

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman



November 2025

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday, 1st November

3pm Westleton All Souls' Service

Sunday, 2nd November, 4th Sunday before Advent

10.00am Middleton Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November ~ Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Peasehall Holy Communion

10.45am Peasehall Remembrance Day Service
with Sibton and Yoxford

10.50am Dunwich Remembrance Day Service
with Darsham and Westleton

10.50am Middleton Remembrance Day Service

10.55am Theberton Wreath Laying

11.15am Remembrance Day Service

12 noon Westleton Wreath Laying at Memorial

Sunday, 16th November ~ 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am Theberton Morning Praise

9.30am Yoxford family@church

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion ~ with Westleton

11.00am Peasehall Holy Communion (BCP)

4.00pm Sibton Evensong

Sunday, 23rd November ~ Christ the King

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion with Dunwich
& Westleton

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer
with Archdeacon Rich Henderson

11.00am Peasehall Morning Worship at the Methodist Chapel

3.30pm Darsham Evensong

Sunday, 30th November ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

10.00am Yoxford Advent Benefice Service with
Holy Communion

Sunday, 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.00am Westleton Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford ~ 10.00am Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

2nd November White

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1.11-23

Luke 6.20-31

9th November Red

Job 19.23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,
13-17

Luke 20.27-38

16th November Red

Malachi 4.1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

23rd November White

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

*The sculpture of soldiers shown on the cover was made by Mark Kenward;
photo by Nick Ward.*

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



Ten years ago, during the summer break between my two years at theological college, I took a placement — a week observing prison chaplaincy. So I and two college friends turned up at Littlehey prison on a Monday morning, having already gone through significant security checks to be accepted for the placement.

When we arrived, we were asked to show photo ID. My friends produced their driving licences. I could not. I hadn't brought a wallet! No photo ID: no admission — despite all the previous security checks I'd been through. That was that.

As I was told this, I raced through a whirl of emotions. Incredulity — “You can't be serious?!” Then bargaining: “Come on, you know I'm due to come, the others have photo ID, and they know who I am!” Soon there was internal blame and anger: “It's not my fault, no one said to bring photo ID!” Then shame mixed with depression — not only was *my* day over already, but I'd failed my friends who couldn't enter either, and it was my fault. Of course we returned the next day (with ID!) and I got over it — we all make mistakes.

As I reflected, I realised that I had experienced the ‘five stages of grief’ in miniature. These stages were first documented by Elizabeth Kübler-Ross, inspired by her work with terminally ill patients. Patients typically go through denial, anger, bargaining and depression before reaching acceptance of what is happening to them. But these emotions turn up when we suffer almost any loss, from lost keys to a lost sporting fixture to the loss of a close loved one — the difference being the depth and duration of these feelings. That said, nothing can compare to the death of a spouse, parent or child: our relationships are unique, shaped by the years of love experienced which are now gone.

To this end there will be an All Souls' service at 3pm on Saturday 1st November in St Peter's Westleton, to which all are welcome to remember those who have died.

We also have a monthly bereavement group that just might give you the support you need as you negotiate the five stages of grief. This meets in the foyer of Westleton Village Hall at 2pm on the first Monday of every month. The next meetings will be on Monday 3rd November, and then 1st December.

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Carol Ann Brown, aged 78 years, at St Michael's Peasenhall on Wednesday 1st October.

Diana Mary Alice Allen, aged 88 years, at St Peter's Sibton on Thursday 2nd October.

Memorial

James Polhill Youngman, aged 77 years, at St Peter's Westleton on Monday 6th October.

Baptism

Jasper Michael Graham Cook, at All Saints' Darsham, on Saturday 4th October.

ADVENT 2025 - MOTHERS' UNION NATIVITY SET

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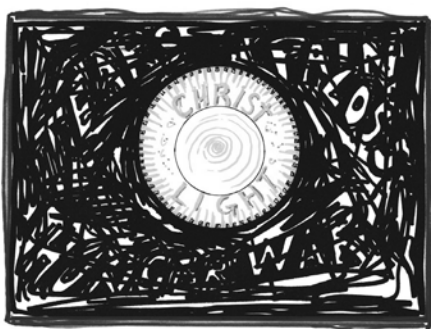
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Tradition

Last month I said that the Bible could be a frustrating partner in developing good ethics — even Jesus’ guidance is open to interpretation, and that interpretation was part of, and was shaped by, tradition.

Tradition sounds like the sort of fusty nonsense that Jesus was all about getting rid of. Time and again he conflicted with the pharisees about their traditions not being what God intended. So what do we mean by tradition, and why should we pay attention to it?

New Testament scholar Richard Hays describes tradition as “the church’s time-honoured practices of worship, service and critical reflection”. Which is to say that tradition is formed from all the prayer, study, sermons and debates that Christians have had through the centuries — including apostles, early church leaders, the “doctors” of the church such as Augustine and Jerome, the popes through the centuries, reformation titans such as Martin Luther, and more recent scholars such as Karl Barth, Jurgen Moltmann or Sam Wells. Why wouldn’t we bear in mind their countless hours of reflection when making ethical decisions?

And what were those hours of reflection based on? Scripture. So ideally, tradition is founded on great scholarship, focused on the Bible.

But having said that, tradition can become so awe-inspiring that it becomes hard to think afresh. It is hard to break out of the grip of Augustine or Aquinas and have a new take. Thought becomes crystallised. Nonetheless the Reformation did enable a significant break and fresh theological thinking. And there have been other moments of significant breakage with tradition too. Some of these changes must be seen as revelation — God revealing himself in a new way. Abolitionism in the UK was inspired by Wilberforce and the Clapham sect. Generations before them had accepted slavery. But their faith inspired them to campaign against it.

Similarly, centuries of church tradition had interpreted some lines of St Paul as indicating that women could have no place in church leadership. That changed on 12th March 1994 with the ordination of the first women to priesthood in the UK. Tradition, it seemed, could be overturned. It became possible to see that Paul might have been misunderstood and read out of context — although the appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury has further stoked the divisions within the worldwide Anglican church — sadly Christians do not all think and feel the same way!

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This same process is also happening with the church's views on homosexuality. While some maintain their traditional views, others are looking again at the context of Biblical statements on the subject, and finding room for different views. The process is slow due to the hugeness of the worldwide church but it is real, and entered into with quite as much prayer, scholarship and debate as previous traditions.

Next month we will think about reason!

All blessings, Tim.



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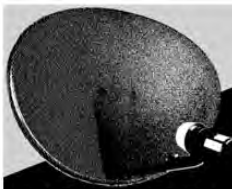
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Gift Day

On 1st November, from 10am to 12noon, the church will be holding a gift day. Do come along and see our lovely church and take a look at the beautiful windows. Everyone welcome. There will be fact sheets available and a booklet for the children to complete. A book will also be there for visitors to add their thoughts and memories of the church over the years.

Like most other churches, All Saints' is having to stretch its funds to cover many different expenses. We know times are hard for everyone but will be grateful to see any visitors to the church, which we like to think is at the heart of our community, and any contributions, no matter how small, will be gratefully received.

Refreshments will be available.

Rev'd Tim Rogers

Churchyard Tidy

15th November, 10am-12.30pm. Lunch will be provided. We are taking advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust about the management of the churchyard. We are endeavouring to strike a balance between adhering to current eco principles (we currently have a bronze Eco Church award) and keeping the churchyard tidy for visitors to the graves etc., so there are some areas to address. Do come along if you are able to lend a hand - even small jobs will really help. You don't have to be a churchgoer, we will be happy to see you.

Lesley Blackburn

Children's Christmas decoration-making

29th November. Making decorations for the Christmas tree.
In the church from 1.30pm.

Christingle

6th December at 4pm.

Carol Service

16th December at 6pm.



HARVEST LUNCH

This was held on the 12th of October and was well attended.

A very big thank you to all the volunteers that prepared the lunch and thank you for the donations of wonderful dishes. A collection was taken for Darsham All Saints' Church funds.

Jasmine Backhouse

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL – NOVEMBER 2025

Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. from 1.00pm (contact Carol 01986 784642)
Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30am to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)
Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11:00am to 12:00pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)
Yoga – every Fri. 10.30 to 11.30am (contact Debbie - lifeforceyoga.co.uk)
Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7.00pm to 9.00pm (Alan Holland 01728 668451)
Carpet Bowls – Every Fri. 2.30pm (contact Chris Fox (07725 725008)
Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9.30-10.30 and 11.00-12.00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146)
Crafty Club – Mon. 3rd - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)
Home Education Group – Wed. 9.00am (contact Rebecca Coe) (**Not 12th**)
Dash Astro – Sun. 2nd and 30th Meeting, 16th Observing (contact Chris Mead - 07736 160577)
Textile Temptations – Wed. 12th at 10.00am (Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

Events and Meetings

Coffee Morning – Sat. 8th at 10.00am, hosted by the Parish Council
Film Night – Sat. 8th (see notice below)
Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 11th at 7.00pm
Watercolour Classes – Mon. 17th at 9.30am to 12.30pm (Colin on 07528515214)
Race Night – Sat 15th November 7.00pm. This is a limited only event. For tickets, cost £2.50 per person, please email phil@darshamvillagehall.net

Fund Raising

Darsham Village Hall is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. We would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. You can find the link at the Whats On page on the Darsham Village Hall website.

FILM CLUB SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - *Mr Burton*

The film charts the transition of the young Richard Jenkins from an awkward adolescent to become adored stage icon, Richard Burton. Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher, Mr Burton (Toby Jones) and he thrives under his teacher's strict tutelage and the guidance of a kindly landlady (Lesley Manville). Unfortunately, Richard's demons threaten to hold him back.

Tickets, £5 and will be on sale at the Coffee Morning and on the door (card reader available). Doors open 6.45, film at 7pm. Bar and nibbles. For any queries, contact Anne on 07852 237389 or 01728 668270.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL, MEETING ON 14TH OCTOBER

Zoe Botten from Sizewell gave an update on the works and the proposed works surrounding Darsham.

The litter pick was well supported and a lot of interesting litter was collected. Thank you to the Fox pub for the welcome hot drinks afterwards.

Thank you to Darsham House for the well maintained permissive path running along the Westleton Road; also thank you to Emmerdale farm shop for extending the permissive path so people no longer need to walk on the very busy Westleton Road.

The PC coffee morning will be held on 8th November to raise money for the British Legion.

The laying of wreaths will be held on 9th November at Darsham Church.

The council has organised free CPR training on 17th November at the 2pm at Darsham Village Hall.

The next council meeting will be held on 11th November at 7pm in the Village Hall, Darsham.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chair Darsham PC

Darsham Dogs Christmas Gig

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 6th December 2025

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PANTOMIME LIVESTREAM – *Beauty and the Beast*

We are once again proud to present a livestream of this year's panto from the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. *Beauty and the Beast* will be showing in the Village Hall on Monday 29th December at 2.00pm (doors open at 1.30). Tickets will be £5 and available from Anne Mcphail 07852 237389 or Becky Butler 07826 553065. A great afternoon for kids and adults alike!

DUNWICH

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The museum is now closed for the winter season, so please check our website for details on our winter opening hours. We will be open for the holidays and the museum can be opened by appointment, so if you wish to visit, please write to us at manager@dunwichmuseum.org.uk.

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.

Saturday December 6th - Christmas Fair, 11am - 4pm

We will be holding our Christmas fair in the Dunwich Reading Room from 11am - 4pm. Find a perfect holiday gift, browse the wonderful creations of our craft folk, and enjoy a slice of cake and a glass of mulled wine!

Saturday December 27th - Christmas Fun, 12 – 3pm

Join us for an afternoon of drop-in activities and crafts in the Dunwich Reading Room. Decorate biscuits, get crafty, and enjoy some seasonal fun. Free to all ages!

Saturday February 21st – Art Workshop

Get creative in this artist-led landscape weaving workshop. We will provide all the supplies; all you need to bring is your enthusiasm and creativity. Book a place by emailing us at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk. £10 for adults and £3 for children.

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.



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MIDDLETON

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Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, 2pm Sunday 23rd November



We are delighted that Reiko Fujisawa has agreed to return for her third concert at Holy Trinity, at **2pm on Sunday November 23rd**. Reiko is an internationally renowned concert pianist (see www.reikofujisawa.com) and both her previous concerts have been huge successes in front of a (very) full church. Details of the programme will follow in due course and the concert will last around one hour.

Ticket prices are set simply to cover costs (not least hiring and moving a Steinway piano – and once again we are hugely grateful to Middleton's own Graham Cooke for offering his considerable expertise in tuning it for Reiko!) and will be available at the same price as last year: £17.50. These can be reserved by emailing Paul Taylor (from The Old Post Office in Middleton) on taylspaul@gmail.com. Paul will then contact you with payment and other details. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. We expect strong interest, so if you want to be sure of reserving a place, do contact Paul asap.

***Reiko Fujisawa** fuses the sensibilities of a musician raised in the Far East who trained in the West. She appears at prestigious venues and festivals all over the UK and overseas including Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room, King's Place, Stoller Hall, Brighton Festival and Hebden Bridge Piano Festival, and was a featured artist at the Japan 2001 Festival. Reiko has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and her recordings include an acclaimed CD of music by Bach, Beethoven and Schubert, which The Arts Desk found "irresistible". Her recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations also received a glowing review from The Record Geijutsu, Japan's equivalent to The Gramophone, describing it as an "unpretentious, clean and refreshing performance with a refined dignity".*

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UPDATE ON THE “MIDDLETON OAKS” AND B1125/B1122 JUNCTION ROAD LAYOUT

Following the demonstration reported in last month's issue, another demonstration was organised to try to stop the road closure for 'vegetation clearance' due to start the week beginning 6th October and after more press interest and intervention by our MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, SZC issued a last-minute reprieve, agreeing to pause works, stating they have *“instructed their contractors to revisit the road layout design”*. The press reported on a celebration (instead of demonstration) by locals expressing their delight under the mighty oaks!

So - at the time of writing, five out of the seven oaks within the DCO-approved boundary of works along the B1125 have definitely been saved, a great result - and getting SZC to pause works while detailed discussions now take place about the road layout issues which impact the remaining two oaks is a major success. Hopefully we'll have even more positive news to report next month.

If you wish to be kept up to date on these issues, please email me at mobilemandy@me.com and I'll add you to the mailing list.

Mandy Beaumont

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our September meeting we welcomed our speaker Julie from Harris & James chocolate makers in Beccles. About twenty years ago the family started Twyford's in Beccles, roasting coffee beans. Having gone on a chocolate making course in Paris in 2015 the owners decided to have a go at making their own in their domestic kitchen. Success! This led to setting up a small factory in Beccles where they also make gelato and pastries. A shop and cafe are attached and there are also make-your-own-chocolate



experiences available. Their cocoa beans are sourced directly from small farms and cooperatives from all over the tropical world. The beans arrive in sacks. They roast them at low temperatures, then crush them to separate shells from the nibs. The nibs are ground to make a liquid (flavours added then) and the liquid is then conched (rolled) to lower the acidity and to develop natural aromas. The chocolate is then tempered and finally moulded.

Julie brought along samples for us to try: 70% dark chocolate, milk chocolate and salted caramel milk chocolate. All have a high percentage of cocoa and all are delicious! Very little sugar is added in the making compared to a commercial product and no plastic is used in the packaging. Having sampled the chocolate, we had no hesitation in buying (at a nice discount) the chocolates Julie had brought to sell. Rita thanked Julie for letting us into the chocolate-making world.

Our November meeting will be on the 19th at 2.15pm. Tea and cakes at the AGM.

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL & SIBTON

REMEMBRANCE DAY, TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Placing of the poppy wreaths at the war memorial by St Michaels church, 10.50am.

All welcome

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

We would like to thank everyone who helped towards making this annual event a success, all who sponsored or gave donations, and all those who sat in church to welcome people taking part. The total raised this year was £855.00 - another fantastic amount. Many thanks to all.

Mike Thickitt

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Craft Club is held on the first and third Monday of the month so will be on **3rd and 17th November 2-4pm**. Includes knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing. Tea, coffee and biscuits with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. If you have any queries, please email Jane – theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Clubbercise is held every Tuesday at 6-7pm. (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November).

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

Pop-Up Café is held the first Wednesday of the month – 5th November 10am – 12pm. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Pilates Class. Every Thursday 9.45-10.45am. (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November). Suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com.

Peasenhall Picture Palace Friday 7th November

The next film we will be showing is *Black Bag* - a gripping spy drama about legendary intelligence agents George Woodhouse and his beloved wife Kathryn. When she is suspected of betraying the nation, George faces the ultimate test – loyalty to his marriage or to his country. Stars Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender. 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 have any requests or would like to hear about future films, please subscribe to our mailing list: peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com

Makers' Market

We are delighted to be hosting our bi-annual event on **Saturday 15th November, 10am to 3pm**. There will be a wide range of handmade products for sale from very talented artisans. Homemade refreshments and a raffle. A great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!

If you would like to book the hall for a family gathering or event, please phone 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 Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall. Instagram: [peasenhallassembly](https://www.instagram.com/peasenhallassembly). For more information about what's going on visit: www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall. We are a registered charity. No: 304808.

CHRISTMAS SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Peasenhall and Sibton Methodist Church, IP17 2JD

Saturday 29th November: 10am - 12noon

*Christmas cakes, wreaths, cards, bakes and preserves for sale
along with lots of other gift ideas!*



Please do pop in for a cuppa, a festive treat and a browse. Everyone welcome.

PEASENHALL CHRISTMAS TREE ILLUMINATIONS, SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER



The Christmas tree will be back on the knoll this year. The Parish Council will turn on the lights at 5.30pm followed by refreshments and carols at the Assembly Hall.

All welcome.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE OVER 70s

This will take place on Wednesday 17th December at the Assembly Hall. It is sponsored by the Peasehall United Charities and is available to anyone aged 70 or over, living in Peasehall. Carers under that age are also welcome.



The lunch will be a traditional Christmas three-course meal. Places are limited to thirty participants, so booking is essential. To book your place please contact one of the following:

Cliff Nicholson- clifftricia1857@gmail.com

Beth Benstead- 07412 538784

Revd Tim Rogers- 01728 668951

Carol Potter- 07716 171784

Sylvia Miller- 07971 776439

PEASENHALL SPEEDWATCH

If you are bothered by speeding traffic in the village please volunteer to join the speedwatch team. We currently do not have enough volunteers to make up the required number for training.

Please contact the parish clerk

PEASENHALL GENTS' MEETING

This twice-monthly meeting has started again after a summer recess. The meetings are held every first and third Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Chapel Room in Peasehall. The meetings are very informal with tea and cake. Those attending are asked to contribute £2.50 toward costs if they are able. Everyone is welcome to attend from across the area.

If you would like further information, please contact me on 07989 989050.

Chris Norrington

PEASENHALL & SIBTON SWIFT GROUP SPRING/SUMMER 2025

It has been a very good first year for our group. We have concentrated on checking four locations within the villages where surveys/counts were carried out during this spring and summer.

The first swift was spotted at the Assembly Hall on 28th April (an early date). They are also one of the earliest migrant birds to leave, and we saw our last swifts on 31st July. Over this period, we had our special flag flying at Sibton Nursery (with kind permission of Mr Levett-Scrivener and Tess the manager).

Up to nine nests were occupied on the south-facing gable end of the Assembly Hall, on the top edge of the wall under the eaves. This season, no swifts were seen using the swift boxes that were specially constructed on the north and south side of the hall, but we are hopeful that they will be used in the future. Up to twenty-six birds were seen flying in the area.

Trust Farm on Mill Road continues to be a popular place to see swifts and house martins during the season. Up to three swift nests were recorded under tiles on the front of the building and up to ten swifts were seen flying here.

The area near the Methodist Chapel was another popular area. Three were seen nesting under tiles on adjacent cottages, plus one nest box was occupied. An adjacent neighbour also reported that two nest boxes were occupied by swifts at the back of their house for the first time, after the boxes have been there for several years.

Around Sibton Country Supplies and The White Horse was another popular area for the swifts. Up to ten swift nests under tiles were reported from several properties in the area and at least twenty-five swifts were seen in groups performing their wonderful flying display.

Swifts are known for particularly liking old roofs, especially pantiled with spaces under the tiles. Our group are also encouraging swift nest boxes to be erected on suitable buildings and the use of swift bricks with built-in holes when repairs are carried out or new houses built. There is potential for more boxes to be erected at suitable locations around the villages, so if you are interested please contact me by emailing Martyn at swangallop@phonecoop.coop or on 07501 088546. We have a number of boxes available for a donation of £25 to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

I must thank the nine members from our community who supported the setting up of the Swift Group and our first successful summer season. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me as above.

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Theberton Church on Saturday 6th December, 11.00am to 4.00pm, and Sunday 7th December, 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will also be a Christmas Bazaar in the village hall on the same days.

This festival has become part of our Christmas in Theberton and we hope you will all come along to see this magical display of decorated trees. For information about providing a tree please contact Joan on 01728 830710. *Joan Harvey*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sally and Shell wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning held at Theberton Village Hall. We raised a fantastic £725.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



JUMBLE SALE

The jumble sale which was postponed from 18th October will now take place on the **Saturday 1st November** at Theberton Village Hall, 11.00am to 1.00pm. For more details contact Sally on 07394 968139. *Sally Ginger*

PHOTOGRAPHIC TALK: "A LOVE LETTER TO EAST SUFFOLK"

Illustrated with an enchanting and moving series of photographs of rural Suffolk and some of its people, by Richard Allenby-Pratt from his "Suffolk Project".

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www.thesuffolkproject.co.uk

WESTLETON

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CHURCH CLOSURE

Due to essential maintenance work, St Peter's Church, the churchyard and the footpath will be closed during November. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will endeavour to keep the footpath and churchyard open, but there will times when access is not possible due to health and safety concerns.

Worship services will be held in our sister churches throughout the benefice.

Details on Page 2. Thank you for your understanding.

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FOOD BANK

Donations are again being taken to Leiston, after a short break with the closure of Leiston Food Bank. Cartons for donations can be found outside the Foyer door at the village hall every Thursday. Items will now be taken on Friday mornings to Project40Seven, the community café (also the home of Refill) on Leiston High St. Please give generously as the winter months approach, bringing added expenses to those living on tight budgets.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS

The next and final **Nature Walk** of the year is on **Saturday 1st November** from 10.30am to about 12 noon.

The next and final **Working Party** is on **Saturday 15th November** from 10.30 to about 12.30. Everyone welcome; many hands make light work!

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

Next year's dates will be available shortly. In the meantime, please walk the new path opened with kind assistance from Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths between the bottle bank lay-by on B1125 and the view point at the southern end of the common. Follow the white-capped posts!

Ian Webber

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL NOVEMBER 2025

On **Saturday 1st November**, our regular and popular **Community/ Wheelbarrow Market** will be in the Foyer from 10am – 12pm and will run alongside our **Book Sale Weekend** which you can visit from 10am-4pm on the Saturday and 10am – 2pm on Sunday. You will find hundreds of varied and interesting books for sale at an incredible price of 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks. Only 50p to come in and under 16s are free! Light refreshments as usual from the Foyer.



Film Night is the following week on **Saturday 8th** for a showing of *Mr Burton*, a 2025 biographical drama film based on a true story. Doors and the bar open at 7pm, tickets available only at the door.



On **Friday 14th November** come along and make up a team for a **Fun Quiz**. Doors and Bar open at 7pm with a quiz start time of 7.30pm. Tickets are only £5pp, on sale now from the Foyer (normal opening times) and Westleton Village Stores.



On **Saturday 29th November** (2 -5pm)- there will be our annual and ever popular



Craft Fayre and Switch-On of Christmas Lights.

Come along for that unique Christmas present and browse over a dozen stalls selling beautiful local handmade crafts and produce, and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments, available in the Foyer.

The Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 4.30pm.

Other Events

Art in the Foyer for November and December - '**Suffolk Through the Seasons**'. We welcome an exhibition by local artist T. P. R. Canham, showcasing scenes from the Suffolk coast in watercolour, line and wash, and charcoal. Please come along and view during the Foyer open hours.

Foyer: Please come and join us for coffee, tea etc. and a chat. Open weekdays daily 10am – 12pm. The Chess and Coffee Group also runs on a Wednesday from here.

Tech Table: The Tech Team is still very busy, running on a Tuesday as a drop-in session in the Foyer from 9.30am, until 12noon.

The newly formed '**Death Cafe**' will meet this month in the Foyer on **Thursday 20th November** at 4.15pm - an informal group offering advice, support and a cuppa. No booking required. For more information, please email: francescabartle@googlemail.com

Hairdressing: Hannah Cutting from Travelling Salon will visit on **Tuesday 11th November** - 10am -12.30pm. If you would like to book or have a chat about your requirements, she can be contacted on 07856 517925 or email: travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com

Footcare with Susan - will be back **6th and 7th November**. To book an appointment – email susan@nobadfeet.co.uk or phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073.

Reflexology is back on **Saturday 29th November**. New hours are 9.30am – 12.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton on 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.

WESTLETON WI

At our October meeting we enjoyed a most interesting evening with Mary Lamb – a retired art teacher. Mary has had a stall at Westleton Village Hall events selling her skillful stained glass creations. She gave a very clear history of glass making and stained glass examples. She demonstrated the making of a copper foil robin. Members were encouraged to cut the glass, cover the edges with foil, and solder. We were very impressed with her finished pieces.

The next meeting is our Annual Meeting on November 4th and we will have a tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.

Gill Wood



100 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st prize No 146 Alan Goodridge and Nigel Whale.

2nd prize No 154 Nicole LeGrys.

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Following a very successful and well attended meeting, plans are now moving ahead to establish the village allotments. Many thanks to all who attended. Plots are still available if others are interested. Please contact the clerk, Richard Green, on Clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting to discuss the future of the White Horse. In case you were unable to attend, the slides presented during the meeting are available on the PC website, and a form is available in the shop to commit to actions to prevent the possible closure of the pub.

Following two demonstrations and press coverage, Sizewell C has decided not to fell five oak trees on the B1125 south of Middleton and is reviewing its plans for the extension of the B1125 to the planned Sizewell Link Road along with the need to fell two more oak trees. (More about this on Page 16.)

The Planning Inspectorate examination of the Sealink project will begin on 5th November. Westleton PC will present its concerns about the additional traffic and the destruction of the local environment resulting from the cable trenching and the construction of large industrial buildings completely disproportionate to the environment. We will further stress concerns about the impacts of the project on our residents and their quality of life, and about the damage to the tourism industry.

As a reminder: home owners need to apply to ESDC for permission to do any tree work in the conservation area. Even removal of a dead or potentially unsafe tree must be notified to the Council. For further information please see <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/design-heritage-ecology-trees-landscape-and-rights-of-way/trees/trees-in-conservation-areas/>

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on Monday November 24th, 10.30-11.30am in the Village Hall Foyer. The surgery is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns/ask questions to the Parish Council.

Council meeting minutes are available on the Westleton website and the notice board by the village shop.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

YOXFORD

PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

Every Wednesday during term time 11am-12noon. Pebbles is a stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers. Refreshments will be available for adults. Suggested donation of 50p per family.



YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL – WHAT'S ON

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

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

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 – first Thursday of the month - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Community Film Nights Yoxflicks – monthly – dates published separately

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

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

Hall and Marquee Hire – to book, contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748 784909.

YOXFORD ADVENT WINDOWS

We would like to revive the Advent Calendar Windows that so delightfully brightened Yoxford the first winter we moved to the village.

It is planned that one festive house/shop-front illuminated window would be ‘revealed’ each day between December 1st and 24th, and remain lit until 1st January.

We will include a game for the children to participate in, and intend to organise a viewing night with drinks at the pub.

Please see the poster in Horners’ window for further details. It would be great to light up the village this Christmas!

If you would like to join in, please contact me for further details.

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ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

"My two husbands, and the effect of war on young men" - Manette Baillie

Manette Baillie, now aged 103, was only 17 when Britain declared war on 3rd September 1939. She will tell us about her two husbands, Tom Derek Bowden, and Adam Reid Baillie and the effect of war on these young men.

The talk takes place on Monday 17th November at 2.30pm, at the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the Library). The talk starts at 2.30pm. No need to book – but do get there early, we anticipate a large turnout!

£3.00 including tea/coffee/biscuits. Good, free car-parking. The speaker will be present in person, and the talk will NOT be on Zoom.

Maggie Strutt

PROJECT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome to the latest round up of construction activity at Sizewell C.

Sizewell C is now working in multiple areas across East Suffolk whilst we build infrastructure such as park and ride facilities and rail extensions to transport our workers and freight. We are very sorry for the impact this work is having on local journeys. Our teams are working hard to get the new infrastructure built as quickly and safely as possible but we acknowledge that some work, such as the major works to build a new road to by pass two villages on the A12, will take up to two years before it is finished.

As our work ramps up we have introduced a weekly summary of road diversions and closures that can be found on the **Sizewell C Works Tracker** - Track SZC Projects & Get Alerts for New Activities. The update will be added to the Sizewell C social media feeds, our SMS and email alerts.

The traffic lights on the A12 at Marlesford will be lifted and moved off the carriageway by the time of publication. We are reviewing the cones along the A12 and will reduce the number required as much as possible, the lay-by works are due to be completed in early December, however we are making good progress and hope to complete the

work earlier than projected. As we progress the roundabouts at Friday Street and Yoxford, careful traffic management will still be required.

We are working hard to reduce HGV and Sizewell C related traffic, we are reducing the number of office-based workers coming into Leiston as we relocate staff to the Orwell Logistics Park site where 300 desks are available. The office at Orwell will also become the default base for external meetings. We are also opening the Northern Park and Ride in phases with the first partial opening from early November, with a bus service running from the Park and Ride to site. Bus services are also now running from Saxmundham train station as we continue to promote the use of train and public transport.

As part of our commitment to bring 60 per cent of our materials by sea and rail, we are prioritising the construction of the new rail line that will take our materials to our temporary construction area, with the aim to have trains running in the first half of 2026. The works will involve building level crossings across Buckleswood Road and the B1122 (Abbey Road) in Leiston, we have built a temporary diversion road to ensure that traffic disruption is minimised.

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This performance is booking now.

It is a one-night commitment and is available for January/February 2026.

For further details please email jan.farmery@icloud.com

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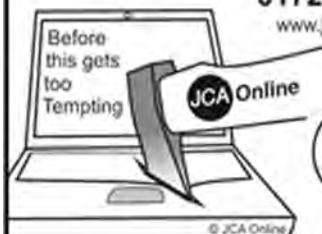
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