 12th May, and thank you to all the organisations that displayed their activities.

A very big thank you to Budgens who kindly supplied the wine.

Jasmine Backhouse was re-elected as Chair.

Stuart Walmsley was elected as Vice Chair.

Thank you to Diane Taylor for all her support in the past three years as Vice Chair.

All details of the APM and AGM can be found on the Darsham website.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 9th June at Darsham Village Hall.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chair

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – JUNE 2026

Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. from 1.00pm (Carol 01986 784642)

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

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11.00am to 12.00pm (Maria 07999 848655)

Yoga – every Fri. 10.30 to 11.30am (Debbie - lifeforceyoga.co.uk)

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7.00pm-9.00pm (Alan Holland 01728 668451) (**Not 7th**)

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

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30-10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (Megan Mayes – 07521 318146) (**Not 26th**)

Home Education Group – Wed. 9:00am (Rebecca Coe) (**Not 3rd or 10th**)

Events and Meetings

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

Textile Temptations – Wed. 10th at 10.00am (Sally Goodacre 07900 522577)

Coffee Morning – Sat. 13th at 10.00am hosted by All Saints' Church

Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 9th at 7.00pm

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 15th at 9.30am to 12.30pm (Colin 07528 515214)

100 CLUB RESULTS MAY 2026

£100 Richard Jones, £50 John & Denise Pottinger, £25 Sue Davis,
£25 Marion Diamond.

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!

These donations really 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 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OPEN SUMMER SHOW

Village Hall 18th July 2026

Viewing from 2.45pm.

All Welcome. Refreshments available

New this year - a photography section

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

Save the Date

Darsham Village Fete Saturday 8th August

DUNWICH

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST JAMES CHURCH, DUNWICH

Sunday 21st June, 6pm



Dunwich Parish Church is delighted to be hosting the Jubilate Choir to lead a traditional service of Evensong in St James Church on Sunday 21st June. We invite all in the benefice and beyond to join us for this very special occasion, enjoy the beautiful music and stay for refreshment and fellowship afterwards.

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The museum is open daily, 11.30am - 4.30pm.

We are looking for volunteers! We have a few projects in the upcoming year with a variety of different volunteering opportunities. If you have an interest in local heritage and the environment, enjoy sharing the stories of our history, caring for collections, or if you enjoy a bit of admin, drop us a line at admin@dunwichmuseum.org.uk or call us at 01728 648796.

Fast Cars and MI5 – Exhibition

Our temporary exhibition is open! Fast Cars and MI5 explores the story of local legend Jock Horsfall, iconic racing driver and the man behind the wheel in 1943 for MI5's Operation Mincemeat. Discover the amazing story of this Dunwich man, his legendary racing career, his ties with MI5, and how he likely inspired Ian Flemming's 007.

Dunwich Wildlife Safari 2 & 3 – Saturday June 13th and July 18th, 10.30am - 4.30pm

A day for wildlife lovers exploring shingle, marsh and heath at Dunwich - an expert-led 'safari' to discover and record species. To find out more and book a spot on either of these days, please email us at: chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk or call us at 01728 648796 during opening hours.

Dunwich Summer Craft Fair - Saturday July 11th, 11-4pm.

Local crafts, collectables, clothes, books, bric-a-brac, and more in the Dunwich Reading Room. If you are interested in having a stall in the fair, please email us at: chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

Feast of St James Heritage Pilgrimage – Saturday July 25th, 11am

Meeting at St Peter's Church in Westleton, we will lead a guided walk on footpaths, following the ancient paths to St James Church, Dunwich.

Dunwich Art Show – August 1st – 3rd, 11.30 – 4.30

An art show featuring local artists will be held in the Dunwich Reading Room during the first weekend in August, lining up with the Dunwich Flower Festival. If you are an artist interested in taking part in this show, please email us at: chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

Museum Talks

Dunwich museum is planning a programme of online, and in-person talks for the coming year on a wide range of topics. 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.

MIDDLETON

Date for your diary
MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS
6th and 7th June 2026
(11 am - 5pm)

*Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens
This year we have approximately 18 gardens open, formal and informal, well
established as well as newly planted gardens
There will be an arts/craft/vintage and plants sale in the Pub barn
and family wildlife activities in one of the gardens.*

Serving refreshments at the pavilion all day

*Raising funds for the Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting the East Anglian Air
Ambulance and Project40seven (IP17)*

CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

To raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance
Middleton Bell Inn, IP17 3NN, 12th June, 2.00-4.30pm

Raffle, tombola, plant stall

Charity number: 1083876

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON, JUNE 20TH, 7PM

*Concert by violinist Jorge Jimenez
accompanied by Joy Smith on harp*

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Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3P79XhV> . For more about Jorge, visit: <https://www.jorge-jimenez.es/>

LIVING WELL WITH ALZHEIMER'S

Come and join us for a talk with Peter Berry.

Date: 5th July, time: 2.30pm, location Holy Trinity Church, Middleton.

Refreshments will be available.

There will be an opportunity to buy our books.

All donations to Alzheimer's Research UK.



PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: JUNE 2026

Pop up Café – Wednesday 3rd June 10am – 12pm

Hosted by the wonderful Weavers team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and possibly some cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Pop-up Pub – Friday 30th June – Doors open 7pm

The Pop-up Pub will continue throughout the summer months, on the last Friday of every month.

Craft Club – The first and third Monday of the month 2pm – 4pm

Everyone welcome, no need to book, just turn up.

Clubbercise – Tuesdays 6pm – 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 - Thursdays 9.15-10.45am

Suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com

Keep Moving – Chair-Based Exercises

Alternate Tuesdays, 9th and 23rd June, 3pm – 4pm, followed by refreshments. Subsidised fee £3.00. For information and to book your place contact Zoe Horlock 07709 746167 or email z.horlcok14@gmail.com

Peasenhall Picture Palace - Friday 5th June

The film is *H Is for Hawk*, which follows Helen, a grieving academic who turns to training a goshawk named Mabel after her father's sudden death. Immersed in falconry, she confronts isolation, the pull of the natural world, and the necessity of re-engaging with life. Critics praise Claire Foy's restrained yet raw performance and the film's lush cinematography, though its slow pacing and sombre tone may limit appeal to those ready for a meditative, grief-driven drama. Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

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

Il Quartetto Famiglia - Friday 12th June at 7.30pm

At last, an opportunity to hear another concert by our friends Il Quartetto Famiglia. They will play the Mozart String Quartet in G Major, K387, Ravel's String Quartet in F major and the Tchaikovsky String Quartet No 1, in D major, Op 11.

We hope you'll be able to join us to hear this wonderful group of musicians in this great programme. Tickets will stay at £15 and you can reserve yours on 01728 660339 or on peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you again.

Advanced notices

Quiz Night – Saturday 15th August

Quiz maestro and self-confessed Suffolk addict, Stewart McCartney, is again

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travelling down from Yorkshire for our now annual quiz, with an additional picture round, and the popular music starters. Teams of up to six - more info next month.

Table Top sale – Saturday 22nd August

Inside tables £10, outdoor tables £8 (take your chance on the weather!). Tables are limited and will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. To book a table contact Carol 01728 660010 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com. Refreshments will be available, so even if you don't want to buy anything, why not pop in for a cuppa and cake.

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.

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 Frank Potter on 01728 660010 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

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Peasenhall Open Gardens Festival

20th & 21st June 2026, 10.00am-4.00pm

Open Gardens, Creative Arts,
and Photography competition (see contacts below for entry form),
Plants for sale, Family Forest Fun (pre-bookable), "Meet the Goats"

Refreshments in the Assembly Hall and some outlying gardens

Holy Communion Service 11.00am Sunday

Programmes for sale at the Assembly Hall (£5pp, cash only, under-16s free)

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plus the Halesworth Dementia Carers Fund

Contact Zoe 07709 746167 or Louise 07714 325250

or email peasenhallopengardens@gmail.com

SWIFTS ARRIVE BACK IN THE VILLAGE

Our fabulous swifts have arrived back for the summer. The first were seen on 28th April near to the Assembly Hall (the very same date as last year!), and numbers have been building up slowly since then. Tessa, the manager, has started flying our 'welcome back' flag at Sibton Nursery since then, with the kind permission of Mr Levett-Scrivener.



Recently the Peasehall & Sibton Swift Group has put up a number of swift nest boxes in our community. Save Our Suffolk Swifts (SOSS), part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT), provided eight boxes to go on the front of the Methodist Chapel. These were put here because historically there used to be a lot of swifts nesting under the tiles, but these were displaced when the roof was repaired, many years ago. Our thanks go to Don and the congregation at the chapel for giving permission for these boxes to be installed under the eaves. Several swifts have managed to find nesting in adjacent house roofs so we are hoping they will find their way back to the chapel nest boxes.

Another four boxes were put on two houses at each end of Peasehall, after their owners donated £25 for each to SWT and paid a little to have them fixed to their gable ends.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about our local swift group, or having some boxes fixed to their own houses, please contact Martyn on swangallop@phoncoop.coop or 07501 088546. Let's help put Peasehall and Sibton on the Swift Map.

Martyn Burnside

PEASENHALL & SIBTON TENNIS CLUB

The courts are now open for the 2026 season.

Hours of play:

Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm

Membership Fees: Family £75; Senior £35; Junior £15 (16 years and younger)

The Weavers Tearoom has kindly agreed to take payments for us again this year, so please pop in during opening hours to sign up. Cash or cheque only, please! (Please make cheques payable to 'Peasehall and Sibton Tennis Club')

Any queries, please contact: Barbara Pearce - 01728 660376; Julia Bryenton - 01728 660500; Emily Lee – 07858 907424, or email emilyroselee8@gmail.com



SIBTON

INDIAN LUNCH IN SIBTON CHURCH

You can help the very poor in NE Bangladesh by **enjoying a charity lunch at Sibton Church on 14th June; beginning at 1.00pm**. The Friends of St Peter's Sibton are hosting the event. The food is being provided by a renowned chef who is a trustee and treasurer of the Ipswich-based family-run charity **Al Tazid Foundation** (Reg. Nr. 1164525). The charity is organised by its founder, Boshor Ali, recipient of the Suffolk Medal for thirty-five years of voluntary service in Suffolk. He runs Al Tazid Foundation in aid of the communities in NE Bangladesh he knew as a youth.

The three course meal costs £25. To be sure of a booking please contact Andrew Campbell (sibtonchurchfriends@gmail.com) by 12th June with the number in your party to help cater for the right number of people and prevent food wastage. Payment will be taken on the door (cash only please). A raffle will be included, and a carboy for additional donations.

Al Tazid Foundation knows how generous many people in the Yoxmere benefice have been in the past, and you will be able to hear about amazing work that is being carried out through projects run by a thoroughly 'hands-on' charity with no overheads. All proceeds from the event are used directly in the Sylhet province of Bangladesh, always helping the most destitute people trapped by poverty, lack of opportunity or education, or by infirmity or sickness.

The Menu: Onion bhaji, vegetable samosa, mixed salad, Indian mint sauce, poppadom, chicken biriani, vegetable bhuna, aloo bhaji, ice cream, tea, coffee and juice. Do feel free to bring your preferred alcoholic beverage with you - BYOB!

The raffle: If you would like to contribute to the raffle please do, but in respect of the Islamic traditions of Bangladeshi people, please no alcohol.

Andrew Campbell

ART IN RUINS II

Come and visit Sibton Church, and the Sibton Abbey Ruins, July 18th and 19th 10.30am - 4.00pm.

With local artists and craftspeople displaying their work for sale at Sibton Church, the event 'Art in Ruins' held in 2024 was a great success. Nicholas Levett-Scrivener has kindly given permission for visits to the wonderful scenery of the Sibton Abbey Ruins to inspire new work. The Friends of St Peter's Sibton are hosting the

display 'Art in Ruins II' at Sibton Church with more art and craft for sale again as well as demonstrations this year. Also available will be information on the amazing amount of artwork contained in the church itself. There will be refreshments all day at the church and parking is free.

Tickets: (Cash only) £5pp. A £15 group ticket for four people is available if there is at least one under-16 included in the group.

Artists and the public will also be able to visit of Sibton Abbey Ruins with beautiful landscape scenery for photography, drawing or paintings. There will be guided tours as always on these occasions. (To allow artists to bring equipment, parking will be available at the site.)

Artists and craftspeople, if you haven't yet applied to exhibit there, there is still space but it is filling quickly! This is a chance for you to exhibit your work and display items for sale in the spacious medieval nave and north aisle of Sibton Church beneath its highly decorated Tudor hammerbeam ceiling. Apply to Friends@sibtonstpeter.com for details around setting-up time, terms and conditions, or visit the website: <https://www.sibtonstpeter.com>.

Andrew Campbell

THEBERTON

OPEN GARDEN

Jane Leng is opening her wildlife garden and private nature reserve on Sunday June 14th from 10.00am to 5.00pm, in aid of Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Location: Long Acre, Church Rd, Theberton, IP16 4SE.

Entry by donation, cash preferred please (poor phone signal!). Some free guided walks. Refreshments available to purchase. Children welcome (but be aware there are three ponds on the site). Well-behaved dogs on leads (livestock and ground-nesting birds).

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 20th June, 12noon - 4pm at the Jubilee Village Hall, Church Rd, Theberton. Come and enjoy the various games, try your luck on the tombola, the £50 chance draw and the grand raffle, browse the craft stalls, and enjoy the various refreshments on offer.

Ample parking very close by on the playing field. For more information contact Shell on 07887 409086 or Sally on 07394 968139. In aid of Village Hall funds.

Sally Ginger



SHOW TIME IS GETTING CLOSER!

The Theberton & Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show is fast approaching and will take place on **Saturday 25th July at Theberton Jubilee Hall.**

Whether you're nurturing prize blooms, growing impressive vegetables, finishing a handicraft, or perfecting a favourite bake, we would love to see your entries on the show bench. With classes for flowers, vegetables, cookery, handicrafts and children, there's something for everyone — seasoned exhibitors and first-timers alike. **Entry is 20p per class, with children's classes free**, so why not have a go?

Key Information

- **8:00–10:00am** - bring exhibits to the hall (closed for judging 10am - 2:00pm).
- **2:00pm** - **show opens** with tea, coffee, cake and East Anglian traditional tunes from **Derek Simpson and friends.**
Free entry and parking for visitors.
- **4:00pm** - **prize giving** followed by the raffle and auction of produce.

The show is kindly supported by **Platts Fruit & Vegetables**, with raffle prizes generously donated by **Pinch, The Eel's Foot, The Theberton Lion and Tosier Chocolatemaker.**

Full details of classes, entry information and the day's schedule can be found in the *Yoxmere Fisherman*, on the Show's Facebook page, and in Jubilee Hall.

We look forward to seeing the village's creativity, skill and enthusiasm on display once again!

WESTLETON

OPEN GARDEN, THE BARN, WESTLETON

Sunday 7th June, 2.00 – 5.00pm

Thirteen acres of garden with a natural pond, wild flowers, sculptures, earthworks, concrete garden, gravel garden, and planting for climate change.

Refreshments available all afternoon and we offer wine, nibbles and conversation after 5pm. Dogs on leads welcome.

In aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS

Thanks to all who support our common.

The next **Nature Walk** is on **Saturday 30th May** from 10.30am to about 12noon

and then **Saturday 11th July** followed by **Saturday 12th September**.

As wildlife is now very active, the next **Working Party** is not until **Saturday 19th September** from 10.00am to about 12.30pm. Refreshments are served at half time. Everyone welcome; many hands make light work.

For these free events, please meet by the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.

Ian Webber

Westleton Garden Trail

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June,
12noon - 5.00pm**



Fourteen gardens will be open including several for the first time and the new village allotments.

Refreshments and a plant stall are available at the village hall.

Programmes cost £5 per person, obtainable on the day from the village hall (valid for both days). Accompanied children under 16 are free and dogs at the discretion of garden owners.

All proceeds go to local charities: Leiston Food Bank, Westleton Soup and Pud and the village hall.

Marilyn Stephens

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL, JUNE 2026

Saturday 6th – Pop-Up Market in the Foyer and outside, 10am -12pm. Local produce and home-cooked food, bric-a-brac and small gifts. Home-grown plants and seasonal fruit and vegetables when weather permits.

Saturday 6th - Film Night with a showing of *Rental Family* – a 2025 comedy-drama directed by Hikari, who co-wrote it with Stephen Blahut. Doors and the bar open at 7pm. Tickets still only £5; pay on the night.

Weekend 13th/14th – Westleton Garden Trail (see notice above)

Tuesday 16th June - Westleton Village Hall (Charity Number 1164038) – **AGM** – 7pm start.

Sunday 28th June – Village Garage Sale – from 10am onwards

Art in the Foyer – we look forward to hosting an exhibition of watercolour work by Thomas Canham. Viewing available during normal Foyer opening hours.

Foyer: please come and join us for coffee, tea etc. and a chat. Open weekdays daily 10am – 12pm. The Tech Table continues to operate on Tuesday mornings in the Foyer between 9.30 and 12.00 on a drop-in basis.

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

Groups/Activities - open to All

Mondays 12–1pm - Soup and Pud. Home-cooked food for the very reasonable price of £6. Pay on the door.

Thursday 11th June – Musicians’ afternoon from 1.30pm in main hall. Audience very welcome.

Practitioners:

Hairdresser – Hannah from the Travelling Salon can visit the hall on Tuesdays. For appointments or to discuss your requirements, please contact her on 07856 517925 or email: travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com.

Footcare with Susan – To book an appointment – phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email: susan@nobadfeet.co.uk.

Reflexology – will be available on Saturday 27th June, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or www.julietoverton.co.uk.

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

Mobile Library

For those using our excellent mobile library service, due to ongoing parking problems by the war memorial, it has been decided to relocate the bus to the west of where Bakers Lane crosses The Street, at the bottom of the village green. The time will remain as before, every last Friday of each month, between 11.40am and 12.00.

Death Café

Death Café will be taking a break over the summer months. A decision has been made to set four meetings a year, starting back on September 24th, with different topics for each meeting. The schedule of upcoming meetings, with dates and topics, will be published in the July/August *Fisherman*. For any info please phone francescabartlett@gmail.com - or phone 07930 175584.

Fran Bartlett

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1st £50 Judie Shore; 2nd £25 Emma d’Cruz

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL – MAY/JUNE 2026

The council's accounts have now been wrapped up for the 2025/26 financial year and show a slight surplus, which will be used to help bolster the council's reserves over the years to come.

Turning to the common, the BTO has been surveying the site and recorded nightingales singing. A ringing programme is now underway to monitor the birds going forwards. As we head into summer, the Common poses a substantial fire risk, with residents and visitors close to the Common now reminded to use barbecues or have bonfires **only with extreme caution**, especially given the dry April we've had.

At the Community Field, repairs and general maintenance are underway and it is hoped that the pétanque court can be refreshed to support the 19-team pétanque league that hopes to use the site.

We've welcomed some new plot-holders at the allotments, and there are now only a few beds left for this season before they will be seeded with a cover crop. Anyone interested in taking on a plot this year should email allotments@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

I am always contactable at clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk and the latest meeting minutes can be found in the Parish Council noticeboard or at www.westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/meeting-minutes-25-onwards/

Richard Green, Clerk to Westleton Parish Council

WESTLETON VILLAGE SURVEY 2026

The survey was launched on 18th May as a joint venture between Westleton Parish Council, Westleton Village Hall, and St. Peter's Church. The survey has forty questions covering a wide range of topics and the responses will be used to understand what Westleton's residents and visitors need and want from the village in the years to come.

We want to hear from **anyone** who has a connection with Westleton – you don't have to live in the village, and we especially welcome the thoughts of visitors.

The survey will take around **15 minutes** to complete. The easiest way to complete the survey is online at www.westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/villagesurvey or by scanning this QR code:



If preferred, paper surveys are available from the **Post Office**, the **Village Hall**, the **Church**, and **The Crown** pub in Westleton. Alternatively, use the contact details below to request a paper survey to be sent by post. Completed paper surveys can be dropped off in the boxes at the Post Office, the Village Hall, the Church, and The Crown pub. A **LARGE PRINT** version of the survey is available on request.

The closing date for all responses is **Monday 31 August**.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, or require some help, please email: villagesurvey@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 07707 550997.

Wildflower Photography Competition

in conjunction with

Westleton Wildflower Festival

Free entry

Two Categories:

Adults (16 years & over): Children (under 16)

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with your name (and age if under 16 yrs)

Closing date 30th June 2026

Winners will be notified by email and their pictures will be displayed in the church during the Wildflower Festival

Prizes for the winners in both categories



YOXFORD

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT’S ON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Saturday 5th September 11.00am - 3.30pm
and we need help from everyone
across the benefice**

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Money raised at Yoxfayre is being donated to the restoration of
St Peter's Church organ and the Village Hall.

yoxfayre@gmail.com

“SING OUT” COMMUNITY CHOIR

Our ever-popular Summer Concert is on Saturday 4th July in St Peter’s Church at 7.30pm. For those of you who haven’t been before, we sing a wide range of music from choral and pop to musicals, with a dance number thrown in as well. Catering for everybody’s taste in music! Even better - it’s free, but you are welcome to make a donation to the local charity we are supporting. Do come and support your local community choir.

Julian Lock



Anna Noakes on flute, and Gary Kettel on percussion, with Alec Hone on the organ and members of the Sing Out choir looking on, at the highly successful “Evening of Music” at St Peter’s Church in April

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST ANDREW’S CHURCH, ALDRINGHAM

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June 13th, 10am - 4 pm and June 14th, 12 midday - 4pm.

Free admission. Refreshments available.

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

AVSFHG has recently launched a new website: <https://www.avsfhg.org.uk> that has been designed to bring together information about the group’s activities in a modern and simple to navigate hub, easily accessed by scanning a QR code.

Much easier to navigate than the previous website, anyone can easily find details of monthly talks and events; free family history research sessions and advice; and paid up members have free access to monthly talks at the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham (either in person or online via Zoom); a copy of the Group’s very informative quarterly newsletter; and notifications about events, discounts and family history special offers from the likes of Ancestry and Findmypast.

The cost of individual membership is just £10, and the new website also incorporates a dedicated Members’ Area.

The talk for June will be Researching Your Pauper Ancestors – Clare O’Grady.

At some point in their lives, many of our ancestors would have been in receipt of

some form of poor relief, either from the parish or from a Poor Law Union. This talk discusses the records that you can use to find out more. Monday 15th June at 2.30pm, in person at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the Library) and, for members only, on Zoom.

“SONNETS AND SONGS FOR A SUFFOLK SUMMER SOLSTICE”

Wrentham Chapel, Wednesday June 24th, at 7pm. All are welcome to this special Caedmon Evening to celebrate mid summer in our beautiful county. This is a seasonal celebration in music, word and song, featuring a programme of items brought along by some members of the audience. A buffet with wine and fruit juice will be served in the interval. This is a free event but any donations towards the upkeep of the chapel will be very welcome. *Sue Hardy 07771 882738*

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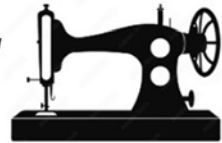
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PROJECT UPDATE

JUNE 2026

The works on Sizewell C are progressing very well and on track. We have launched a new hybrid website comprising the Sizewell C Works Tracker and causeway one that can be accessed from the Works Tracker.

This new feature will give the community further information on traffic management and road works across the East Suffolk network which help people plan journeys and further improve accessibility. The site will include an automated table of works related to Sizewell C which is updated in real time: szcworkstracker.co.uk/causeway-one-network

Information on the business support service and tourism fund which are managed by East Suffolk Council can be found at: eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk/business-support/resources/sizewell-c-tourism-events-grant

Construction works around the Friday Street roundabout and Yoxford roundabout continue with the removal of the redundant parts of the A12 and building of the footways. Once these are complete later this summer, the landscaping work will begin with initial planting of new hedgerows, trees and grass in the autumn.

At Yoxford, the similar work will require a weekend closure 8pm on Friday 19 June – 5am Monday 22 June.

In early June, we will start the next phase of the A12 improvement works. This time in Marlesford, in which a new pedestrian crossing will be built along with road junction improvements. These works will involve night time road closures and day time traffic management. The Sizewell C Works Tracker will be updated throughout the works.

The Park and Rides are open with Sizewell C workers parking their cars and catching a bus to get to the Leiston sites. The road adjustments have been completed around the Wickham Market site, and the roundabout at the Park and Ride in Darsham continues to progress with the required traffic management removed, easing the traffic flow.

Finally, the Two Village Bypass at Stratford St. Andrew and Farnham is now in the full construction phase. Most of the works are carried out away from the existing road network, which will reduce disruption on the road network. The new works compound that will be accessed from the A12 is now operating and the speed limits along the A12 have now returned to normal (30mph through the villages of Farnham and St Andrew, 50mph on the A12 towards or coming from Ipswich).

Thank you for patience during these works. To find out more about the progress of the works the next round of community forums are listed below.

FORUM

SCHEDULE

Forum timings

18:00 - 20:00
(Arrival from 17:45)

Southern Transport Forum	Wed 3 June	Stratford St. Andrew Riverside Centre
Main Development Site Forum	Wed 8 July	Leiston Town Athletic Association (LTAA)

For more information and for more forum dates visit sizewellc.com/community/forums
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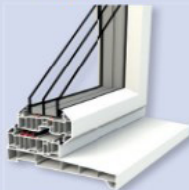
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