

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

**May 2024**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2024

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### **Sunday 5th May ~ 6th Sunday of Easter**

10.00am Middleton Benefice Service with  
Holy Communion &  
Leprosy Mission speaker

### **Thursday 9th May ~ Ascension Day**

7.30pm Yoxford Holy Communion with  
Archdeacon Rich Henderson

### **Sunday 12th May ~ 7th Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion  
9.30am Theberton Taizé  
11.00am Darsham Morning Praise ~  
Celebration of Spring  
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion  
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer  
3.00pm Westleton Tea & Biscuits followed by  
Informal Worship

### **Sunday 19th May ~ Whit Sunday**

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 26th May ~ Trinity Sunday**

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer  
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship  
9.30am Theberton Holy Communion  
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer  
at the Methodist Chapel  
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion  
11.00am Dunwich Morning Praise  
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

No service at Sibton due to the Book Sale

Every Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*5th May, White*  
Acts 10.44-48  
1 John 5.1-6  
John 15.9-17

*12th May, White*  
Acts 1.15-17, 21-26  
1 John 5.9-13  
John 17.6-19

*19th May, Red*  
Ezekiel 37.1-14  
Acts 2.1-21  
John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

*26th May, White*  
Isaiah 6.1-8  
Romans 8.12-17  
John 3.1-17

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*The cover photo is of Darsham churchyard*

## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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When I was a kid I had a View-Master — a toy like a pair of binoculars, for looking at 3D pictures held on discs. A button on the top right, like the shutter of a camera, rotated the disc to a new pair of images — seven per disc. Maybe you had one too? They were around for years.

I didn't have many 'reels' for it — but I still enjoyed the ones that came with it. There was a general set of pictures that often deliberately showed off their stereoscopic effects, and another set from an American TV series called *Daktari*.

The general pictures included a flower that seemed to burst forward out of the frame towards the viewer, and a park in spring, full of daffodils. I came back to these again and again. Where was that park? Who walked in that park? What was the rest of it like? No matter what the weather was like on that day, or what season it was, it was always a nice day in spring when I put that picture in the View-Master.

I've mentioned before that I don't easily notice what is right in front of me. But a month ago, on Easter Sunday, even I noticed all the beautiful flowers in church. I went to five out of the eight churches over a few days and in each deliberately took a moment to look.

Windows and pedestals were bursting with colour — daffodils and tulips naturally, but much more besides (sorry — I can't name all I saw) all beautifully cut and arranged. After the bleakness of Lent, each church was glorious. So this is my chance to say 'thank you'.

I don't know how many of you worked in each church, but thank you. Each arrangement in each church was wonderful — God's beauty selected, cut and arranged with artistry. It took you time, thought and care. Not every person who contributed was a regular member of the congregation — thank you to you especially. In one of the churches I saw a fabulous Easter garden in miniature, with empty cross and empty tomb — I cannot imagine how long that took to prepare, but it was fabulous. I'm sure there was much that I missed along the way.

I love that churches can be the venue for such talent and skill. As summer proceeds there will be flower festivals in a number of the churches (look out for details), and there will also be concerts, besides being open during daylight hours simply for you to enjoy a quiet prayerful space, and the beauty of the buildings themselves. Do come, and see what hidden talents your neighbours possess!

*Blessings, Tim.*

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Thursday 16th May

## Update on Kagera

Anji & Chris Dawkins

Westleton Church

2.30pm

All Welcome

Contact Sue Norrington 660280 or  
Jennifer Clough 648597  
for more information

**family@church**

Sunday 19th May 9.30am  
Yoxford Church

The Fruit of the Spirit - Patience



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

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on 3rd June in Westleton Village Hall Foyer.

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 Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.

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

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### **VIRTUAL FISHERMAN**

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Right: washing of feet at the Maundy Thursday eucharist in Westleton church

Below: Sunrise service on a chilly Easter morning on Dunwich beach

Bottom left: Easter garden in Middleton church created by David Burgess

Bottom right: Easter Day in Yoxford church and "Thine be the Glory" accompanied by Alec Hone on organ and Barbara Sampaio on trumpet. Glorious!





### Theology as an Analysis of Story

What is God like? Is God all powerful? Why is there evil in the world?

I have spent the last year or so in this column discussing the Bible, and how to read it intelligently and how to get the most out of it. Having done this, in simple overview from the beginning to the end, it follows that we might consider the discussion of God that came about in the earliest chapters of Christianity, and which is still ongoing. This discussion is theology in its widest terms —

always rooted in the Bible, but analysing and asking lots of questions, such as the ones above.

Often there is no conclusive answer to the questions we ask. Theology is not maths. But on the other hand, there can be consensus, which may indicate we're on solid ground.

Why ask such questions if we're not sure of the answers? Perhaps simply for the same reasons you ask such questions as 'Why am I here?' or 'Is this love?' or 'What does it all mean?' — because life is full of deep questions, which give meaning and shape to our lives. Theology and philosophy are often very closely related — sometimes in sync, sometimes used as weapons against each other.

I think theology needs to function first and foremost as a means of thinking about the story we find ourselves in.

Think of your own story: you were born at a very early age, to certain parents, in some place and you grew up somewhere; you had friends, you went to school and discovered your gifts. Did you meet the person of your dreams? Did you get married? Was there a 'sliding doors' moment that changed your direction in life dramatically? How did your character affect your story? How did choice or chance or circumstance act on your story? Whatever the answer, your story is an interesting one.

But it is also woven into a larger story. You are part of the story of your parents, and the story of your children if you have them - or your siblings, if you're not an only child. Are you the great romance of your partner's life? Your story is part of a much larger weave of interconnected stories.

Think how we might analyse a story if we were studying English literature. If we were studying *Hamlet* we might pay attention to the beginning of the story (Ghost

of dead king tells his son, Hamlet, to avenge his murder by Claudius, his brother, now on the throne). We might look at Hamlet's character — diffident, questioning, overwrought, intelligent. We might look at the ending — yes, Hamlet does avenge his father, but a lot worse happens, proving that Hamlet's anxiety about the idea of vengeance was well founded. Asking such questions as this, we might then say we understand the play and what it means, or what Shakespeare was trying to say.

We might do the same sort of analysis with the Bible — what does the beginning tell us? Is it trying to be literal or metaphorical? What does the book think its great themes are? Do we agree? Who is this central character, the Lord God? And who is Jesus? What does the cross mean? And the resurrection? Is it true?

Ask these sorts of questions and we are surely seeking both the meaning of the Bible, but also (perhaps) asking some of the most important questions. We are also doing theology in the process.

Theology is a more abstract process than reading a story. It is that next level up. You might talk of a ladder of abstraction — at the bottom of the ladder are the earthy details of everyday life — eating food, working, paying bills. At the top of the ladder are the matters that are close to universal — life and death, love, goodness and evil - that sort of thing. Theology goes up the ladder of abstraction in search of universal principles, but does so in order to go back down the ladder and do life in a new way, because of what we have learnt.

Curiously, while other religions also have theology, Christianity puts the most energy into it, and sets most store by it. Judaism, from which Christianity was born, clearly shares the same theological roots. But Judaism puts more weight on doing the right thing in the right way — keeping kosher, keeping the sabbath and the festivals. Christianity has no food rules, no requirement to pray a certain number of times a day, no obligation to take communion at any particular interval. And as such, if Christian identity does not rest on *what you do*, it must rest more heavily on *what you believe*. That's not to say that through the centuries there haven't been Christian attempts to codify *what you ought to do*, but Jesus spent more time making God known than teaching us rites or practices.

Next month we'll start to ask some of those questions that the Bible suggests we ask — beginning with 'What can we say about God?'

*Blessings, Tim*

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## **DOMESTIC ABUSE COURSE**

Wednesday, May 15th, 2.00pm-5.00pm. Please notify Kathryn Branch if you will be attending. 01728 648140.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

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### Funerals

Eric Cossey, aged 85 years, on 17th April at St Peter's, Sibton, followed by cremation.

Tony John Baskett, aged 93 years, on 18th April at St Peter's, Theberton, followed by burial in Theberton cemetery.

Neville Kenneth Emeny, aged 87 years, and Patricia Ann Emeny, aged 82 years, on 19th April at St Peter's, Yoxford, followed by burial at Greenwood Burial Ground, Saxmundham.

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### CONFIRMATION SERVICE ~ TRINITY SUNDAY

Bishop Mike will be leading a Confirmation Service on **26th May** at Aldeburgh Church at **3.00pm**. If you, or anyone you know, is considering confirmation classes please contact Revd Tim.

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### CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHURCHWARDENS

Sunday 5 May, 3.30pm -St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the ministry of churchwardens. Bishop Martin writes;

"I am delighted we are able to hold a service of celebration and thanksgiving for churchwardens, recognising the vital role they play in the life and ministry of the Church throughout the Diocese. I am conscious that so much of the work undertaken by churchwardens often goes on behind the scenes so this will be a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude on behalf of the people and parishes of Suffolk. I really hope everyone will be able to join us at the Cathedral."

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# DARSHAM

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**Easter Celebrations** On Easter Saturday we held a very successful children's afternoon with a range of activities including an egg hunt, puppets, songs and refreshments. There was a good turnout of village children. Thanks are due to Anne for organising this and to Shirley for the cakes. On Easter Day our communion service went well with Revd Tim bringing us some new hymns. The church was lovely with spring flowers. Thanks to Helen for organising this.

**Friday Prayers** These continue as normal as we pray for our community of Darsham. All are welcome, details from Roger.

### “Celebration of Spring” Service

This will be held on Sunday 12th May at 11.00am with hymns and songs, poetry readings and a gospel message.

### Spring Festival Meal

The service on May 12th is followed by a meal in the village all at 12.00 for 12.30. There is no charge for this, though we welcome donations on the day to defray our costs. Any surplus will go to charity. Please contact Jean on 07942 63972 or Shirley on 01728 668371 by 6th May to reserve your space.

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## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The regular meeting of Darsham Parish Council was held on 9th April 2024. It was agreed to purchase an iPad SP1 Defibrillator to be placed in the church grounds.

The PC has agreed to organise the bottle tombola & raffle for the village fete in August. Donations for both would be gratefully received; further details to follow on the village web page.

Cllr Paul Ashton gave a detailed report of East Suffolk Council's response to Lionlink, and Darsham PC also sent a response outlining our concerns on the environmental impact to Darsham.

There are two allotments available. Anyone interested should contact Cllr D. Stanley at [darshampcallotments@gmail.com](mailto:darshampcallotments@gmail.com)

Denbury Homes have attempted to resolve the problem with the ditch at Greenside overflowing causing subsequent flooding in the adjacent area.

The Darsham litter pick was held on 26th March and was well supported. A big thank you to all the volunteers; also thank you to the Fox pub for their generosity in supplying teas and coffees.

# Westleton Bookshops!

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 14th May at 6pm and will be followed by the Parish Council AGM at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to discover many of the activities and organisations that we have in Darsham, and also to hear an update from the P.C. on what we have accomplished in the last year. Wine and canapés will be served.

*Cllr Jasmine Backhouse, Chair*

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

### **Classes & Clubs**

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (Carol 01986 784642)

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30-10.30am (Maria 07999 848655) (Except 2nd)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11am-12pm (Maria 07999 848655) (Except 2nd)

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

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7-9pm (Alan Holland 01728 668451) (Except 2nd)

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. 6th - 9.30am (Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Dash Astro – Sun. 16th - 7pm Indoor Meeting and AGM. (Chris Mead - [chrismeadhome@hotmail.com](mailto:chrismeadhome@hotmail.com))

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

### **Events and Meetings**

- Coffee Morning – Sat. 11th at 10am hosted by the Pétanque Club.
- Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 14th at 7pm.
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 1st at 10am (Sally Goodacre 07900 522577).
- Writers' Group – Mon. 20th at 2pm (Russell 07496 096056)
- Watercolour Classes – Mon. 20th 9.30am-12.30pm (Colin 07528 515214).
- Children's Craft Morning – Mon. 27th 10am to 12pm (DVHMC)

### **Forthcoming events**

Sat. 29th June – 10am to 4pm A Showcase of Suffolk Authors Book Fair

Sun. 30th June - 3pm Diss Ensemble guitar concert. Admission £5 in aid of the Village Hall. (Anne Mcphail 07852 237389 or pay on the door)

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

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### **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH**

1st Prize: £100 P. MacLachlan 2nd Prize: £50 R. Clark 3rd Prize: £25 A. Shipp

**Villagers of Dunwich are invited to the  
Dunwich Town Trust Annual Meeting**

**To be held on**

**Saturday 25th May 2024 from 2.30pm to 4pm**

**in Dingle Marsh Barns, The Granary, Dunwich, IP17 3DZ.**

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**Introduction and informal discussion**

**followed by Afternoon Cream Tea.**

**Please join us for a relaxed, enjoyable time of warm  
hospitality,**

**with neighbours and friends in our village of Dunwich.**

**Chair of the Dunwich Town Trust, Dennis Cox, and Trustees  
will be there to welcome you.**

**Please confirm if you would like to join us and advise of any  
dietary requirements. By email to [sharonearp@outlook.com](mailto:sharonearp@outlook.com)  
or by mail/note to Little Greyfriars, High Street, Dunwich,  
IP17 3DN.**

**PROGRAMME 2.30 to 4.00pm**

**Welcome & introductions:**

**Chair, Vice Chair, Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer**

**Introduction to the Dunwich Town Trust**

**Areas of work: Corporation Marshes, Gallows Field,  
Beach & Car Park, Fisherman's Hut and Housing**

**Finances: balance of the charity and investments**

**Questions**

**Afternoon Cream Tea**

***Do join us, we would love to welcome you.***

***Please respond.***



## DUNWICH

### COFFEE 4 U

Our next 'Coffee for U' is on Thursday May 2nd at 10.30 am. This will be our last one as it's time to put our coffee pot away and get out our gardening gloves. We will resume again in September.



*Heather Cook*

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### DUNWICH MUSEUM

Our **Dunwich Summer Sale**, on **Saturday July 6th**. Local crafts, collectables, and bric-a-brac tables welcome. If you want to be one of our crafts-folk and vendors, please let us know.

Our **Art Show** will run from **August 2nd – 5th**. Artists are invited to submit art works for consideration for 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 jpgs of your work to Sarah by June 30th.

**Please send applications for both events to Sarah at [chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk](mailto:chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk)**

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### NEWS FROM DUNWICH HEATH

Well Easter was, as expected, busy! Despite some iffy weather there were plenty of families out to take part in the Easter trail, so much so that we had to 'borrow' some extra eggs from Sutton Hoo, and it was great to see lots of youngsters getting into the activities and engaging with nature. Our first participants in the Birdsong and Breakfast Walks were treated to a chorus of wildlife, and our first two Big Breakfasts on a Sunday were a wonderful cooked feast! In terms of other happenings, on the conservation front as mentioned previously, all the major works on site are finished, but we are starting to gain a picture of the state of nature here thanks to the surveys that our ranger is undertaking, and whether the milder winter meant more of the vulnerable species on site survived to the spring. The first shoots on the heather are getting going too, so hopefully Mother Nature will be kind and give us a summer with the perfect balance of rain and sun.

Looking at what's on and coming up, we've got our Dartford Warbler walk (14th) and Birdsong and Breakfast Walk (8th) continuing, plus our first Nightjar Walk (30th). The Nightjar Walk in particular is a fascinating wander in search of one of Britain's most elusive and bizarre birds, a sight not to be missed! More details

and booking options are on our website. Other than that, a stroll around the heath in the sunshine, now everything is green and lush, is a wonderful and relaxing proposition, watching the branches of the trees sway in the breeze or the heather ripple with the wind... Bliss!

*Daniel Payne*

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## MIDDLETON

### **EASTER SERVICE**

We were delighted to see so many attend the Easter service at Holy Trinity. The church was full of spring flowers and there was a beautiful Easter Garden on the chancel steps. Thanks are due to our faithful flower team and to David Burgess who created the Easter Garden and then carefully tended it all the following week so as to ensure it was still looking at its best for our Pop-up Brunch on the 7th April - see below.

### **POP UP BRUNCH**

Seeking to make use of our lovely old building and wondering how to complement and collaborate with the other good things going on in Middleton, it struck us that we were missing having somewhere - in easy walking distance - to read the papers, solve a crossword, maybe catch up with a friend or two whilst enjoying coffee and a sausage roll or something sweet on a Sunday morning. And so, the idea for a Pop-up Brunch was born and, not sure what to expect, on Sunday 7 April we hosted the first one...

It had been a busy weekend in Middleton but, still, people came! Perhaps it was the smell of good coffee brewing and crispy bacon cooking, or the sound of Jazz and laughter from within as the doors opened, or maybe simply our kindly, supportive village, but, whatever the reason, the old building came to life and, church happened.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported it - and a special shout out to Deanna from Tosier for bringing along their delicious hot chocolate for us to enjoy.

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### **MIDDLETON WI NEWS**

At our march meeting we welcomed Francesca Armour-Chelu, local author, who talked about her personal journey from "Pen to Published". Francesca was born and grew up in Suffolk living with her artist parents and 3 older sisters in a big old tumble down house in Wisset. Her childhood was a bit "bohemian", roaming freely and barefoot but she did





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attend school in Halesworth where a teacher inspired her to write poetry. After leaving school she lived in Mendham in an old railway carriage on a watermeadow while working and educating herself. Eventually she took a degree in English and Drama at Goldsmith's. She returned to Suffolk to work and write and now lives in Halesworth with her husband and 3 children. Between working and raising children she wrote stories and books that she submitted to publishers and various competitions over the years. Eventually after 10 years, a book sent to a Children's Novel Competition at Mslexia Magazine was long listed for a prize and it caught the attention of an agent and editor at Foyles. They gave her a month to rewrite, redraft the book and it was published as *Fenn Halflin and the Fear Zero*. It is a dystopian novel set in a future landscape that is almost completely flooded. A good-versus-evil adventure story of a seaborne boy trying to escape from the land grabbing Terra Firma villains. Francesca was inspired by childhood memories of an old fishing smack the "Ionia" stranded in the mud at Slaughden in Aldeburgh, by stories of the "boat people", and by the Maunsell Forts off the Kent coast. Getting books published can be a matter of a manuscript being rewritten many numerous times until the editor is satisfied but the marketing people have the final say about offering a contract! As for the actual writing, Francesca says for her the plotting is hard but she is good at characters and that helps to get the story going. She also mentioned that she has a strong mental visualisation to help her story telling. We very much enjoyed this glimpse into an author's journey.

At our May 15th 7:15pm meeting the speaker will be Claire Sullivan.  
"Contemporary Hemporary" working with hemp in a traditional way. All welcome.

Lynne Venn

## Save the date

### Middleton Open Gardens

1st and 2nd June

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton; natural, formal, cottage, wildlife, courtyard, and gardens in progress, with people coming back time and again to see the development through to completion.

Funding raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting Suffolk Mind and Project40seven(Leiston)

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS





# PEASENHALL

## PEASENHALL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm, 15th MAY 2024

### PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

Followed by the Peasehall Parish Council Annual Meeting

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Please join our council :-

Peasehall Parish Council are looking for responsible, enthusiastic, positive & caring individuals who would like to join us. We have three vacant councillor posts to fill. Generally, to qualify you must vote, reside or work within three miles of the parish.

We currently meet in person ten evenings per year & mostly communicate via email between meetings.

Please email Carol Hume, our Parish Clerk on [peasehall.clerk@hotmail.com](mailto:peasehall.clerk@hotmail.com) who will confirm your eligibility to apply.

For information on past PPC meetings, financial matters, current surveys & other info, please view our website [peasehall.onesuffolk.net](http://peasehall.onesuffolk.net)

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## Nicky's Foundation Plant & Cake Sale & more! 2024 Saturday 25th May 10am-4pm



### Peasehall and Sibton Methodist Chapel, Peasehall, IP17 2JD

A wide selection of vegetable and bedding plants will be available including - tomatoes, chilli peppers, alyssum, cosmos, nasturtium, sunflowers, lobelia, petunias, salvia, marigolds, dahlias, sweet peas and much much more.

A tasty collection of bakes will be available to buy and we will be serving teas and coffees too. We also have Dawn, a local artist, exhibiting some of her 'Cameroon' collection of paintings .

All donations will go to Nicky's Foundation and our livelihood skills project. This project is supporting young people with disabilities displaced by the ongoing civil war in SW Cameroon to gain entrepreneurial skills

*We hope to see you there! Thank you.*

*Nicky Smith*

## PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

A huge Thank You to everyone who attended the Jumble and Cake sale. With your support we managed to raise an amazing £761.37. This will be put towards improving the insulation at the front entrance.

### Upcoming Events:-

Every **Tuesday** evening 6-7pm - **Dancefit** - £5 per session. Pre booking is required at <https://www.fleighactivewear.co.uk/book-online>

**Friday 3rd May - Peasehall Picture Palace** is back with *One Life*. This tells the true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis.

If you wish to hear about future films, please subscribe to our email list:- [peasehallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:peasehallpicpalacefilmclub@gmail.com)

**Saturday 18th May - Music and Food Night** - Bangers and Mash with music provided by The Butcher Boys & The Westleton Whistlers - doors open at 7pm.

**Saturday 25th May** - watch the F.A cup final on the big screen. Refreshments and snacks and the bar will be open. Time to be confirmed.

**Friday 31st May - The Pop Up Pub** - doors open at 7:00. Pool and games provided.

**Bingo** 10th May, 24th May, 21st June, 19th July. Doors open at 6.45pm till 10pm. Refreshments available.

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## PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be taking place on Monday 10th June at 7:00pm. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to see what we are about or if you have ideas for events please do come along. All are warmly welcomed.

As always, we value your support to enable us to continue to carry out improvements and maintenance to this amazing community space.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or if you wish to receive our newsletters directly to your inbox, please email: [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com).

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### Community Speedwatch - Peasehall

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**Do also have a look at our new website**, which we hope will keep you updated with all our news: <https://www.sibtonstpeter.com/>

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*Andrew Campbell*

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## THEBERTON

### UPDATE FROM THEBERTON LIONESSES

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are postponing the “Bring Your Bakes” day on 25th May. We hope to organise this for early next year and will keep you posted.

However, instead we are organising a fundraising party on 25th May including BBQ, summer buffet and afternoon tea. Do call for more information and ticket availability: Suzi Cooper 01728 635736: message 07879 685136: email [thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com](mailto:thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com). All profits to EACH and St Elizabeth.

We are planning our Jazz Marquee in Theberton on Sunday 1st September from 5:30pm. Tickets £35.00 to include wine reception, “Wear Something Jazzy” competition, two sessions from jazz trio Three of a Kind, sumptuous two-course summer buffet, mini auction, mini quiz, raffle and bar. Tickets already selling well, so book by calling 01728 635736, message 07879 685136 or email [thebertionlionesses@yahoo.com](mailto:thebertionlionesses@yahoo.com) (please note this email is new!). Looking forward to hearing from you about either of these events.

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### TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC & PARACHUTE JUMP

Come and join us on the 29th June at St Peter’s Church, as we celebrate St Peter’s Day, for the inaugural “Teddies from the Tower” jump. Bring your own Teddy Bear’s picnic to enjoy together!

Design a parachute for your favourite brave bear for a jump from the tower! Register your bear from 2pm; parachuting begins at 3pm. Meanwhile there will be music, a bar, and fun for all. Bears and owners of all ages welcome.

More details to follow or contact Nick Ward for information: [nickjward@gmail.com](mailto:nickjward@gmail.com)





## SUMMER FUN DAY

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- Organises the Annual Report and Accounts and submits them to the Diocese.
- Assists with procurement e.g. insurance and utilities and ensures accountability of all spending.

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- Most importantly, an individual who would like to support the Church in their community.
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**Friday 19th April** 10.30am Quarry Fen and Wood

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**Friday 3rd May** 7am Early Birder.

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**Wed 15th May** 3pm Woodland Butterfly.

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bees and butterflies about to identify.

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 VILLAGE HALL MAY 2024

The **Wheelbarrow/Community Market** is back in the foyer on Saturday May 4th 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 *The Holdovers*, a 2023 American comedy-drama set in the 70s. Tickets are £5 and available on the door.

On Saturday 11th May we are inviting you to.....**Come to the Races!!!!** This will be a fun packed evening of horse racing on the big screen in the Hall. A chance to bet on eight recorded races through the evening at only £1 per race. You will also have the opportunity to “buy a horse” on the evening, increasing your chance of additional winnings. There will also be a great raffle and all proceeds will go to the upkeep of the hall. Tickets are just £2 each and available from the hall’s foyer when open and from the village shop. Entry just £2 and doors open at 7pm, with racing starting at 7.30pm.

This month pet portraitist **Bernadette Haynes** will be exhibiting her beautiful watercolour pencil pet portraits in the Foyer. These aren’t for sale but are examples that can be commissioned through Bernadette. Her work captures the characters of pets perfectly, bringing them to life. Contact details can be supplied through Annie (details below).

**Tech Table** (volunteer help with tech challenges you may have) continues to run every Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm in the Foyer. Due to its popularity booking in advance is essential and only bookable via Annie; contact details below. Tech support is not available outside these times. You can now also view their monthly Tech Top Tips on our website (link at the bottom of the home page)

**Carpet bowls** this month will be on **Sunday 12th** (not 19th this month) 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.

The Parish Council will be running their monthly drop-in surgery session in the Foyer (this month on Monday 20th May 10:30-11:30am). Two members of the Parish Council will be available to hear residents' views and answer their questions. Do pop in for a chat and coffee.

**Consultation Room:** We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07821 055404. On Thursday 23rd May 9am-4.30pm we have **footcare** with Susan from No Bad Feet, and also Friday 24th 9am-12noon. To book call her on 07497 371073. **Reflexology** is back on Saturday 25th May 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 our **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, 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 run on Wednesday mornings. For more information please contact Annie above.*

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## 100 CLUB

1st prize: No 18 Jeremy & Kathryn Branch, 2nd prize: No 32 Andrew Burtenshaw. Congratulations to them.

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## **YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON**

Outreach Post Office - Mondays - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11.00am – 12.00pm

Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month

Outreach Post Office - Wednesdays - 9.30am - 12.00pm

Art Classes – Thursdays – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Youth Club - Thursdays – 6.00pm to 8.00pm - 11-18 year olds

Mobile Fish and Chip Van – Thursdays – 5:00pm - 7:30pm

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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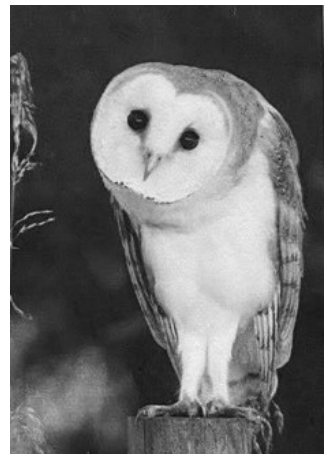
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From 1948, the Register was used as the National Health Service Register, and was updated until 1991, giving women’s new surnames when they got married, handwritten above their name. The online UK 1939 Register is a relatively unknown, but very useful tool for genealogists.

The talk takes place in person and, for members only, on Zoom, at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the library).

Penny will be speaking to us on Zoom and the talk starts at 2.30pm.

No need to book – just turn up — at £1.00 for members, £3.00 for visitors, including tea/coffee/biscuits. Good, free car-parking.

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