



The Yoxmere Fisherman



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June 2025

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



Many of us have seen what AI can do with image creation. I was curious and gave it a few tries. Then one of my boys asked me to ask ChatGPT to: 'draw a caveman making friends with an iguanodon using a taco'. It gave me the picture below.

I have multiple reactions to this. Firstly — said son was delighted: this was exactly the kind of picture he was hoping for.

Secondly there is wonder: how on earth does it do this? The level of complexity to get a computer to do this kind of art is extraordinary: the AI not only understood what a caveman, an iguanodon and a taco looked like, but it composed the image and understood the tone of the request. There is a cartoonish vibe to the request, but how did it understand?

Further reflection is more troublesome. ChatGPT gets its answers by chewing through the internet to borrow and adapt the things it finds. A Google search for the same request does not find a similar picture, but have I inadvertently infringed someone's copyright? How would we know? And secondly, AI is hugely energy and resource hungry. One study I found said that the creation of one image (like that above) uses the same amount of energy as fully charging your smartphone. That may not sound a lot to you, but when we all make AI images of cavemen, or ourselves as an action figure, the numbers add up, and they all translate into carbon in the atmosphere.

The trouble I see is that AI, and other computer intensive activities like streaming films, are making work in a computer we don't see, and we don't get a sense of how much heat they are producing, or how much energy consuming. Should



these platforms inform us of their energy usage in joules per hour or kilos of CO₂ per hour? How conscious are we of the cost of our digital consumption? Is this picture another step towards our own extinction (like that of the iguanodon and the Neanderthal)?

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS


Funeral

Patrick Cyril Canham, aged 89 years at All Saints', Darsham on 8th May, followed by burial at the Walpole & Cookley cemetery.

family@church

Sunday 15th June 9.30am
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Wednesday 25th June

10am Coffee in Sancroft Hall
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Judgement and Life after Death

Last month we looked at hell — where Christian ideas of hell come from, what they are, and what they may not be. Now let's look at judgement and the end of all things.

Judgement has a tendency to strike fear at our hearts. We can get on fine at work, but an annual performance review can strike fear at our hearts. The thought of God's judgement can make the most pious Christian nervous, too. And when John the Baptist warns that the one to come (Jesus) will have his winnowing fork in his hand, and will separate the wheat from the chaff (which he will burn with unquenchable

fire), it all sounds a bit... judgemental! But we shouldn't worry so much! The whole point of Christianity is that Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death and demonstrated our atonement with God, our forgiveness for our faults. And as for the wheat and the chaff? Every grain of wheat has chaff. The wheat is threshed to separate grain and chaff, and then winnowed. Surely this means that you are a grain of wheat, while your tendency to mess up, to sin, is your chaff. In judgement God separates you from your sin, which is thrown away, while the wholesome part of you is kept. This is actually a good thing! Threshed and winnowed grain is useful! Judgement is useful.

There are other phrases of judgement in the Bible, of course, such as separating the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25). Here we have the sense of a separation, but despite our assumptions, that phrase gives us very little, except that sheep and goats in those times looked very similar. Happily, in that same passage, Jesus goes on: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

The righteous (and unrighteous!) then deny they ever saw this, but he replies that 'whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me'.

Compassion for the needy is a key point of judgement! What is harder is that most of us are a mix of good and bad, generosity and selfishness, compassion and thoughtlessness. This is where I find the wheat and the chaff useful. I'd love to spend eternity in heaven — but only the worthy part of me deserves to go. I cannot spend eternity with God unchanged.

But do we really mean *heaven*? Well, not really! Read Revelation carefully and we'll find the promise of a 'new heaven and a new earth'. The old ones aren't scrapped, but *renewed*. Heaven is God's throne room, earth is where we live. So we're not, apparently,

going to get wings nor strum harps on clouds. We're invited to live in a renewed earth, in which there is no more pain, nor tears, no inequality, no jealousy, no problems.

I recognise there are enormous problems imagining all this. The literalist in me wants to ask about population density in the new earth, and where we'll all live if everyone from all history is here and if we'll see dodos. And the best answer to any of this is 'Don't be so literal!'

'In my Father's house there are many rooms,' says Jesus in John 14. Suddenly I'm picturing a great mansion. But that is too literal. Revelation describes the 'New Jerusalem' with streets paved with gold and a river running through it, and the tree of life bearing multiple different kinds of fruit, and its leaves are for the healing of the nation. This is a beautiful image of harmony. But it is just an image fighting with the limits of language to describe the infinitely wonderful that is eternity under God's loving rule. The Bible starts in a garden and ends in a garden city — a world in which we have chosen to live in harmony with each other and nature, under God's good rule. In the end all of this, all of faith, is less about *God's* judgement of *us*, than *our* judgement of *God*. When we have thought through creation and justice, sin, atonement, life and death have we decided that God is real? And is God a God you want to be with? And do you agree that the way Jesus asks you to live your life is the best way? And do you think his way will really win out over all other ways? If so, come to church, say your prayers, do the good that you can.

Blessings, Tim

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Mondays 2nd June and 7th July at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from the Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8TH JUNE AT 3PM

There will be a 'Pentecost Praise' service held at White House Farm, Great Glemham, Saxmundham IP17 1LS.

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This is a deanery informal worship service, led by the clergy of the deanery and attended by Bishop Graeme Knowles, the acting Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. All are welcome, all ages are welcome, but solid footwear is recommended as the ground is uneven. Bring a picnic, and join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from across the deanery.

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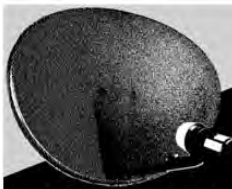
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WHAT'S ON IN DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL JUNE 2025

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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 07906 346545)

Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7:00pm to 9:00pm (contact Alan Holland 01728 668451)

Carpet Bowls – Every Fri. 2.30pm (contact Heather Shipp 01728 668251)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30 -10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (contact Megan

Mayes – 07521 318146)

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

Dash Astro – Sunday 11th Meeting 7:00pm

Home Education Group – Just 4th (contact Rebecca Coe)

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

Events and Meetings

Coffee Morning – Sat. 14th at 10:00am hosted by the All Saints Church

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

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

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

Earthdance - Sun. 8th 9:30am to 12:20pm

Darsham Village Hall is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find the link at the Whats on page on the Darsham Village Hall Web site.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 13th May and was well attended. Various village organisations displayed the activities available in Darsham. Wine and canapés were served. Grateful thanks to Budgens for donating the wine.

The Chair presented her report, as did County Councillor Richard Smith. This was followed by reports from each councillor on their portfolios.

The minutes of the APM will be placed on the Darsham website.

This was followed by the **Parish Council AGM**

Cllr Jasmine Backhouse was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Diane Taylor was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Cllr Holmes reported that 6200 cars entered the village from A12 along The Street in the first two weeks of April. The following two weeks in April 14,878 cars passed the the speed indicator. All the data is being collected with the intention of passing this on to Sizewell to support funding for a 20mph limit through the village. It was also agreed to apply for permission for a pole and a new speed indicator to slow down and monitor the traffic leaving the village from The Street towards the A12.

The PC has adopted the red phone box on Coronation Square. Cllr Oliver will be drawing up plans for its refurbishment so it can be used as a book and DVD exchange as well as a seasonal seed exchange.

Planning application for the grain store and stables at Green Farm was approved as well as for the erection of a shed adjacent to the Village Hall.

The Chair also wants to publicly thank all the councillors for voluntarily giving up their time to support the PC. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Jasmine Backhouse

DUNWICH

Concert at St James Church Dunwich

Saturday June 7th at 5.00pm

Bof!

This is a 60-minute concert of traditional French and Breton folk music followed by refreshments.

For further information contact Angela Abell
acabell@btinternet.com

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MIDDLETON

REFLECTIONS ON EASTER

Following on from the musical meditation for Lent on Maundy Thursday we were further delighted to be joined by so many people at the Easter service taken by Ruth. Marvellous music continued to fill the church as our organist, Trish, was accompanied by her wonderfully talented daughter, Hebe, playing the saxophone. Our thanks go everyone involved for creating an intimate and memorable gathering.

Rita Pateman, Churchwarden

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS

7th and 8th June 2025 (11am - 5pm)

We are looking forward to welcoming
new and returning visitors to our annual
Open Gardens in Middleton.

This year, as well as our beautiful regulars, we are excited to have
several new gardens alongside some returning favourites.

There will be arts/craft/vintage and plants/flower stalls at the Village Hall,
and family wildlife activities in one of the gardens.

We will be serving refreshments at the Pavilion and the Village Hall all day.

The event is fund raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton and supporting
the NSPCC (East Suffolk) and Leiston-based Project40Seven.

We look forward to welcoming you.



THOUGHT POEM(!) FOR THE MONTH

I Worried

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn
as it was taught, and if not how shall
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows
can do it and I am, well,
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,
am I going to get rheumatism,
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally, I saw that worrying had come to nothing.
And gave it up. And took my old body
and went out into the morning,
and sang.

Mary Oliver

MIDDLETON WI



At our April meeting we welcomed David Naylor, a volunteer from RSPB Minsmere and a keen bird watcher and amateur photographer. Over the years he has carried out bird surveys, observed weather effects on the reserve and monitored the animals and reptiles living there. Minsmere has distinct areas of habitat which sustain a wide diversity of wildlife. The reedbeds are home to bitterns, bearded tits, great crested grebes, water voles and otters. Lowland heath, woodland and grassland support nightjars, nightingales, stone curlews, dartford warblers, red deer, badgers, muntjacs, red fox and stoats. Soaring above Minsmere can now be seen the marsh harrier which has reappeared after the use of DDT was banned. In the spring and autumn there are migrating birds on their way to and from Africa. In the near future, David told us, there is a good chance that the osprey and the white-tailed sea eagle will become residents in our reserve. Rita thanked David for his very interesting talk and his stunning photos with which he illustrates his talks, one of which had been chosen for The Countryfile Calendar!

Our June meeting will be on the 18th at 7:15pm. Our speaker will be Mark Mitchels and his view of "The Suffolk Coastline". Everyone is welcome to join us.

Lynne Venn

SAVE THE DATE!

Folk in the Garden will be happening on **Sunday 24th August**
at Manor House in Middleton,
raising money for Bowel Cancer UK.

The magnificent Honey and the Bear with Toby Shaer
will be headlining, supported by local bands Silmor and Kyson Point.

A rectangular advertisement for Toby's Pet Shop. The top section has a blue background with the shop's name 'Toby's Pet Shop' in white, stylized font. Below this, on a white background, is the text 'PET, EQUESTRIAN & LIVESTOCK - FEED, BEDDING & SUPPLIES' in a small, black, sans-serif font. Underneath is the tagline 'Nurturing Good Nutrition, Naturally' in a large, black, cursive font. The main body of the ad lists various products and services in a small, black, sans-serif font, including food for various animals, treats, bedding, and grooming products. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text stating 'FREE LOCAL DELIVERY (T&C's apply)' and the shop's address and contact information: 'UNIT C2, CHARNWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, IP13 9PT' and 'W3W: POODLE.CLUES.TWITCHES 01728 727409 / 724571'. The entire ad is framed by a thin black border.

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SWIFT GROUP

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The group intends to survey where swifts are breeding in the two villages and encourage owners to install more swift nest boxes at suitable elevated locations. We will also be attempting to monitor numbers of birds and, hopefully identify any increases in population. If you think you have swifts nesting in your roof or nearby we'd be pleased to know.

These summer visitors – here for just four months from May to August – thrill us with low-level acrobatics and gyroscopic flights as they scream around the skies, prospecting for potential nest sites. They feed, sleep and even mate on the wing, landing only to fashion a minimal nest cup and breed. They are commonly nesting in pan-tiled roofs of older buildings, if nest boxes aren't available. Our first swift was spotted by the Assembly Hall on 28th April, brought in early by the warm weather.

If you are interested in joining or supporting the group please contact Martyn on 07501 088546 or email Swangallop@phonecoop.coop. We have purchased a flag to show that swifts have arrived, which is now flying outside Sibton Nursery, with kind permission of Mr Levett-Scrivener and the help of Manager Tess.

Martyn Burnside

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL OPEN GARDENS FLOWER FESTIVAL & MAKERS' MARKET



28th & 29th JUNE (10am-4pm, Saturday, 11am-5pm Sunday)

Open Gardens

Come and visit our lovely village where we have a mixed selection of gardens. Some of the gardens beyond the village can also be visited via public footpaths to make the visit all the more enjoyable (maps provided).

Entry is by programme. These will be available to buy from the church porch on Saturday, and from the Assembly Hall on Sunday. Entry to all the gardens is £5.00 per day. Children under 12 free.

Flower Festival in St Michael's Church

Theme: "The Garden". Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 1pm - 5pm. Entry by donation. There is also a **Benefice Communion Service on Sunday morning at 10am**. Everyone is welcome!



Makers' Market

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June 10am – 4pm in the Assembly Hall. Local artisans selling a wide variety of handmade products including: lampshades, silver jewellery, metalwork items, turned wooden gifts, framed pictures, handmade fabric bags, needle felting, picture frames, cards and bunting, stained glass.

- The village hall will be open for refreshments on both days, serving cakes, filled rolls, cream teas and Pimms.
- Extra parking is available at Whincops Garage in the main street (many thanks to P. S. Whincop).
- Funds raised over the weekend will go to St Michael's Church, the Assembly Hall and the Whizz Kidz Charity.

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL: WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Craft Club is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month so will be on the **2nd and 16th June 2-4pm**. If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, why don't you come and join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. If you have any queries, please email Jane – theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Looking at getting fitter or try out some dance moves then why not try **Clubbercise on Tuesdays at 6-7pm. 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th June** (Term time only).

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 Weds 4th June 10am – 12pm. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits along with lots of chat.

Pilates Class. Every Thursday 9.45-10.45am. (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th June) Suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com

Peasenhall Picture Palace 6th June

At the next Film Club we will be showing *A Complete Unknown*.

In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

Contd. /

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Peasenhall Assembly Hall AGM Monday 16th June 7pm

Come along to hear what we have been up to and our plans for the future. It is also an opportunity for residents to have a say about the use and upkeep of the hall. We value your comments and input, so would very much like you to join us.

Pop-up Pub Friday 20th June 7-11pm

Come along for a drink and chat with friends. There will be games available (cards, scrabble, Bananagrams, dominoes etc). Licensed bar. If you have any ideas / suggestions on the format, please do let us know by talking to one of the trustees or emailing theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Makers' Market on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June 10am-4pm to coincide with the Church's Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend (see notice above). We still have a couple of spaces left on the Sunday if any artisans would like to have a stall. Please contact Jane on 07767 167968 or theassemblyhall19@gmail.com for more information.

A Trio of Delights

This will be a wonderful evening of music here at the Assembly Hall on **Sunday, 29th June at 7.30pm.**

A tremendous opportunity to hear Anna Noakes, Bob Smissen and Gabrielle Dell'Ollio together. This outstanding trio of flute, viola and harp will play music by Ravel, Debussy and Tony Britten among others.

Many of you will know Anna from her previous visits to the Hall, and Bob is a familiar figure in the Quartetto Famiglia. They are joined by Gabrielle, an internationally renowned harpist with an impressive list of achievements and recordings. A real trio of delights!

Do come and join us for a glass of wine and a summer evening of music. Tickets remain at £15 and you can reserve yours at peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com or on 01728 660339. We look forward to seeing you.

Facilities Update

The new heating system has been installed and the new notice board is now in place. Additional insulation is due be fitted in the roof space in the next few weeks.

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

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

For general enquiries or if you would like to join our friendly committee or perhaps volunteer at some of our events, please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall.

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For more information about what's going on visit: www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall

SIBTON

EVENTS BY THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S SIBTON AT SIBTON CHURCH

The Suffolk Strings Annual Concert Sunday June 9th at 3.30pm, conducted by Peter Bumstead. The programme includes a J. S. Bach Violin Concerto, soloist Rosemary Shaw. Tea follows the performance. Tickets are on sale from 24th May at the Weavers Tearoom, Peasenhall and the Peasenhall General Stores or on the door (cash only please – there is no internet connection for cardless payments).

'FOLK IN RUINS' takes place during the weekend beginning **19th July** at Sibton Church and by kind permission of Nicholas Levett-Scrivener at the Sibton Abbey Ruin. Tickets for the event will be on sale at the Weavers Tearoom Peasenhall, and the Peasenhall General Stores or at the event (Cash only please – no internet connection). Tickets will also be on sale on Eventbrite from June 1st.

On Saturday 19th July from 2.00pm – 6.00pm there will be a folk afternoon at Sibton Abbey Ruin, with folk with music by **Syzewell Gap, Silmor and Mary-Jane & Keith Tyrrell**; family entertainment too with **Miraiker's World of Puppets** - including Punch & Judy, interactive circus skills, face painting and other children's entertainment. Food and drink is on sale from Ollie's Bar and Cheryl's Suffolk Catering.

At Sibton church on Saturday 19th and 20th from 10.30am – 4.00pm there's an exhibition and records about some unexpectedly famous people, and those who made their home (we continue to turn up fascinating facts through our research), life and living in Sibton from medieval times to the present day. There's opportunity to research into Sibton folk buried in the churchyard as well as information on those recorded with notable monuments in the church itself. Refreshments at the church are available throughout both days.

Do you have ancestors buried at Sibton? Do you have research, stories or family trees to share? If so, please contact Jan Belton, jan.belton@btinternet.com 01728 660111.

Friends of St Peter's website: <https://www.sibtonstpeter.com/> and of course, keep up with us and like us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterssibton/>.

PROJECT UPDATE

JUNE 2025

Work across all Sizewell C sites continues to progress at pace.

Preparation for the Friday Street Roundabout is progressing well. The works compound has been established and the vegetation and tree clearance along the A12 is almost complete. Site preparation along the route of the two-village bypass is also ongoing for the archaeology phase.

Yoxford Roundabout is also being prepared for construction. BT Openreach will be diverting cables along the A12 from May to June which will require traffic management with traffic signals.

For the Sizewell Link Road, a works compound has been established at the western end of the Sizewell Link Road beside the A12, with archaeological works ongoing. The Park and Ride site preparation continues, with construction due to begin this summer. Railway track improvements along the Leiston branch continue at pace, we expect the first trains bringing in materials to site this summer.

The Freight Management Facility (FMF) at the Orwell Logistics Park, which located off the A14 is now operational. The FMF is a vital part of how we manage our lorries and goods travelling to Sizewell. The FMF site will be for HGVs to check-in before proceeding along the A12 to site.

We are installing average speed cameras along the B1122 and the B1125 from the end of May 2025 to further enhance road safety along this route.

We are also upgrading the temporary Sizewell C signs across the county along the A14, A12 and local roads to be permanent signs. An Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) layby will also be built on the A12 near the B1078 that will help to manage our wider load HGV movements that are escorted by the police to site.

From the summer we will be undertaking road improvements along the B1122, B1078, A140 / B1078 and the B1119 / A12 at Saxmundham, further details and updates will be given to communities as the works programmes are finalised.

Along the Sizewell beach, from the week commencing 19th May, we will be establishing two small compounds on the foreshore. One compound will be approx. 5mx5m, Heras fenced, and the second compound will be 20mx5m storage and welfare, and will be fenced off. There will be no impact to the public footpath along the route.

From the end of May 2025, Sizewell C will begin construction of the northern section of the temporary sea defence. We will be installing sheet piles at 7.3m height to create the temporary defence. This work will continue over the next few months. We will carry out these works Monday-Friday. The public footpath will remain open for the duration of the works. We apologise in advance for any noise disturbance caused due to these works.



THEBERTON

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDAY



**Saturday 21st June, 12noon - 4pm
at the Village Hall, Church Rd.**



There will be a variety of refreshments on offer, stalls and games including coconut shy, bowling and tombola, a £50 chance draw, a raffle, and bouncy castles too!!

Ample parking very close by. Please contact Shell on 07887 409086 or Sally on 07394 968139 with any queries. Proceeds go to the upkeep of our village hall.

Sally Ginger

TEDDIES FROM THE TOWER

St Peter's Church

Saturday 28th June from 12.30pm

We will be celebrating St Peter's Day once again with parachuting teddy bears from the tower.

Design a parachute ahead of the day or make one on the day - materials provided. Bring-and-share lunch - then register your bear for £1. Parachuting from 2pm. Money raised will go toward the tower fund.

Any questions: email sallyilett57@gmail.com

Simon Ilett



CALLING ALL FLOWER GROWERS AND FABULOUS COOKS!

The Theberton & Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show is back on Saturday, 26th July, at Theberton Jubilee Hall—and it's time to start planning your entries for two of our most colourful and mouth-watering sections: Flowers and Cookery!

Whether your garden is bursting with blooms or your kitchen is your happy place, we'd love to see your creations on the show bench this summer. Over in the Cookery Section, we're looking forward to a tempting spread of homemade treats.

Full entry details, classes, and timings are on our Theberton and Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show Facebook page and in the Jubilee Hall.

Joanna Chapman

CEILIDH (SAVE THE DATE)

Saturday August 30th from 5.30pm at Darsham Village Hall.

Tickets £35.00 to include wine reception and two-course buffet, followed by dancing led by the Hosepipe Band. Please contact Suzi on 01728 635736.

Suzi Cooper



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WESTLETON

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL JUNE 2025

On **Saturday 7th June** - our regular **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** in the Foyer and outside (weather permitting) 10am -12.30pm. Local and home baked produce, honey and eggs, homegrown plants and seasonal fruit and vegetables, as well as bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments in the Foyer.

Film Night is also **7th June** with 1954 American mystery thriller *Rear Window*, directed by Alfred Hitchcock and written by John Michael Hayes. It is considered by many to be one of Hitchcock's best films, as well as one of the greatest films ever made.

On **Saturday 14th June**, there will be the **Westleton Yard Sale** from 10am to 4pm, with collectables, furniture, bric-a-brac, garden items and so much more for sale in the gardens and driveways around the village. You will be able to purchase a map of the various sales pitches for £1 from the Village Hall, in order to start your tour. Under 16s go free! There will be refreshments in the Hall Foyer and a plant sale in the car park (see page 24).

Art in the Foyer in June - an individual collection by Jade Coston, more details to follow.

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' has returned on a Tuesday morning in the Foyer 9.30am – 12noon, to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/laptop issues. This is now a drop-in session with no booking required and works on a triage system. Issues will be fixed on site if possible or a further appointment booked if required.

Reflexology is back on Saturday 28th June 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or www.julietoverton.co.uk

Important Notice – Special Event

Open Gardens at Scotts Hall, Minsmere –Sunday 22nd June 2-5pm

Between Westleton and RSPB Minsmere. SatNav (52.250,1.605)

What 3 Words: regaining/pitching/finders

Beautiful hidden gardens, rarely open to the public, will be available to view by kind permission of the owners and in aid of Westleton Village Hall.

Tickets will be available at the gate, £5.00 per person

(**cash only please:** children under 12 free). Dogs on leads welcome.

Teas and home-baked cakes will be available, together with a plant sale and book stall.

Come and join us for a fabulous afternoon!



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WESTLETON WI



The May meeting is traditionally spent voting for resolutions. This year we voted for the Resolution: “Bystanders can be Lifesavers”. To support this, we have decided to hold a Lifesavers event.

As part of our charitable work we are supporting the organisations Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Assistance Dogs UK.

We had the pleasure of choosing our puppies for both organisations. It was so difficult to choose but black lab Leo was chosen to be a guide dog, and Dibble the dachshund won our hearts as the medical assistance dog.

Next month Gen Broad will be talking about her mother’s experiences in the Land Army in Suffolk.

Gill Wood

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS FOR JULY 2025

As the nesting season has begun, there are no **Working Parties** until **September**.

The next **Nature Walk** takes place on **Saturday 12th July** from 10.30am to about 12noon.

Please meet by the main Common Noticeboard opposite the green storage container in the car park to the right at the top of Mill Street.

Please also make use of the new seats installed on the bank near the steps to Black Slough at the southern point of the Common. These offer spectacular views to Middleton to the west and over the Common to the east.

Ian Webber

PLANT SALE



Saturday 14th June 10am- 4pm

Westleton Village Hall Car Park

Running alongside Westleton Yard Sale
and raising funds for Westleton Gardeners
Light Refreshments available in the Foyer



OPEN GARDEN The Barn, Westleton

Sunday 15th June 2-5pm

Thirteen acres of garden with planting, woodlands,
sculptures, earthworks and a pond.

In aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Refreshments available. Dogs on leads welcome.



WESTLETON DONATIONS TO LEISTON FOOD BANK

A very big thank you to all who donate. Items for the food bank may be left at Westleton Village Hall and will be delivered by Westleton volunteers to Leiston United Church on Friday mornings. Below is an updated list of suggested donations:

General	Rice (small bag max 1 kg)	Fruit
Cereals/Breakfast bars	Soups - tins or packets	Meat
Cocoa (e.g. Bourneville cocoa, Hot chocolate)	Sugar	Pasta sauce
Coffee	Tea	Rice pudding
Cooking Oil (e.g. sunflower oil)	Tomato ketchup	Tomatoes
Dried Fruit: apricots, raisins, sultanas	Washing-up liquid	Vegetables (e.g. potatoes, carrots, peas, tomatoes)
Fruit flavoured squash (e.g. orange/blackcurrant)	Treats	Health Products
Instant mashed potato	Biscuits	Hand/body cream and deodorant
Laundry liquid detergent	Custard	Ladies' sanitary products
Laundry powder	Small tarts (apple, bakewell etc.)	Loo rolls
Lentils, beans and pulses	Sweets (e.g. chocolates etc.)	Nappies
Long life whole milk	Tinned Foods	Shampoo
Mayonnaise	Beans (e.g. baked beans, kidney beans)	Shower gel
Pasta (max 1kg bag)	Baked beans & sausage	Toilet soap
Pasta sauce jars	Corn	Toothpaste
	Fish (e.g. tuna, sardines, mackerel)	Toothbrushes

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met with Sizewell C (SZC) in April and May when SZC explained that the average speed cameras will be installed at either end of the village on the B1125 in May and will be activated in June. They also said that the entrance to the village on the Reckford Road will be moved south to be closer to the lay-by with the glass recycling bins and that the speed limit on the road to Middleton will be reduced to 50mph. The other traffic-calming measures within the village (narrowing the road around the Crown with the island by the church entrance, the double yellow lines, and the road-narrowing “build-out” by the playing field entrance) will be installed in October following official consultations for the Traffic Regulation Orders. At the same time, the road into Blythburgh by the water tower will be blocked-off – this should also deter traffic taking the shortcut to the B1122 via Westleton. Please see the Parish Council website for more information from the 7th May SCZ Northern Transport Forum.

The Planning Inspectorate (PI) has invited organisations and individuals to register as *interested parties* to allow participation in the PI Examination of the Sea Link cabling and converter station project. The Parish Council will register and recommends that residents also register as the additional traffic and construction works required for the Sea Link project will impact our area already suffering from the SZC works. The more individuals who register as interested parties to oppose the project, the harder it is for

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the Planning Inspectorate to approve it. **The deadline to register is 23rd June.** You can find information and guidance, and subscribe to receive Planning Inspectorate updates at the Sea Link page on the National Planning Inspectorate website (project EN020026) and on the Energy projects page of the Parish Council website.

Planning for a picnic/fete for villagers on Sunday 6th July (12-4pm) is underway. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of music, food and drink and games.

The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Please contact Ian Haines on clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like to see the job description and apply.

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on June 30th, 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.
Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

WESTLETON DEATH CAFÉ LAUNCHES IN THE AUTUMN (WITH CAKE!)

It might sound a little ghoulish, but a death café is a place where thoughts, queries, information, on all matters death and dying can be shared - things that are hard to drop into everyday conversation. Like taxes, death is a certainty and something none of us gets to practice. Anyone can drop in, offer experiences, information, ask questions of others or make suggestions. We aim to follow the “Death Café” principles which you can find here <https://deathcafe.com/what/> - and we will certainly be offering cake!

On **Thursday August 21st** we will be available in the Foyer of the Village Hall from 10am -11am to answer any questions. The Death Café will launch in September

Fran, Dilys, Keith & Judie

WESTLETON 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY

1st Prize: Keith and Liz Barton; 2nd Prize: Margaret Branton.

YOXFORD

YOXFORD'S BIG WEEKEND

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SATURDAY 5th JULY

11.00am. Fair Opens

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Teas, homemade cakes and barbecue
Live music throughout the day



11.30 am DOG SHOW outside the Village Hall - all entries welcome

3.30pm Fete Closes

FLOWER FESTIVAL 11.00am – 4.00pm St Peter's Church – with refreshments

CREATIVE YOXFORD in the Village Hall (see notice below)

SILENT AUCTION – (see notice below)

7.30pm Sing Out! Concert in St Peter's Church

SUNDAY 6th JULY

10.00am Flower Festival continues in St Peter's church

3.00pm. Yoxfayre Songs of Praise St Peter's Church - all welcome to come and sing along to your favourite hymns.

All proceeds from Yoxfayre will be divided between Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School (play equipment), the Townland Trust for the restoration of Yoxford's community land and St Peter's Church Organ Restoration Fund.

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EXHIBITION: YOXFORD CREATIVES PAST AND PRESENT

Saturday July 5th, 10am – 4pm, Yoxford Village Hall

The exhibition is presented by Yoxford History Group and features works by Richard Allenby-Pratt, Biddy Barclay, John Barrett, John Bawtree, Billie Bond, John Craig, Arnold Dobbs, Laurence Edwards, Joan Hodgkiss, Nancy Main, Ian Patterson, Betty Piper, Angus Stewart, and Deb Thompson.

This is a different venture for us! It began with the donation in 2023 of artist Deborah Ardizzone's Yoxford Gallery archive. This mainly comprises exhibition catalogues and associated receipts of the gallery started by her mother, artist Vera Delf in the 1960s.

We wanted to mount an exhibition and decided to include Milestone Pottery, here in the High St for twenty years from the 1970s. We then looked for all artists and writers of the past, dating back to the 17thC. Finally, we chose to invite all the artists and makers, photographers and writers who currently make Yoxford their home. This is the result!

Galerie Betty Charles Opening Spring Exhibition

"In Celebration of Suffolk"

Opening Times: Wednesday – Saturday 10.00am - 3.00pm

Other times by appointment: Bureau@bettycharles.com

The Exhibition ends on 28th June 2025

After many years of being an international art dealer, Lucy Charles is delighted to be returning to the county where her heart truly belongs with the opening of Galerie Betty Charles in Yoxford.

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Through these works, artists navigate what the countryside and nature mean to them, from the exploration of huge Suffolk skies to the careful observation of a tiny bird's nest.

We aim to shine a light on artists who are "new" to the market or consciousness, but who have authenticity of artistic merit and composition.

Exhibition information and details of our forthcoming lectures and talks can be found at: <https://www.bettycharles.com>

ART AFFAIR

We are pleased to announce that £576 was raised during the Art Affair Exhibition on 19th April and has been donated to Yoxford Village Hall. Part of this donation has been used to purchase an art hanging system which was installed prior to and used during the event, thereby providing a practical, beneficial and lasting legacy for any future events.

Thank you to all involved.

Diane Humphrey

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

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE 2025

This year's Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13th September from 9am to 5pm. It is usually a grand day out! Suffolk Churches would like to encourage more participators and sponsors, and especially younger riders and striders. Details of all participating churches, sponsorship forms, and other information should be available in the July/August Fisherman.

SO - if you feel like cycling, walking, sponsoring, or helping in church for an hour or so, you will be very welcome - don't be shy! If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me: Rosemary - 01728 668536.



Rosemary Draper

EVENTS AT WRENTHAM CHAPEL

Caedmon Evening: Friday June 20th from 7pm "Songs & Sonnets for a Suffolk Summer Solstice"

Celebrate all thing seasonal and our wonderful county with music, word and song. Join us for spontaneous performances, brought along by some of the audience, with a light buffet, wine and fruit juice in the interval.

Quiet Morning: Tuesday July 1st 10am-4pm

Set yourself up for the Summer Holidays with a peaceful time for quiet reflection in a variety of ways. Refreshments will be provided. Those wanting to linger longer may bring a packed lunch. Details: Sue Hardy 07771 882738

There is no charge for either of these events, but donations to chapel funds are always welcome.



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