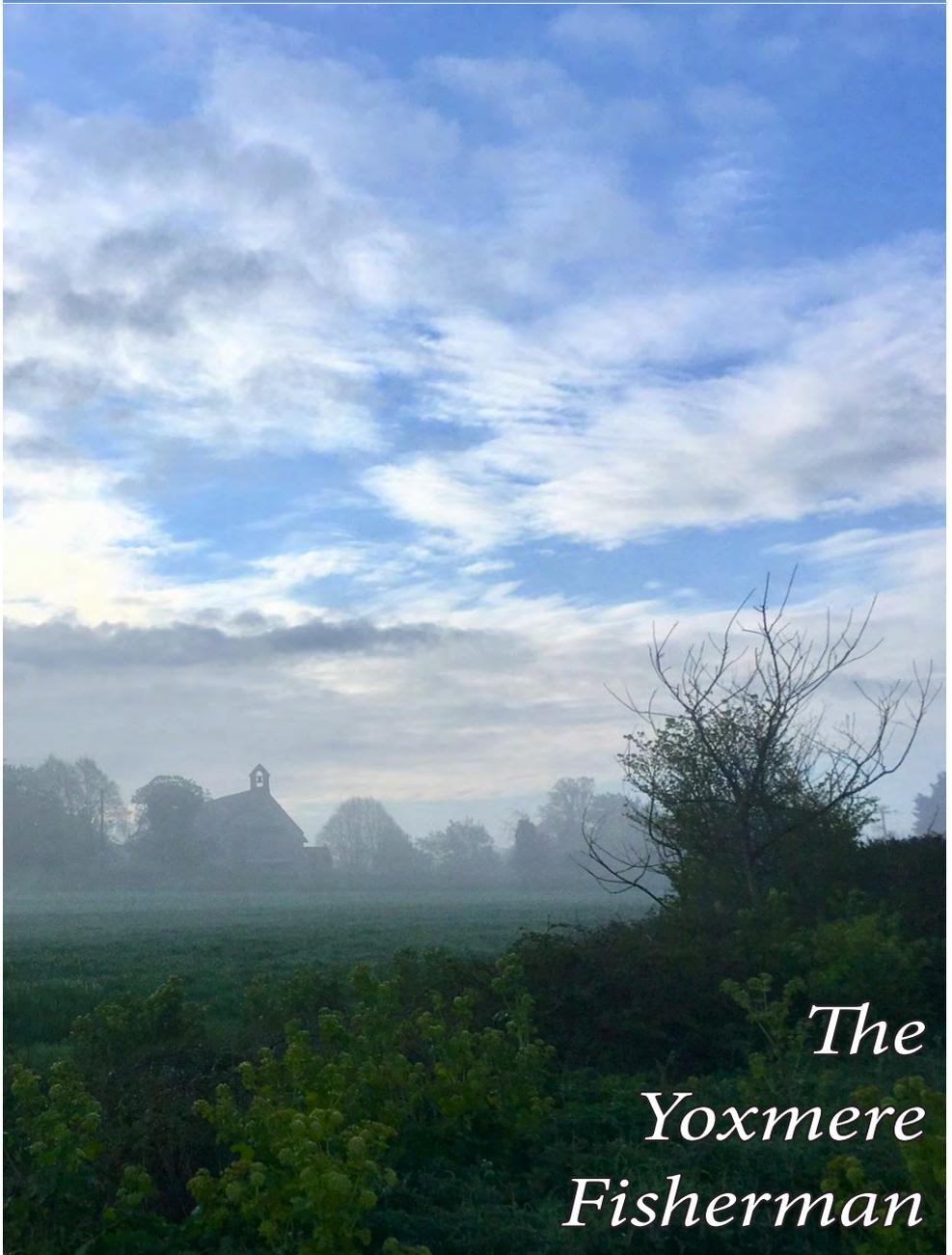


NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The
Yoxmere
Fisherman*

March 2026

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2026

Sunday, March 1st ~ Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Middleton Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, March 8th ~ Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Theberton Taizé

9.30am Westleton Morning Worship

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion

10.00am Darsham Morning Prayer

11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer

Sunday, March 15th ~ Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Theberton Morning Praise

9.30am Westleton Holy Communion

9.30am Yoxford family@church

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday, March 22nd ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion

9.30am Westleton Informal Worship

9.30am Yoxford PCC-Led Service

11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer

11.00am Middleton Holy Communion

11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship
at the Methodist Chapel

Sunday, 29th March ~ Palm Sunday

10.00am Dunwich Benefice Holy Communion

10.00am Wednesdays at Yoxford Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

1st March, Purple

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17

8th March, Purple

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

15th March, Purple

Exodus 2.1-10

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Luke 2.33-35

22nd March, Purple

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

29th March, Red

Matthew 21.1-11

Psalms 118.1-2,19-29



B Corp

Naomi Klein released her book *No Logo* in 2000, and at some point in the following few years I read it. And I was shocked. I was appalled that big logo companies with big reputations could be so exploitative in their labour practices. Soon after that I read *The Corporation*, by Joel Bakan, which argued that if large corporations were thought of in the same way as individual people they would be considered psychopaths.

These books shone a light into dark places, exposing bad environmental credentials and terrible work ethics. For example, clothing manufacturers are given tax breaks by the governments of developing countries, but garment workers slave for a barely living wage. The governments would rather have the trade than not — but at a terrible cost to the people.

Both these books made an example of some high-end companies and began an anti-corporate backlash, but the problem I and many others faced was that it was hard to know who were the good guys and who were the bad guys. And: can I afford more ethically sourced goods anyway? And: isn't life too busy and complex to research the credentials of everything from socks to televisions?

More recently I've become more aware of how 'fast fashion' has damaged the clothing industry as a whole: faced with floods of cheaper clothes and man-made fibres, brands that represented the middle rung have been forced to cheapen their own clothing, reducing the quality of almost everything — unless you deliberately hunt out premium clothes. And then, are you paying for the quality or the label? And *still* I'm not sure of the eco or ethical chops of these brands.

Enter 'B Corp' - the B Corporation Movement. As B Corp says, if the economy is built by people, it can be changed by people. It has developed a code of environmental and ethical standards which companies can test against to gain 'B Corp' certification. It speaks of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (memorably forming the JEDI mnemonic). Certificated companies can then advertise that they hold this standard (a bit like how Woolmark represented the fight against plastic clothes) and are listed at Bcorporation.net.

This answers some of my questions from two decades ago. There are B corp certified companies in an amazing array of fields. And it's quite likely that better-paid workers using better materials will make you a nicer pair of trousers, too - right?

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

James William Green (Jim), aged 84 years, on Monday 2nd February at St Michael's, Peasenhall.

Interment of Ashes

Irene Gissing, aged 89 years, on Friday 13th February at Eastbridge Cemetery.

World Day of Prayer

A service for everyone

2pm Friday 6th March, St James Dunwich

This year's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the women of Nigeria and is a thoughtful look at the text "I will give you rest, come." Matthew 11:28.

Join us as we learn about the struggles and joys of Nigerian women and support the work of the WWDP organisation.

wwdp.org.uk

The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.



HELP TO KEEP THE FISHERMAN AFLOAT

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Revd Tim and two godparents at a recent baptism in Westleton.



Just War Theory

It has been said that for Christians there are broadly three attitudes to war: pacifism, just war, and crusading. Christians who believe that God can ask us to enter a ‘holy war’, in the manner of the crusades, are thankfully few. The majority view is some form of ‘just war’ theory, and next month I will consider pacifism, which was the majority attitude for at least the first three centuries.

Just War as a theory developed initially after Rome officially became Christian under Constantine in AD312: Christians were now no longer a minority group, and were less persecuted, but also had national boundaries to defend — or not. Just War Theory was then significantly added to in the Middle Ages by Thomas Aquinas, and by others more recently.

Justice is thought about in two categories here: justifiability of entering war (traditionally called *jus ad bellum*); and justice in the conduct of war (*jus in bello*).

Jus ad bellum

1. It must be waged by a lawful authority.
2. It must be for a just cause (to put right an undoubted wrong).
3. It must be a last resort — all peaceful means of resolving the conflict must have been exhausted.
4. The harm likely to be done by the war must be proportionate to the good that is aimed for.
5. It must be waged with a right intention.
6. There must be a reasonable hope of success (otherwise it is likely that great harm will be done for no benefit).
7. The war should contribute to a new state of peace.

Jus in bello

1. Non-combatants must not be directly attacked
2. The means used in fighting should be proportionate to the goals.

These are challenging sets of criteria, and only a little thought is required to name wars in contemporary history that have fallen far short — especially attacking non-combatants, which continues in current notable conflicts. These criteria have caused many to campaign against nuclear armaments too — a nuclear war-head would be indiscriminate and non-proportionate, so why would we contemplate owning them?

It’s debatable whether any of this is exactly *Christian* anyway — the New Testament is marked by the extraordinarily un-martial attitudes of Jesus and the apostles.

On the other hand, readiness to die in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves is one of the highest ideals of nobility.

The painful reality, though, is that conduct in the waging of war is a fraught and difficult business — as is inevitable when there is killing involved.

Blessings, Tim.

UKRAINE APPEAL UPDATE FROM HAAD (HOPE AND AID DIRECT)

Thank you to all those kind and generous souls who donated so many useful items of clothing, toiletries, bedding and so much more, to our most recent collection in February. Everything was transported to Chelmsford on Tuesday 10th February, and onward to Ukraine on 12th February, a three-day journey. By the time you read this, the huge transporter carrying it all will have delivered everything to Ukraine. If you feel you can continue to contribute aid, I now have a precise list of what is most needed, bearing in mind the change in the season.

CHILDREN & BABIES: Clothing, including school uniforms, toys, games, puzzles, writing equipment.

TEENS: Clothing is in short supply.

ADULTS: Sorry, no more thick clothing at present, but underwear is needed. Under-pants should be new; bras can be 'used' but should be in very good condition; also socks for men and women; T-shirts or summer tops.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Tea-towels - desperately needed, dish cloths, scourers, washing-up liquid, washing powder, detergent.

FOOD: Tinned and dried. No pasta or rice, these are donated in bulk, but Oxo and similar to go on them.

TOILETRIES & HYGIENE ITEMS: much needed.

UNWANTED MEDICAL AIDS: crutches, walking frames, wheelchairs, bath seats etc. etc. - all constantly needed.

A sincere thank you on behalf of HAAD. The next lorry goes to Ukraine at the end of March.

Esther Paige. Tel: 01728 648556, Email: estherpaige@hotmail.com.
2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Westleton, IP17 3EE.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 2nd March and 30th March (because the first Monday of April will be a bank holiday) at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from the Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.



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with Revd Bill Sokolis

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with Revd Nic Stuchfield

22nd March - Treasuring God's Creation

with Revd Rob Leveritt

29th March - Total Love

with Revd Dave Preece

Darsham Village Hall, IP17 3FA - 4pm - 5:30pm

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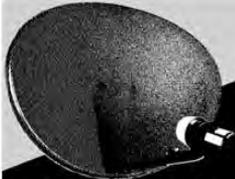
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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: SAVE THE DATES

10th May - Spring Lunch

11th October - Harvest Lunch

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

Darsham Horticultural Society

Open Spring Show

Village Hall 28th March 2026

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

Our open show welcomes entries from everyone.

New this year we have added a photography section.

Schedules available from the boxes outside Village Hall and “Springfields”.

Also available from the website at:-

www.darsham.onesuffolk.net

Clubs/Horticultural Society

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – MARCH 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 to 9:00pm (Alan Holland 01728 668451)

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 31st**)

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

Home Education Group – Wed. 9:00am (Rebecca Coe) (**not 11th**)

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

Events and Meetings

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

Coffee Morning – Sat. 14th at 10:00am Crafty Club

Film Night – Sat. 14th at 7:00pm – To be announced.

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

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

Spring Horticulture Show – Sat. 28th Village Hall

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100 CLUB RESULTS FEBRUARY 2026

£100 Cora Smith, £50 Richard Jones, £25 Robin Leggate.

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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, 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 Whats-On page on the Darsham Village Hall website.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL, MEETING ON 10TH FEBRUARY

Cllr Richard Smith gave his report which mentioned that he had extra teams working to resolve all the potholes and he urged us to report any further potholes to SCC.

Cllr Paul Ashton stated that the increase in council tax on second homes has had the desired effect, resulting in a reduction in second homes being left empty for most of the year.

Both Cllrs Smith and Ashton generously agreed to jointly cover the £1,650 cost of materials to refurbish the old BT telephone box which the PC has recently purchased. It is proposed that once refurbished the old telephone box will be used as a book and seed exchange for all villagers.

The PC continues to work hard in an attempt to resolve the issue of flooding at the top of the street in front of Greenside.

With the recent loss of well over 22,000 trees in our area due to the works involved for Sizewell, we would like to congratulate Darsham Old Hall who have recently planted 1,000 nut trees and over 3,000 other tree varieties.

The full details of the PC meeting will shortly be available on the village website. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10th March at Darsham Village Hall.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chair Darsham PC

DUNWICH

ST JAMES CHURCH, DUNWICH

LENT LUNCH

Dunwich Reading Room, Thursday March 12th, 12.30

All are invited to come and enjoy soup, a cheese roll and fellowship.



DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The museum opens on weekends, 2-4pm in March and daily, 11.30-4.30 from 1st of April. The museum can be opened by appointment outside opening hours in March. The museum is 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, 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.

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

Dunwich Coffee Morning - Thursdays March 5th & 19th & April 2nd, 16th, & 30th, 10.30 - 12pm

The Dunwich Coffee Morning will be continuing in March, every other Thursday in the Dunwich Reading Room. Everyone is welcome so drop in and join us for hot drink and nibbles. Donations keep the coffee mornings alive.

Easter Drop-in Activities – Wednesday April 1st and 8th, 12 - 4pm

Join us in the Reading Room for our Easter holiday activities! Get crafty, decorate biscuits, and more. Free to all ages, donations welcome.

Museum Talks

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

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



MIDDLETON

POETRY IN THE PORCH – A LENTEN PRACTICE

the heart's time: a poem a day for Lent and Easter, by Janet Morley

'To keep Lent is to turn aside from the ordinary routines of our life in order to reflect; to notice what is going on, to detect what is really significant...' Janet Morley

Continuing to use poetry here to provide us with reason to pause, a poem from Janet

Contd. /

Morley's book *the heart's time* will be posted on the notice board in the porch of Holy Trinity Church each weekday during Lent. Sadly, they will not be accompanied by pastries(!) but we hope they might still give us food for thought...

If you would like the poem sent to your inbox each weekday morning, please drop a line to ajt.opom@gmail.com or you might consider purchasing the book yourself...

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM
will be held on Thursday 14 May at 2.30pm in the church
Everyone is welcome

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

In January, members and former members gathered to hear Michael Peter - "Mr B." - speak on "Beekeeping". A hive may have 60-80,000 bees, the majority being females - the workers. The fewer males are the drones who mate with the queen, lose strength, then drop dead.

In the hives the bees make hexagonal cells (the strongest of geometrical shapes), always the same size. After filling these cells with honey, the bees cap them with wax to keep out any moisture and prevent mould. Some of the workers are scouts who go out to find sources of nectar, then go back to the hive to do a little dance which tells the others where the source is. No one is sure how a bee's navigation system works, but they can always find the hive again. Beekeeping apparatus consists of a bottom "brood" box where the queen lays the eggs. Above that there are "super" or "supers" where the honey is stored. Inside both types of boxes there are removable hanging frames spaced 5/16ths of an inch apart. The bees make their cells on these. From May to October these frames are inspected by the keeper daily to check for disease and queen cells. Bees also have predators like wasps, hornets and mice which must be kept out of the hive structure. When it is time to harvest the honey, the bees are sent from the super down into the brood by using a sheet of chemical the bees dislike. The frames in the super are taken out and the wax caps are cut off, the honey is spun off in a centrifuge. It is then filtered, rested to get the bubbles out, and finally bottled. From September the hives must be fed with sugar syrup. When bees swarm it is because the hive has become too crowded and about half leave to find a new home.

The talk was fascinating and very informative. We also learned from Mr B. that women on the whole with their calm and gentle ways are much better at beekeeping than men!

In February we had a farewell lunch at the Wentworth Hotel. In March we will have our closing meeting.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS 6th and 7th June 2026, 11am - 5pm

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens. This year we have approximately eighteen gardens open, formal and informal, well established as well as newly planted gardens.

There will be arts/craft/vintage and plants 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)

PILATES CLASS

Pilates teacher Victoria Hayden is starting a new beginners' class in mid April and currently seven spaces are still available at Middleton Village Hall on Fridays at 12noon.

For more information on these fantastic classes to improve posture and increase strength and flexibility whilst increasing bone density, please contact Victoria on 07713 277176 or email: victoriahaydenpilates@gmail.com and her website can be found at www.victoriahaydenpilates.co.uk

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

The hall is currently closed to allow for the toilet refurbishment and will re-open for the Film Club on Friday 13th March.

Pop-up Café - Due to our refurbishment the next one will be Wednesday 1st April

Craft club - Monday 16th March 2pm – 4pm £3, all welcome.

Clubercise - Recommencing Tuesday 17th March 6-7pm.

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

Pilates Class - Recommencing Thursday 19th March 9.15-10.45am.

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

Peasehall Picture Palace Friday 13th March

Following the last-minute change of film in February, this month we are showing *Downton Abbey, The Grand Finale* (2025). This follows the Crawley family into the 1930s as Lady Mary faces scandal from her divorce, threatening the family's reputation amidst financial woes, leading Robert to cede control to Mary, who embraces leadership, saves Downton from a conman, and secures its future with

support from her family and staff. It ends with a fond farewell to past generations and a new era for the estate under Mary's guidance.

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

St Patricks Night Pop-Up Pub – Friday 20th March 7pm onwards. With live Irish-themed music from the Butcher Brothers and the Westleton Whistlers.

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

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

For general enquiries or if you would like to join our friendly committee or perhaps volunteer at some of our events, please contact Frank Potter on 01728 660010 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall. For more information about what's going on visit: www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall

SWIFT TALK IN PEASENHALL

The Peasenhall & Sibton Swift Group is organising a public meeting on Saturday 14th March at 2pm in Peasenhall Assembly Hall. Simon Hooton, a local conservationist, will describe 'The Secret Lives of Swifts' and answer questions that the audience may have. We will also be very pleased to tell you about the work of our local Swift Support Group. Swift nest boxes will be available to buy and we will be able to advise about their positioning on buildings.

Entry will be by donation, most which will go towards Save Our Suffolk Swifts. We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like any further information please contact Martyn on 07501 088546 or email swangallop@phonecoop.coop.

Martyn Burnside

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MOAT ROAD DIG - THEBERTON HOO

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd February, the artefacts from the astonishing find at Moat Road Theberton - which has delayed the Sizewell Link Road by a year (and should delay it for ever) – were on display in Yoxford Village Hall.

As featured on BBC2's *Digging for Britain* (Series 13, Ep.2, available on iPlayer), Sizewell C is putting a bypass over a burial ground of 'international significance', a sister site to Sutton Hoo, with a high-status grave which contains sand bodies of two individuals, a fully harnessed horse, weapons and personal items. (Further details in the *EADT* article "Anglo-Saxon burial ground found at Sizewell C site", 12th Jan. 2026.) There are eleven burial mounds at Theberton which will be covered in tarmac. Excavations by Oxford Cotswolds Archaeologists continue in the hay fields of Theberton. An exhibition is due to be held in Theberton Village Hall on 25th April.

Vanessa Raison

WESTLETON

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL: COMING IN MARCH

Saturday 7th Community Market returns in the Foyer 10am -12pm – local produce and home cooked food, bric-a-brac and small gifts.

Saturday 7th Film Night *Murder by Death* – a 1976 masterpiece starring Peter Sellers, Maggie Smith, Alec Guinness and other great names. Doors and the bar open at 7pm. Tickets still only £5; pay on the night.

Saturday 21st - by popular demand, we are having an **Irish Night**. Starting at 7pm, there will be live music and dancing, featuring the **Black Deek Band** and with a two-course meal by our ever-popular chef **James Finch**. Tickets at £25 will soon be available from Westleton Stores and the Foyer (during normal opening times). We are expecting this to sell out very quickly so keep a look out on social media for the start of ticket sales.

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 09.30 and 12.00 and seems to work well on a drop-in basis.

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

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 will be back 19th and 20th March. To book an appointment, phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email susan@nobadfeet.co.uk.

Reflexology will be available on Saturday 28th March with Juliet Overton, 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.

Death Café Date Change

The Death Café will now be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, the next being **Thursday 26th March**, at 4.15 in the Foyer. All welcome. Call Fran on 07930 175584 with any queries.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS

The next **Working Party** is **Saturday 21st March** from 10.00 to about 12.30. Everyone welcome; many hands make light work!

The next **Nature Walk** is on **Saturday 11th April** from 10.30 to about 12 noon.

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

Ian Webber

WESTLETON GARDENERS - OPEN TO ALL

Tuesday 17th March, Westleton Village Hall, 7.30pm. A talk by Mary Owles: 'The Suffolk Punch Heritage Garden'. Entry £4. Pay on the door, there is no annual subscription.

Doors open at 7.15pm. Free refreshments and time to chat.

Save the date: Westleton Garden Trail, Sat. 13th and Sun. 14th June.

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

B1125 traffic: The Parish Councils of Blythburgh, Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Theberton and Eastbridge, Walberswick, and Westleton, and District Councillors Paul Ashton, Tom Daly, Katie Graham and Sarah Whitelock have written to Sizewell C (SZC), the County Council and the police to highlight concerns about traffic

volumes and speeds on the B1125. SZC have invited the signatories to meet to discuss the concerns. A copy of the letter is available on the Westleton website on the Energy Projects page.

Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum 4th February: A detailed report on the SZC NTF is available on the Westleton website on the Energy Projects page.

LionLink: the consultation for the proposed LionLink interconnector with the Netherlands ends on 10th March (see the National Grid LionLink webpage); if you plan to submit comments, please do so before then. The Parish Council has written a paper summarising the consultation document and has written another summarising its views on the proposed project which was drafted to allow the East Suffolk District Council to understand the Parish Council's views. Both papers are available on the Westleton website on the Energy Projects page.

Allotments: The allotments will be ready for use in March. Many thanks to all who have helped realise the allotments project, and in particular to David Watson.

Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the Westleton website and the notice board by the village shop. The next Parish Council surgery will be 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer on Monday 27th April.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

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With Easter approaching, this year at St Peter's we are having Easter lilies in remembrance of loved ones, with a suggested minimum donation of £5. Cash or cheques payable to Yoxford Parochial Church Council can be put into the wall safe at the back of the church or given to the churchwarden. Alternatively, you can donate by bank transfer: sort code 20-92-08, account no 50996815, and the reference "Lily". To dedicate a lily to a loved one, please sign the form at the back of the church.

Please have a look at the books for sale at the back of church! Proceeds go to our church organ fund.

On Easter Saturday, 4th April, 10.30-12.00, we will be having a coffee and hot-cross bun morning with an Easter raffle and book sale. All are welcome.

Our Easter services will be on display on the notice board outside the church, and in the April *Fisherman*.
Lynne Putland, Churchwarden

Spring Clean

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

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

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON

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

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

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

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

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

Community Film Nights Yoxflicks - monthly - dates published separately

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

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

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YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2026

As it has been a little while since Yoxford Parish Council last reported in the *Yoxmere Fisherman*, there are a number of updates to share.

Firstly, the council welcomed its new clerk, Richard Green, in October. The council would like to thank his predecessor, Trudy Charles, for all her hard work in the role and for her continued efforts in her new role as Manager of Yoxford Village Hall.

In December, the council welcomed Councillor Tom Haslam as a co-opted member following the departure of councillors Deb Thompson and Nic McCallum late last year. The council thanks both Deb and Nic for their dedication and wishes them well. Councillor Haslam's interests see him support Councillor Allenby-Pratt in his Yoxford Nature initiative, which was launched last year, and in managing Yoxwood, for which a management plan is currently being prepared.

Councillor Haslam has also joined the council's newly established Planning Sub-Committee, chaired by Councillor Roper, which seeks to pool and concentrate councillors' resources and expertise in the scrutinisation of planning applications and drafting of responses.

Much of the council's efforts over the past few months have been focused on a number of significant planning applications and consultations, including several related to Sizewell C and other major energy infrastructure proposals. The council is especially grateful for Councillor Walford's commitment to attending forums and meetings, and drafting what sometimes feels like a never-ending list of consultation responses.

In more positive news, councillors unanimously agreed to fund Yoxford Primary School's participation in the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's excellent 'Wilder Schools'

scheme for this spring, and approved a grant of more than £16,000 from the council's community infrastructure reserves for renovation works at Yoxford Village Hall.

There are currently **two** councillor vacancies, as well as public seats on the council's Planning Sub-Committee. For more information on any of these roles, please contact the Clerk, Richard Green, at clerk@yoxfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Yoxford Parish Council intends to provide regular monthly updates in the *Yoxmere Fisherman* going forwards. In the meantime, residents are very welcome to contact the Clerk at any time for information on any council matters, or to consult the meeting minutes, which can be found online at www.yoxfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings-and-minutes.

Richard Green, Clerk to Yoxford Parish Council

A poster for an art affair event. The background is a colorful abstract design with shades of pink, purple, and blue. The text is in bold black font. At the top, it says 'ART AFFAIR'. Below that, it says 'A celebration of local artists and makers' and 'Come along and browse or buy'. The event is at 'YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL' on 'SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026' from '10.30AM - 4.00PM - FREE ENTRY'. It also mentions '(Refreshments Available)'. At the bottom, it says 'Enquiries: Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com' and '(Proceeds to support Yoxford Village Hall)'.

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CHURCH FAIR IN LEISTON

A Craft and Charities Fair will be held at St Margaret's Church (IP16 4HG) on Saturday 7th March from 10am to 2pm. The church will be filled with stalls selling a wide variety of hand-made goods and unique gifts. There will also be a raffle for church funds and delicious home-made refreshments sold throughout the event. Admission is free and there's plenty of parking. We look forward to seeing you there!

EVENTS AT WRENTHAM CHAPEL

Thursday March 19th at 7pm sees our first Caedmon Evening of the year. "Younger Than Springtime" celebrates all things seasonal with a programme of music, word and song which features some members of the audience who bring items to perform on the night. There will be an interval with a light buffet, wine and fruit juice.

There is no charge for this event but any donations towards the upkeep of this historic Georgian chapel will be much appreciated.

Sunday April 5th (Easter Day) at 3pm the chapel will be open to give an "Easter Journey Experience" for all ages. The celebrations will include an Easter Egg Hunt, pauses to listen, think and sing, and Easter refreshments.

The afternoon is free to all and everyone is welcome.

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PROJECT UPDATE

MARCH 2026

We thank you for your patience during the recent weekend A12 closures

These have enabled important works on drainage and kerb alignments for the roundabouts that are being constructed along the A12.

We are on schedule to open them in early April, and whilst the works will not be fully complete, this will improve the traffic flow and the safety of the roads at these important junctions. Once the full work on the structure of the roundabouts is complete, the community will start to see traffic management in the immediate areas reduced. Later in the year landscaping and planting of flora will begin.

Both the Southern Park and Ride (Wickham Market) and Northern Park and Ride (Darsham) will be opening in phases with full openings due in late summer.

The roundabout that links the A12 to the Darsham Park and Ride is being linked to the A12 in phases. The bottom of the roundabout will be connected at the end of February and fully operational by the end of March. The access road to the Park and Ride at Wickham Market is due to open in March. Sizewell C workers are being allocated parking space, which will alleviate local roads.

Our bus fleet is increasing and will be transporting workers to and from the Park and Rides, using the A12 and B1122.

Improvements to the Saxmundham to Leiston rail line continue, with construction of the branch line to the Temporary Construction Area continuing at pace.

Level crossing improvements and construction will require small road closures, you can see these on the Sizewell C Works Tracker. Engineering trains will start running along the line from early March.

During March the temporary Main Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) will continue to be constructed. The MBIF will extend approximately 500 metres from the Main

Construction Site into the North Sea, supporting our strategy to deliver 60% of construction materials by rail and sea. A jack-up barge has arrived to facilitate marine works for the jetty. Whilst construction on the beach end is carried out, there will be weekend beach closures at the northern end of the construction site. The closures will be lifted from 06:00 Saturday to 22:00 Sunday. The footpath will fully reopen once construction progresses into the North Sea. We anticipate this work will be complete by the end of March 2026 and will keep you informed of progress.

Thank you for your patience as we work towards the completion of many of the road schemes and as always if you need to speak to us, please contact us via the **FREEPHONE 0800 197 6102**.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Forum timings

2026 | 18:00 - 20:00
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Southern Transport Forum	Wed 4 March	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Community Forum	Thurs 19 March	Sizewell Sports and Social Club

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

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