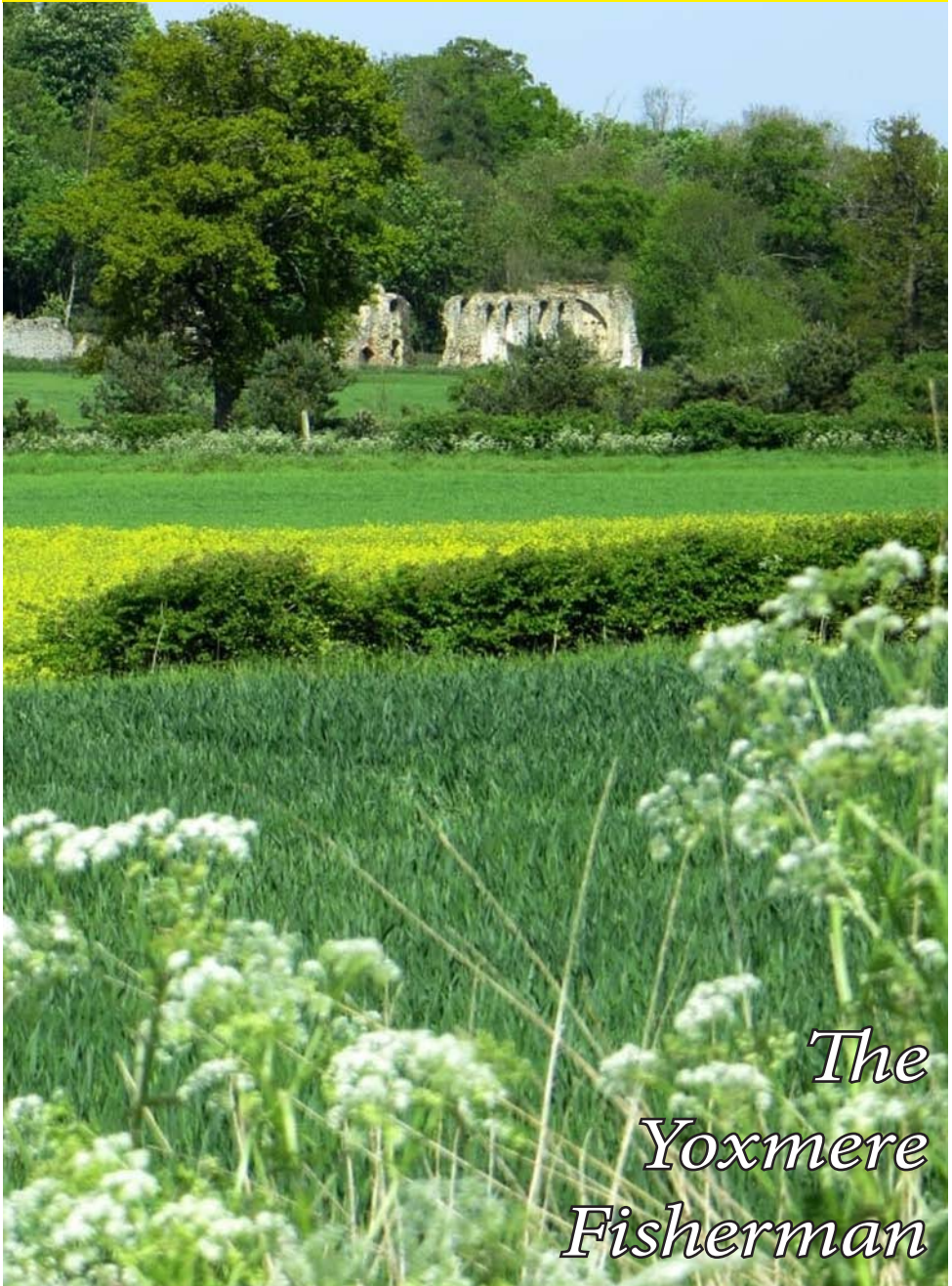


NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The
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May 2026

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2026

Sunday, 3rd May ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Sibton Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 10th May ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Theberton Rogation Service ~ Taizé
9.30am Westleton Morning Worship
9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion
10.00am Darsham Informal Worship
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer with Baptism
3.00pm Middleton Classical Concert

Thursday, 14th May ~ Ascension Day

7.30pm St. Margaret's, Ascension Day Service
Leiston

Sunday, 17th May ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

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)
6.00pm Sibton Evensong

Sunday, 24th May ~ Whit Sunday

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
9.30am Yoxford Informal Worship
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Praise at Methodist Chapel
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday, 31st May ~ Trinity Sunday

10.00am Darsham Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 7th June ~ 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Theberton Benefice Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford, 10.00am Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

3rd May, White
Acts 7.55-60
1 Peter 2.2-10
John 14.1-14

10th May, White
Acts 17.22-31
1 Peter 3.13-22
John 14.15-21

17th May, White
Acts 1.6-14
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
John 17.1-11

24th May, Red
Acts 2.1-21
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13
John 20.19-23

31st May, White
Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31
2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Matthew 28.16-20

Cover photo: I found this view of Sibton Abbey which I had saved some years ago. Regrettably I can't trace who sent it to me. Do let me know if it's you. PD (Editor)

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



One of the first films I ever saw at the cinema was *Moonraker*. You may well tell me that this is a pretty poor introduction to James Bond, but I was only five, and Roger Moore's child-friendly Bond was thrilling. I didn't understand anything about the plot (I'm not sure the scriptwriters did either!) but there were fights and gadgets and space ships!

From that moment I lapped up James Bond, watching the films when they came on telly, or the new ones at the cinema. As a child I turned away from the kissing bits but the fights were cool. As I've aged, unsurprisingly, I have become so much more conscious of the dark and predatory sides of Bond's character. There are aspects of him that were always supposed to be dark and difficult. And there are things which were of their time which are now very uncomfortable.

I've read some of the original books by Ian Fleming and enjoyed those too. *Moonraker* is very different from the film — it's as if the film's scriptwriters nicked the title and didn't read the book at all!

For the sake of stirring debate, I think the best films are *Casino Royale* and *OHMSS*, and Daniel Craig the best Bond. I also think Craig's is the best series — there is a real sense of his Bond having a character arc, down into coldness and cynicism before finding warmth again in the last film. This puts greater demands on Craig's acting range, which, happily, he can fulfil.

Ian Fleming is himself fascinating: part of the Special Operations Executive during the Second World War, he had first-hand experience of the nascent Q branch, and plenty of chances to meet role models for Bond. One such was Major Gus March-Phillipps, whose involvement in Operation Postmaster is loosely depicted in *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*. Another possible inspiration was Dunwich's own Jock Horsfall. A stockbroker turned racing driver, Jock became a discreet and trusted driver for the military. One of his missions was to carry a corpse in full naval uniform from London to Holy Loch, where it was packed on a submarine and taken to Spain. This was Operation Mincemeat, subject of two films: *The Man Who Never Was* and *Operation Mincemeat*.

As you may have seen in last month's *Fisherman*, Jock now has his own display in Dunwich museum, where you can learn much more about this fascinating man.

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Joyce Muriel Perkins, aged 95 years, on Tuesday 28th April at Seven Hills Crematorium.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: WORKING FOR A SAFER SUFFOLK

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Nick King

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 11th May and 1st June 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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THEOLOGY CORNER



Having spoken in the last two months about Just War theory and Christian Pacifism in the briefest detail, perhaps we should begin to think about what real peacemaking looks like?

Firstly, a question. How much conflict has been a ‘rematch’ after a failure of peacemaking? Our thoughts may move quickly to Northern Ireland’s centuries of trouble. We may think of the Second World War: almost inevitable after the First. We may think of Israel and Palestine, India and

Pakistan, or the Balkans.

This is enough to see that if real peacemaking is not done, we are doomed to repeat vengeance and cruelty over and over. No amount of just war theory can make up for a poor resolution to a conflict in the first place. War is always supposed to be a last resort, and always indicates a failure in diplomacy. What then might good diplomacy look like?

Stephen Covey proposes a ground rule for negotiation and a question in any failure to see eye to eye. Ground rule: no one may make their point until they have restated the other’s point to *their* satisfaction. Question: Would you be willing to search for a solution that is better than what either of us has proposed?

In any negotiation there is deeply felt grievance, usually on both sides. That grievance needs to be heard. Unfortunately, if we’re not careful, we can listen in a ‘yes, but!’ way — listening for how we will match that with our own grievance. We need to listen fully — hence the need to repeat to the satisfaction of the first person. This listening process should perhaps take months or years rather than days or weeks. It would still be cheaper and more productive than bombing.

The question then asks what we are really here for. You may not yet see what a better solution is than what you had imagined outside discussion — but are you willing to keep searching for a resolution that both sides think is better?

Genuine peacemaking will require enormous grace, from not only the negotiators, but also those they represent. The best peacemaking will seek justice for the underdog and justice for the future, and the willingness ultimately to *not* hark on about the past. It may sound impossible, but it is not. As all Christians know from the example of Jesus, grace is enormously costly, but ‘ungrace’ costlier still.

Blessings, Tim.

UKRAINE APPEAL THROUGH HOPE AND AID DIRECT

The war continues, sometimes almost obscured by worse events in the Middle East and elsewhere, but the local response to the HAAD appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine has once again proved how generous and caring the local communities are. If you still feel able to donate anything, we will continue to be most grateful. The last consignment went about a month ago and the next lorry should be heading out in May.

The list of items most needed is almost the same as last time:

Food - tinned, dried, flavourings, sauces, but no rice or pasta. Toiletries. Household and kitchen items - washing powder/ liquid, tea towels, scourers, sponges, J-cloths, etc. Hygiene and sanitary items. Small household tools. Medical aids - from Elastoplast to wheelchairs, walking aids, limb supports, etc.

Towels. Bedding - duvets, duvet covers, sheets, blankets, hot water bottles, etc.

Shoes - all ages, in good wearable condition. Socks - new or clean used.

Underwear - for men, women and children. New underpants, but bras can be in good, used condition. Children's and teens' clothing. Toys. Educational material eg writing, drawing and painting materials. Sorry - still no adult clothing, apart from socks and shoes, as HAAD has a backlog of this.

We cannot save the world but we are trying to make a small difference in one part of it. Thank you!

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WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – MAY 2026

Classes and Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. from 1:00pm (Carol 01986 784642)

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30am to 10.30am (Maria 07999 848655) (**Not 7th**)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11:00am to 12:00pm (Maria 07999 848655) (**Not 7th**)

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

Table Tennis – ev. Thurs. 7:00pm to 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**)

Crafty Club – Mon. 4th - 9.30am (Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Home Education Group – Wed. 9:00am (Rebecca Coe) (**not 13th or 27th**)

Dash Astro – Sun. 3rd Meeting (Chris Mead - 07736 160577)

Events and Meetings

Textile Temptations – Wed. 27th at 10:00am (Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Coffee Morning – Sat. 9th at 10:00am hosted by Pétanque

Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 12th at 7:00pm

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 18th at 9:30am to 12:30pm (Colin on 07528 515214)

100 CLUB RESULTS APRIL 2026

£100 Sue Davis, £50 Marlene Canham, £25 Philippa Maclachan

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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 make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can find the link at the What's On page on the Darsham Village Hall website.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING ON 14TH APRIL

Richard Knight from SZC gave an update on the Northern Park and Ride and the surrounding works. Details including slides will shortly be placed on the Darsham village website.

Suffolk County councillor Richard Smith was presented with a small gift and grateful thanks for his continued support over the last nine years and we wished him a happy retirement.

Councillor Paul Ashton from East Suffolk District Council gave a presentation. He

confirmed that the new recycling system will come into effect on 1st June. With effect from 8th May, you will be able to download an East Suffolk app which will give support for this new recycling system.

The annual parish meeting and annual PC meeting will be held on 12th May at 6pm in the village hall and all are invited.

Jasmine Backhouse

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. *Save the date!*

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

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 or 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.

Fast Cars and MI5 - A New Exhibition

“Fast Cars and MI5” is now open and 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. Join us for the launch of the exhibition on **Saturday May 23rd at 6pm**, which will include a talk by Cliff Nicholson.

May Half Term Drop-in Activities – Wednesday May 27th, 12-4pm.

Join us in the Reading Room for free activities! Make and decorate your own bee hotel, plant herbs and flowers, and make your garden or window ledge a more bee and butterfly friendly space. All ages welcome.

Museum Talks

Following our first talk on Jock Horsfall, the museum is planning a programme of online and in-person talks on a wide range of topics. See 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

GALLOWS FIELD WORKING PARTIES

Friday May 22nd and 29th, meet at 10am

If you enjoy teamwork outdoors in a special place, please come and help with the maintenance of the new hedging and care of the unique habitat of this environmentally special field, Bring your own tools, gloves, drinks, and lunch. Hot drinks and biscuits supplied. Westleton Road, Dunwich, TM 470 701

Any queries? Jane Hamilton, 07979 428058, manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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



Date for your diary

Middleton Open Gardens

6th and 7th June, 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 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

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE MORNING AND SPRING SALE

Saturday 2nd May, 10am - 12noon. Cakes, books, jigsaw puzzles, crafts, bric-a-brac.
All welcome. Please pop in to see us!

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will take place on Wednesday 20th May 2026
at 7pm in the Assembly Hall. Refreshments from 6.45pm

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting

will follow the APM. All welcome.

NICKY'S FOUNDATION PLANT AND CAKE SALE

Peasenhall Methodist Church, Monday 25th May, 10am - 4pm

A large selection of vegetable plants, herbs, bedding and perennials along with lots of tasty bakes will be on sale. Paintings from Dawn's Cameroon-inspired collection will be exhibited in the chapel and will be on sale. Please do pop in for a browse, meet the team and have a cuppa and a cake. All proceeds in aid of Nicky's Foundation. Parking available at Sibton Nursery School.

Nicky Smith

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Pop up Café – Wednesday 6th May 10am – 12pm

Hosted by the wonderful Weavers team of Sara and Beth. Tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Annual General Meeting – Monday 11th May at 7:00pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Pop-up Pub – Friday 29th May – Doors open 7pm

Start the Bank Holiday weekend off with a drink and friendly chat with your friends and neighbours. The pop-up pub will continue throughout the summer months, on the last Friday of every month.

Craft club – 1st and 3rd 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.

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Peasehall Picture Palace - Friday 1st May

The Choral – 2025 British historical drama written by Alan Bennett and starring Ralph Fiennes. 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. To hear about future films, please subscribe to our mailing list: peasehallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE: CONCERT BY IL QUARTETTO FAMIGLIA

At last an opportunity to hear another concert by our friends Il Quartetto Famiglia.

On Friday 12th June at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall 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 peasehallassemblyhall@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you again.

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 available.

For general enquiries or to join our friendly committee or volunteer at some of our events, please contact Frank Potter on 01728 660010 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com. More information at www.peasehall.onesuffolk.net/peasehall-assembly-hall Follow us on Facebook – Peasehall Assembly Hall

EASTER EGG HUNT

We all benefited from glorious weather over the Easter period. Additionally, children in Peasehall had the opportunity to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt, organised by Peasehall United Charities, whose origins date from 1580. Beth Benstead, one of the trustees, instigated the activity. She commented "The charity organises the highly successful Christmas lunch for the over 70s. We felt we should be supporting the younger residents of the village in an activity too. The hunt was a fun thing to do and encouraged families to get out and about. This was a perfect way to showcase the charity."



The event attracted twenty-six families to find the clues, which were displayed by local residents and businesses. Each child was awarded an Easter egg as a prize. Special thanks, too, to Tesco in Saxmundham who kindly donated some of the eggs. Plans are already in place.....or hatching, for next year's event.

KEEP MOVING IN PEASENHALL

Chair-based exercise class for older people (as well as younger people who would like to do some gentle exercise), alternate Tuesdays starting 28th April, 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Assembly Hall. Subsidised fee £3.00, including refreshments.

For information and to book your place, phone 07709 746167 or email z.horlock14@gmail.com.
Zoe Horlock

WALKING FOOTBALL

Each Wednesday morning on Peasehall and Sibton playing field. Everyone is welcome to join in this non-contact, gentler version of the game. Contact David on 07766 244989 for further details.

PEASENHALL OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL 20TH AND 21ST JUNE

Open gardens, refreshments, nature-themed art and photography competitions, and woodland nature sessions. Look out for information posters near you!!



Entry forms from the village shop or email; peasehallopengardens@gmail.com.

SIBTON

ST PETER'S SIBTON 2026 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sadly, the advertised concert by **Zephyr Baroque** had to be cancelled on the morning of April 11th allowing no time for advanced warning. We do apologise to anyone who set out for Sibton only to find there was nothing happening. We hope to be able to rearrange a date for the concert as Zephyr Baroque have provided such wonderful concerts in the past.

The Suffolk Strings orchestra will give their concert on May 10th, including works by Elgar, Finzi, Walton and Holst. Our concerts begin at 3.30pm and tea follows performances.

Sibton's Mighty Three-Day Book Sale is on 23rd, 24th and 25th May, 10.30am – 4.30pm. The choice is as wide as ever. Everything on sale is good quality second-hand, and the sale includes clothes; quality collectibles; bric-a-brac; children's books and toys; and plants as well as LPs, DVDs and CDs. All items are individually priced. Refreshments all day. Admission is free and there is ample car parking. Sibton church lies on the A1120 between Yoxford and Peasehall with its car park at IP17 2LX.

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'Art in Ruins II' will be held during the weekend beginning 18th July, both at Sibton church and, by kind permission of Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, at the Sibton Abbey Ruin where you can draw, paint or photograph in the serene surroundings of the ancient remains.

There will be two more concerts in the latter part of the year. All our events are advertised in advance. Tickets go on sale at the Weavers Tearoom and the Peasenhall General Stores, and also on the door. Refreshments are available at all our events and are always popular. To keep up to date visit our website sibtonstpeter.com and our Facebook page [Friends of St. Peter's Sibton](#).

Andrew Campbell

THEBERTON

"BRING YOUR BAKES"

The Theberton Lionesses are once again hosting the Bring Your Bakes day on Saturday 16th May. We invite any keen bakers to enter a large or small bread or large or small cake. (Children under 12 are also welcome to enter.) There will be a first prize for each category and a beautiful glass vase for the Best in Show. Entries need to be with us on Saturday 16th between 8.30 and 10.30am. Entry forms are available for advanced booking. We invite everyone to come along and view the entries from 2pm and enjoy full afternoon tea and prosecco or just tea and a bun. Entries will be auctioned from 3pm and we are also holding a raffle. Do join us! For more information, please contact Suzi Cooper on 01728 635736 or email thebertonlionesses@yahoo.com.

READY, STEADY, GROW!

Save the date! - **Theberton & Eastbridge Flower & Produce Show** is back on **Saturday 25th July** at Theberton Jubilee Hall.

Spring is underway so it's time to get growing, perfect your baking, and hone your crafting skills ready for the annual village show. Entries are open to all: young and old(er), experienced and novice, local villagers and those from further afield. There's a class for everyone: fruit and vegetables from alliums to tomatoes; flowers, herbs, and flower arrangements; a wide range of handicrafts; and your favourite sweet and savoury creations.

On the day, try your luck in the raffle for fabulous prizes, join the bidding frenzy in the auction of entries from the show, and catch up with friends and neighbours over tea and delicious home-made cake.

Look out for full details of classes and how to enter; the day's schedule can be found in the Yoxmere Fisherman, on the show's Facebook page, and in Jubilee Hall.

We can't wait to welcome you and see the results of all your hard work this summer.

Theberton & Eastbridge Flower & Produce Show Committee

OPEN GARDEN - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Jane Leng is opening the gardens and private nature reserve at Longacre, Church Road, Theberton, on Sunday, June 14th, from 10.00am to 5:00 pm, in aid of Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

THEBERTON & EASTBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 20th June, 12.00 until 4pm, at the Jubilee Village Hall. Put the date in your diary and come and have a go at the games, browse the craft stalls, enjoy the refreshments and try your luck on the grand draw! For more information contact Sally on 07394 968139 or Shell on 07887 409086.

WESTLETON

ST PETER'S CHURCH APCM

Our annual parochial church meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm, in church. This meeting is open to all and involves a review of the church's last year, the election of members to the PCC, and is an opportunity for everyone to consider and comment on the church's activities and role in the village, whilst enjoying a glass of wine.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS

The next **Nature Walk** is on **Saturday 30th May** from 10.30 to about 12 noon and then **Saturday 11th July**. Meet by the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.

As wildlife is now very active, the next **Working Party** is not until **Saturday 19th September** from 10.00am. Thanks to all who support our common. *Ian Webber*

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Sunday 31st May, 3:00pm | St Peter's Church, Westleton IP17 3AQ

Conductor: James Ham; Soloist: Tayfun Bomboz

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EDINBURGH FRINGE COMES TO WESTLETON!

On Saturday May 16th, legendary Soul Man Kenneth B. Woode will be making a one-off appearance at Westleton Village Hall, with local lad Frank Peel. Their eight-man soul orchestra, Ken Wood and the Mixers, will be performing their sell-out Edinburgh Fringe show "Amazing Stories of Blues and Soul - The Road Trip". Combining stories and sketches with your favourite soul and blues songs, Ken and his rambunctious crew

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WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL - COMING IN MAY

Saturday 2nd - Community Market in the Foyer 10am -12noon – local produce and home-cooked food, bric-a-brac and small gifts. Home-grown plants when weather permits.

Saturday 2nd - Film Night with a showing of *Hamnet* – a 2025 historical drama starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal. Doors and bar open at 7pm. Tickets still only £5, pay on the night.

Art in the Foyer – we look forward to hosting a display of unique photographs by Carole Homersham. Viewing available during normal Foyer opening hours.

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

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 - 12noon in the Foyer and welcomes anyone wanting to play and wishing to learn to play chess.

Groups/Activities - open to all

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

Thursday 14th May – Musicians’ afternoon from 1.30pm in main hall. Audience very welcome.

Thursday 28th May – Death Café - 4.15pm. All welcome.

Practitioners:

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Footcare with Susan – will be here on 30th April and 1st May. To book an appointment – phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email susan@nobadfeet.co.uk

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

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL/MAY 2026

Spring is finally here! And with that came the opportunity to do a bit of a spring clean here in Westleton with a community litter-pick on 28th March. The weather was kind to the 25-strong group, which managed to collect a sizeable amount of litter, alongside some weeding and street-sign cleaning, followed by a well-earned coffee courtesy of the Crown. Many thanks to all who helped, and to the Crown for their generosity.

The new **allotment** site is coming on leaps and bounds and the water supply has been installed. A couple of plots are still available for this season, with priority given to Westleton residents. If you are interested, please email allotments@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The proposed **affordable housing** project off Blythburgh Road is still yet to get off the ground, and Cllr Fisher is continuing to pursue the matter. East Suffolk District Council recently published a map of sites that have been proposed by landowners as part of the District Council’s preparations for a **new local plan**. Once the formal consultation opens in the coming weeks, the Parish Council will discuss the proposed sites and invite public engagement.

Turning to **Sizewell and other energy projects**, Suffolk County Council is considering a request by Westleton and surrounding parishes to reduce speed limits on the B1125 north and south of Westleton. Cllr Turner has submitted a response in respect of the consultation on LionLink and has made a second oral presentation to the Planning Inspectorate examination of Sea Link.

For each, Cllr Turner has requested that neither Sea Link nor LionLink traffic be allowed to use the B1125 and that both projects pay into a Suffolk County Council fund to contribute to road repairs needed as a result of increased traffic volumes. The **Community Engagement** working group has now shortlisted the questions to be included in a comprehensive village survey due to be formally launched at Westleton's Annual Parish Meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

6:30pm on Monday 18th May, Westleton Village Hall

Join us to find out the latest from across the parish! Refreshments available.

Agenda includes: the chance to meet your Parish, District, and new County Councillors; updates and reports from village organisations; launch of the 2026 Westleton Village Survey; updates on the new Local Plan for East Suffolk; latest news on the White Horse; and the very latest on Sizewell C and other energy projects.

Residents are always welcome to contact me at clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk with any questions. Minutes of the latest meeting can be found in the Parish Council noticeboard or at under "Parish Council" on the Westleton website.

Richard Green, Clerk to Westleton Parish Council

WESTLETON WI

At our April meeting our guest speaker was Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission. Andy gave an interesting and informative talk on the history of the mission and the work it does in supporting working and retired fishermen and their families. He interspersed this with his own rendition of traditional sea shanties and a fun quiz to test our knowledge of UK fishing (and fish and chips).

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 5th at 7-30pm. Our speaker is sculptor

Billie Bond demonstrating the clay slab method with decorative techniques.

Jane Simmons

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YOXFORD

ST PETER'S, YOXFORD

The church looked and smelt amazing over the Easter weekend. Many thanks to our dedicated team of flower arrangers! Also thank you to those who attended our Easter services and coffee morning and to those who helped and made cake. It was much appreciated! With the beautiful spring weather and promise of warmer longer days ahead we look forward to welcoming all at our church in the heart of our village . Our book stall has a varied selection for a donation to our ongoing fundraising . Our Wednesday Benefice Holy Communion at 10am is followed by coffee and chat, and our Pebbles group for babies and toddlers is at 11am on Wednesdays during term time. We would love to see you there.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM will be held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday 13th May at 2.30pm. All are welcome and if you are able to serve on our PCC, we would be delighted!

Lynne Putland, Churchwarden

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL WHAT'S ON, SPRING 2026

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

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YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL/MAY 2026

After much upheaval over many months, Yoxford Parish Council is pleased that both the new roundabout linking the A12 with the B1122 and the new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing on the A12 are now in use. It is hoped that the roundabout will ease disruption in the village as traffic for Sizewell C and other major energy infrastructure projects increases in the coming months and years, and that the new pedestrian crossing will increase safety on an ever-busier road through the village.

The council is well-aware of just how disruptive these works have been for residents in recent months – especially at unsociable hours – with prolonged road closures, noise, and mess.

Both the council and Clerk have done their utmost to secure the best outcomes for Yoxford and look forward to (hopefully) calmer times ahead. A period of change now lies ahead for the council. After careful consideration, I have decided to step down as Parish Clerk. I am grateful for everything I have learnt in the role, but it became clear to me that Yoxford needs a clerk with a much stronger local anchoring in order to best serve the community and the council during challenging times.

On 2nd April, the Chair Dave Tower, Vice-Chair Ian Patterson, and Chair of the Planning Sub-Committee Angie Roper also tendered their resignations. The council extends its sincere thanks to all three for their efforts in steering the council and its planning sub-committee, and for their commitment to their community. They will all be sorely missed, and the Parish Council wishes them all the very best for the future. The council is therefore looking to recruit a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. This is a paid role totalling ten hours per week, which can be worked flexibly from home in addition to attendance at one or two evening meetings per month. It would suit a candidate who lives in or near Yoxford. Previous experience as a clerk is not necessary as all training will be provided. The position would suit someone with a background in administration or finance.

With the resignation of Dave, Ian, and Angie, the council now has four councillor vacancies which it is seeking to fill as a priority. Although a voluntary role, being a councillor is a rewarding experience that offers a genuine opportunity to make a real difference in the community. For more information on any of these positions, please contact any councillor or email the Clerk at clerk@yoxfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. As always, residents are very welcome to contact the Clerk at any time 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*

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PROJECT UPDATE

MAY 2026

The Friday Street Roundabout and Yoxford Roundabout are now open to traffic. This is a significant milestone for the Sizewell C infrastructure improvement works, making two notorious junctions on the A12 a lot safer.

Delivered as part of Sizewell C's commitment to strengthening regional infrastructure, the new roundabouts replace older junctions that had become increasingly congested and challenging to navigate at peak times. The redesigned layouts now provide safer access to the A1094 at Friday Street and the B1122 at Yoxford, reducing queuing and lowering the risk of accidents. Whilst traffic management in the area will reduce, works around the roundabout will continue as the now redundant parts of the A12 are removed and prepared for landscaping, and the construction of the two-village bypass that will eventually connect to the Friday Street Roundabout continues.

The Southern and Northern Park and Ride car parks are open and our workforce are being bussed from the locations onto site. At the Northern Park and Ride, there are now 280 spaces, and 80 spaces at the Southern Park and Ride.

The roundabout that links the Northern Park and Ride with the A12 and Willow Marsh Lane continues to be constructed and linked to the road network; we expect the works to be completed by early summer.

A12 road improvements

We have recently completed the first of three signalised road crossings along the A12 in Yoxford. The next crossing will be constructed in Marlesford and is due to commence in May. Works will then proceed onto Little Glemham for the third signalised crossing. These works will require traffic management along the A12 and will be outlined on the **Sizewell C Works Tracker**.

In the wider road network, Sizewell C will be making general improvements on local roads, in particular on the B1122, B1125 and B1119. These works will improve safety accessibility and include high friction surfacing, new footways, vegetation management for improved visibility, signage, and village gateways. The first work to commence will be the B1122 footpath improvements starting in mid-April.

This work will involve traffic management during the day and some night time closures to maximise time and lessen disruption on the road network during the working day. We are also conducting these works in collaboration with other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the area, in particular Scottish Power Renewables.



Scan the QR code for further details about the collaboration.

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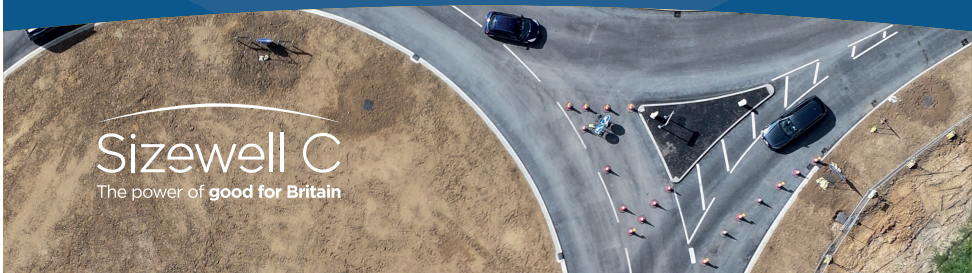
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