

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman



December 2024 & January 2025

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025

Sunday 1st December ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

10.00am Westleton Advent & Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th December ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion with
Archdeacon Rich Henderson
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship
9.30am Theberton Christmas Tree Festival & Taizé
11.00am Darsham Morning Prayer
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Morning Prayer
3.30pm Sibton Christmas Celebrations

Wednesday 11th December

6.30pm Theberton Carols round the Christmas Tree

Saturday, 14th December

3.30pm Darsham Christingle Service

Sunday, 15th December ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Yoxford family@church Pop-Up Nativity
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion
9.30am Theberton Morning Praise
11.00am Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion
3.30pm Darsham Evensong

Tuesday, 17th December

4.00pm Darsham Carol Service

Wednesday, 18th December

6.00pm Yoxford Carol Service

Friday, 20th December

6.00pm Middleton Carol Service on the Green (in Church if raining)

Sunday, 22nd December ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer
9.30am Theberton Holy Communion
11.00am Peasenhall Christingle Service with Methodist Chapel
11.00am Darsham Holy Communion
11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer with Archdeacon Rich Henderson
11.00am Middleton Holy Communion
5.00pm Westleton Carol Service

Monday, 23rd December

3.00pm Dunwich Carol Service

LECTIONARY

1st December Purple
Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Luke 21.25-36

8th December Purple
Malachi 3.1-4
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

15th December Purple
Zephaniah 3.14-20
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

22nd December Purple
Micah 5.2-5a
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

Thanks to Sharon Earp for the cover photo of ponies in Dunwich.

Tuesday, 24th December ~ Christmas Eve

3.30pm	Theberton	Carols & Crib Service
4.30pm	Yoxford	Crib Service
11.15pm	Middleton	Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion
9.30am	Theberton	Holy Communion
10.00am	Westleton	Christmas Family Celebration
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Dunwich	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Christmas Service with Methodist Chapel

Sunday, 29th December ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

9.30am	Theberton	Healing Service
10.00am	Darsham	Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford, 10.00 am

Every Wednesday except New Year's day, January 1st

Sunday, 5th January ~ 2nd Sunday after Christmas

10.00am	Theberton	Benefice Service with Holy Communion
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Sunday, 12th January ~ 1st Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Rich Henderson
9.30am	Westleton	Informal Worship
9.30am	Theberton	Taizé
11.00am	Darsham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Dunwich	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Prayer

Sunday, 19th January ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am	Yoxford	family@church
9.30am	Westleton	Holy Communion
9.30am	Theberton	Morning Praise
11.00am	Peasenhall	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Middleton	Morning Prayer
3.30pm	Darsham	Evensong

Sunday 26th January ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am	Yoxford	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Westleton	Informal Worship, then croissants@church
11.00am	Theberton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Worship at the Methodist Chapel
11.00am	Middleton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Sibton	Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford, 10.00 am**LECTIONARY***25th December White*

Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12]
John 1.1-14

29th December White

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26
Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.41-52

5th January White

Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

12th January White

Isaiah 43.1-7
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

19th January White

Isaiah 62.1-5
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11

26 January White

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6,
8-10
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Luke 4.14-21

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



I heard a story about schoolchildren who were doing drawings inspired by listening to the carol ‘Away in a Manger’. The teacher went round the class asking about the pictures. One child clearly had the baby Jesus, and his virgin mother, and someone very big. “Who is this?” the teacher asked. “That’s Round Yon,” replied the child.

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” contains this puzzling verse:

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Risen with healing in His wings.

This last line refers to a line in one of the minor prophets, Malachi: ‘But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.’ This was quickly associated with expectations of a future king, a “messiah”, who would be in King David’s family line, and who would bring justice, judgement and salvation.

Now, there’s a story in the gospels (Matt. 9:18-21) about a woman who reached out and touched the hem of Jesus’ cloak while he was walking through the crowd, on the way to heal someone else. And she was instantly healed from the twelve years of bleeding and the consequent social exclusion she had suffered. How did this happen, and why?

Jewish men wore (and still wear) tassels, called *tzitzit*, on their cloaks as a special way of remembering that they are under God’s law and God’s covenant. Hebrew has a letters-mean-numbers scheme, and the number of threads and the number of knots and the spaces make 613, the number of commands in the Torah. The knots were on the corners of the cloak, and the Hebrew word for *corner* is the same as that for *wing*. Malachi’s prophecy quickly led to expectations that the very tassels of the messiah’s cloak would have healing properties. When the woman reached out to touch Jesus’ cloak, she was not merely reaching out in desperate hope. She was also declaring her belief that Jesus was the special king who was to come - that he was the messiah. She was healed, and she was right!

As we celebrate Christmas this year, healing may well be on the minds of many of us. The healing of people we know and love, or perhaps of ourselves. The healing of relationships — not least in the Holy Land. The healing of all that is broken in this world. Come to a carol service, sing of the healing in His wings, and join us in praying for peace and healing and light.

I, my family and the ministry team wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Heather Mary Knight, aged 82 years, on 11th November at St Peter's, Yoxford.

Lt. Col. Dawson George Pratt, aged 92 years, on 12th November at Seven Hills Crematorium.

Audrey Hanslip, aged 94 years, on 19th November at Waveney Crematorium.

Advent Group

All are welcome to participate in Revd Tim's Advent group, which this year will focus on the meaning of Advent and Christmas by discussing the verses of hymns and carols written over the centuries, in particular their symbolism and context. The group will meet at Darsham Rectory, on **Tuesday, 3rd December, Tuesday 10th December and Monday 16th December, all at 2.30pm.**


For more information, please contact Tim.




family@church

Yoxford Church 9.30am

Sun. 14th Dec. POP-UP NATIVITY



Sun. 19th Jan. CHRISTINGLE

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE MP FOR SUFFOLK COASTAL

As Christmas approaches and 2024 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible privilege of being elected to serve as your Member of Parliament. It's been a remarkable year, and I've been truly moved by the spirit of community across our constituency.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of looking out for one another, and I'm especially grateful to our local charities and the army of local volunteers whose dedication brings hope and light to so many lives. Since I was elected, I've had the privilege of visiting so many charities and organisations

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supporting our communities – and I'm both appreciative and inspired by your work and service to provide support to those in need.

I'm deeply thankful for the trust you've placed in me, and I look forward to working hard for you and representing Suffolk Coastal in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP

mothers union  Christian care for families worldwide

Thursday 19th December

Advent Tea

at

Dragonfly Cottage

2.30pm

All Welcome

but please book your place to ensure we have enough cake!

- by phoning

Sue Norrington 01728 660280

mothers union  Christian care for families worldwide

Thursday 16th January, 2025

Time for a New Year Chat

and to enjoy

Tea and Crumpets

Farthings, Sibton Road,
Peasenhall IP17 2JF

2.30pm

All Welcome

Further details from

Sue Norrington 660280 or
Jennifer Clough 648597

THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors

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VIRTUAL FISHERMAN

The current edition and a few months of previous issues can be found at <https://westleton.onesuffolk.net/church/yoxmere-fisherman/>

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WESTLETON

A drop-in consultation event will be held in the Westleton Village Hall Foyer on
Monday 9th December between 3.00pm & 7.00pm

Plans outlining the scheme
will be on display.

Representatives from Orwell Housing Association (the provider) and East Suffolk
Council Housing Department will be available to answer questions, register
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Salvation — part 1

It is odd timing to write a piece on salvation at Christmas, when the concept is more associated with Easter. But just as Christ is central to Christianity, salvation is central to Christian theology, so why not consider this at Christmas, since Jesus was born for our salvation?

Christianity recognised immediately that Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection were central to our salvation, and the problem of evil. The big problem, though, is how? Did the three days of Good Friday to

Easter Sunday change things for ever, or did they merely make known a truth that had stood for all time? Was it possible to be saved before the Cross, and if not, what happened to all those who lived before Jesus? How exactly do Christians claim that this is a solution to evil, when evil continues - apparently unabated? And, if Christians think this is so important, why can't they all agree on the same reason for why it is important?

Firstly, why did Jesus have to die? If you were to join the army, you would do so not because you had a death-wish, but because you believed it was important to serve and protect your country. But you do so knowing the risk that combat could be fatal. God became *incarnate* at Christmas in the person of Jesus, not because he wanted to die, nor because the Father wanted him to die, but because he wanted to save humanity from its sins. He did so not with the risk of death, but the absolute certainty of death. Was he born to die, then? No, he was born to live, to teach, to heal, and to redeem — but his death at the hands of the Roman and Jewish authorities was an inevitable consequence of his shining a light on people who were willing to use violence to mask their true nature. Jesus died because powerful people conspired to silence someone who was a nuisance to them. It just didn't turn out as they had planned.

So, how did Jesus' death change things? What did it achieve? The first consideration comes from the Old Testament. Judaism before the destruction of the temple was founded on a system of sacrifice. Did Jesus act as the ultimate sacrifice? Romans Chapter 3 and pretty much all of the book of Hebrews seem to argue this. And it makes a lot of sense: if killing an animal could be a way of apologising for sins and making right with God for an individual, perhaps the ultimate sacrifice of a perfect man might do this for all time — especially if that man died willingly. He might be the ultimate scapegoat for Yom Kippur, the day of atonement?

For me there are huge problems with this theory. It begins with significant prophetic voices of the Old Testament, such as Psalm 51 and Micah 6 protesting that God does not delight in sacrifices. Then there is the relative absurdity of it. How could the sacrifice of the Son of God somehow make recompense? Then there is the injustice and inhumanity of it. Can a just God want or require such cruel injustice to satisfy his need for a perfect sacrifice?

Jesus is frequently called the 'Lamb of God'. This is a reference, not to the day of atonement, but to Passover. This was an occasion for remembering the escape from Egypt, and how the blood of a lamb smeared on the door lintels somehow warded away the angel of death from the Israelite homes, so that they were then free to escape across the Red Sea into the desert. This implies that the crucifixion is less about atonement than warding away evil, and freedom.

An entirely different theory thinks in terms of Christ's resurrection as victory over sin, death and the devil. Gregory the Great spoke of this as 'duping the devil'. The devil believes he has a claim on all human flesh, because of sin. Christ, fully man but sinless, is the bait that the devil takes and is hooked by. He is defeated, and Christ wins. Mediaeval writing expands on this — Christ, in death, descended to hell, broke the gates, and 'harrowed' hell - freeing all its captives.

Multiple New-Testament references speak of the Son of Man giving his life as a ransom. But if a ransom is being paid, can it really be to God the Father? No. So is it to the devil? C. S. Lewis's famous story, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* leans on this theory: the witch seems to win, but a deeper magic brings Aslan back to life in real victory over her.

But there are huge problems with 'Christ the Victor', too. Why should God give in to the devil's ransom? Isn't it underhand for God to trick the devil? That shouldn't be in God's playbook! That being said, this image recognises the costliness of victory, and that the resurrection really is a victory, giving resurrection at least equal emphasis with the crucifixion. It recognises too that things have really changed, and not because God suddenly change his mind.

There are three more major theories on the crucifixion, which we will discuss next time, in February.

Blessings, Tim

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd December and 6th January 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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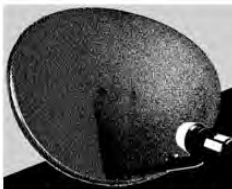
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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

7th December - Christmas decoration-making and tree-decorating in the church from 10.30am-12.30pm.

14th December – Christingle service at 3.30pm.

GIFT DAY

On Saturday 2 November, All Saints Darsham held a Gift-Day appeal in the church which received a remarkably generous response. The day was advertised with a minimum of fuss, but people arrived quietly and modestly and, including the gift-aid tax reclaim, they donated £854! Mostly people were from the village, but not all. Some came from further afield in memory of family members and friends buried in the churchyard.

Revd Tim and the whole congregation of All Saints would like to thank everyone who kindly contributed to the upkeep of our wonderful historic church. It was a timely contribution, as All Saints will be facing a hefty bill shortly for the pruning of several large trees under its management. (*An early heads-up* - the church will be holding another Gift Day on 1st November next year.)

Thank you to all who donated.

Clive Beaumont

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS

Film Night Saturday 14th December, *Wicked Little Letters*, a mystery comedy set in a 1920s English seaside town, follows two neighbours - deeply- conservative Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish immigrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents start to receive anonymous letters, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. A trial ensues but as Police Officer Gladys Moss (Anjana Vasan) and the townswomen investigate they suspect that Rose might not be the culprit after all!

Tickets are £5, available at the coffee morning in the Village Hall on the 14th or on the door. Doors open at 6.45, film at 7.00. Bar and snacks as well as ice creams!

Friday 27th December *Sleeping Beauty* A PERFECT FESTIVE TREAT!

Following the huge success last year of *Dick Whittington*, live-streamed from the New Wolsey Theatre, we will be showing this year's panto, *Sleeping Beauty*, a dazzling explosion of live rock and pop with unforgettable characters and non-stop laughter! There will be popcorn and sweetie bags for the young ones, plus ice creams and drinks. Last year, floor cushions were popular and we can provide some but children are welcome to bring their own favourites – Mum and Dad too!

Once again, tickets will be just £5 but as numbers are limited, these can be bought in advance from Anne Mcphail 01728 668270 07852 237389 or annie@

darshamvillagehall.net. The performance starts at 2.00pm so to ensure that everyone is seated, doors open at 1.30. We are looking forward to welcoming you to a joyous afternoon....."Oh yes we are!"

Film Night, Saturday 11th January 2025, *Thelma*

We kick off the New Year with *Thelma*, a comedy/action movie which is described as "marvellous, witty, smart and wholeheartedly charming" – a delightful revenge comedy! June Squibb plays Thelma Post, a feisty 93-year- old grandmother who gets conned by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson and sets out on a quest with her ageing friend (played by Richard Roundtree) across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her. Tickets are £5, doors open at 6.45pm, film at 7.00. Bar and snacks available as usual. Further info from Anne on 07852 237389 or 01728 668270.

Playground

An Open Day was held on the 13th October for the new playground. This was opened by Will Ellard, a Paralympic world record gold medallist and was well attended by many villagers and especially the children. We hope it will add to the enjoyment of the village in years to come.



WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

Classes & Clubs

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

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

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

Carpet Bowls – Every Friday 2.30pm (Heather Shipp 01728 668251)

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tues. 9.30 -10.30 and 11.00-12.00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146)

Crafty Club – Mon. 2nd December and Mon. 6th January - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

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

Dash Astro – Sun. 8th December - Observing; Sun. 5th January - Observing; Sun. 19th January - Meeting

Events and Meetings

- Darsham Dogs Band – Sat. 7th December 7.00pm to late. Tickets £5 from Paul Diamond (07770 867876, paul@diamond.me.uk).
- Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On – Sun. 8th December at 2.30pm with music and mince pies.
- Coffee Morning and Christmas Market – Sat. 14th December, 10.00am - 12.00pm hosted by the DVHC
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 11th December at 10.00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

- Film Night – Sat 14th December, 7.00pm (see notice)
- Authors' Group – Mon. 16th December, 2.00pm (contact Russell 07496 096056)
- Art Classes – Mon. 16th December, 9.30am - 12.30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)
- Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty – Fri. 27th (see notice).
- Coffee Morning – Sat. 11th January, 10.00am hosted by the DVHC.
- Film Night – Sat 11th January (see notice).

Future Events

- Poetry and music from Blake Morrison and the Hosepipe Band – Sat. 15th February, 5.00pm

Note: Hall activities will break from Sunday 22nd December until the new year, apart from 27th December above.

100 CLUB

Winners for September

1st Prize: £100 Mrs H. Reeves, 2nd Prize: Mr R. Leggate, 3rd Prize: Mr C. Fox

Winners for October

1st Prize: Mrs T. Holland, 2nd Prize: Mrs C. Rhys-Evans, 3rd Prize: Mrs P. Simmons

There are several spare places for those who wish to join the 100 club. This is a good cause as the proceeds help in the maintenance of the Village Hall. The cost is just £4 per month and each month you could win one of three prizes (£100, £50 or £25) drawn at the Coffee Morning. If you would like to join or for more details email info@darshamvillagehall.net or contact any of the committee whose details are on the noticeboard or website.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on the 8th October. A presentation was given by Sizewell about the Yoxford roundabout and the park and ride. Members of Yoxford PC attended the meeting.

The PC is still looking for volunteers to join the community self-help scheme. Please contact Cllr Byron Davies at darshampcfootpaths@gmail.com.

Cllr John Butler handed in his resignation from the PC.

The following meeting was held on 12th November. The PC presented a gift to Cllr Butler thanking him for his service on the PC for the past thirty years.

The PC held a coffee morning on 9th November raising £240 for the Royal British Legion. The Remembrance service and wreath laying were held at Darsham Church.

There are still allotments available. Please contact Cllr Ian Fergusson darshampcorchard@gmail.com.

The precept for next year was discussed and it was agreed on a 0% increase.

Cllr Christine Redgrave has resigned. We would like to thank her for all her hard work.

We now have two vacancies on the Darsham PC. Please contact Marie at clerkdarshampc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Darsham PC would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next meeting will be held on 14th January, 2025. *Cllr Jasmine Backhouse, Chairman*

DUNWICH

ST JAMES CHURCH

You are invited to a CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION on Monday 23rd December at 3 pm.

The Christmas story will be told through traditional readings, music, poems and carols.

DO JOIN US, and stay for mince pies and mulled wine.



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December 14th, Winter Fair. 11.30am – 4.00pm, Dunwich Reading Room

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!

December 28th, Christmas Fun. 12.00 - 3.00pm

A day of drop-in activities in the Dunwich Reading Room. Join us for biscuit decorating, crafty creations, and lovely music by the Dunwich Drifters at the end.

We are grateful to the National Lottery for their support and offer players a free Dunwich Museum pencil if they can show us proof of purchase

COFFEE 4 U

Thursday 12th at 10am until 12 noon – the last one of 2024! We hope you all have a very Happy Christmas.

January 2025 - Happy New Year!! Hope you all have a good one. We start on January 8th at 10am until 12noon. We will be looking forward to seeing you there and catching up on each other's news.

Heather Cook.

MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON

would like to wish all our friends and neighbours across the Benefice
a gentle, Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



Christmas Events



ADVENT: WAITING IN THE DARK

‘During Advent, we do not beat back the darkness. We acknowledge it. We wait within it. We listen to what it has to say. We do not fight the lengthening nights—but in an act of daring vulnerability we welcome them. We slow down. We reflect. We rest. Because it is here, while all around us is darkling, that we can find the true meaning of light.’

Gideon Heugh

A candle will be lit for an hour in Holy Trinity Church every Sunday during Advent between 6.00 and 7.00pm. It is hoped that it may offer a space for quiet reflection, an unhurried pause in the short days and long lists that lead up to Christmas. The hour will open and close with a poem from *Darkling: An Advent Journey* by Gideon Heugh, but you are welcome to come and go as you please...

And, of course, people of any faith or none are warmly welcome.

For further information contact Amanda Taylor: ajt.opom@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY

Dickens and Scrooge: The writing of a classic Christmas story

An illustrated talk by
Mark Mitchels

Tuesday, 10th December 7pm

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Holy Trinity Christmas Clean

11th December 11.00am-12.00

Everyone welcome, mince pies for all comers...

Carol Service on the Village Green (in the church if wet)

“Mice” pies and mulled wine

Friday 20th December, 6.00pm

Midnight Mass

Sunday, 24th December, 11.15pm

AUTUMN CONCERT, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON – A

SNAPSHOT...

Sunday 20th October saw a full-to-bursting Holy Trinity Church in Middleton enjoy a wonderful autumn concert courtesy of a piano trio comprising Middleton's own Reiko Fujisawa (piano), Matthew Denton (violin) and Emma Denton (cello).

Reiko is, of course, well known to us

and is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist, while Matthew and Emma are both members of the highly acclaimed Carducci Quartet. Together they produced a mesmerising programme that explored the relationship between music and nature.

The repertoire focused on both tangible and spiritual (the heaven and earthly) aspects of nature through works by Schubert, Beethoven and Dvorak. The audience was transfixed and the performance led to a rousing ovation in appreciation of the very highest quality of musicianship. It was lovely to see the church full to the rafters (literally – the vicar and his children were in the organ loft!) and the PCC was happy to host everyone to a welcome cuppa in the Bell afterwards where we were, as ever, so grateful to Leroy and his team for their warm welcome.

The church works beautifully for such events and the PCC is delighted to see it being used so extensively by – and for – the community. For instance, the following Wednesday saw a life-affirming performance by Middleton's primary school children for their Harvest Festival – as marked a musical contrast from Sunday as you can imagine(!), and an equally joy-filled occasion.

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our October meeting our President Rita welcomed Andy Malcolm, fundraiser for the last twenty-one years for the Fishermen's Mission, who gave us a talk on “The True Cost of Fish”. The charity was founded by Ebenezer Mather in 1881 after 189 fishermen died in a storm off the coast of Eyemouth in Scotland. After WW2 there were 75,000 UK fishermen; the number is now 11,500. It is the most dangerous job in Britain with more deaths (the average age of a fisher lost is mid-30s) and accidents per number doing the job than even in farming.



When an incident happens at sea the Mission is informed and is immediately ready to help the victim on arrival on shore and their family with the essentials of life. They will visit in hospital, raise money for the family, help with paperwork and bureaucracy and give moral and spiritual help. The Mission also supports retired fishermen who are maybe in poverty or ill health. Fishermen's clubs have been set up to combat loneliness, and the "Sea Fit" road-shows bring health checks, advice and dentistry to fishermen when they are on shore.

Along with some stories of fishermen who have been helped, Andy with a strong, deep voice sang a few sea shanties and even had us sing along to one! He ended his talk with the fact that 380 million portions of fish and chips are eaten every year in the UK. Fish is the only food that is still hunted! Rita thanked Andy for a most enjoyable and entertaining hour.

The December meeting on the 18th at 7.15pm is our End of Year celebration, with music from Martin and Annie of Syzewell Gap. All are welcome.

Lynne Venn

PEASENHALL

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH - 2024 CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have Christmas cards for sale featuring the church as shown (but in colour). The greeting inside is:

*May the Peace and Joy of Christmas
be with you today and always.*

Our cards are available from Peasehall Village Stores, Weavers Tearoom and Emmerdale Farm Shop at £5 for a pack of 10 cards and envelopes. They are also available from Sue Norrington on 01728 660280.



PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
at 7pm, Wednesday 4th December, at The Assembly Hall, Peasehall.

For:- Mabel's Walk Open Space/Play Area, The Causeway, Peasehall.

Peasehall Parish Council invites Peasehall residents to attend a council meeting in respect of play equipment that they would like to see installed in Peasehall. The Parish Council has a limited budget available for this and would like to submit a planning application, showing which equipment we would like to install once the land is transferred to the Parish Council. The views of all Peasehall residents are valuable to us at this early planning stage.

Peasehall Parish Council.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE OVER-70S

This is now fully booked.

ROSEMARY STEWARD 1931 – 2024

Rosemary Steward was a regular member of the congregations at St Michael's Church and Peasenhall Methodist Church. After a very full working life, at the BBC Monitoring Service, then in child care, and latterly with the Probation Service, she retired and moved to Peasenhall in 2001, having become increasingly attracted to Suffolk as her probation work brought her to Hollesley Bay many times. She was a member of the WI, organised a book club and cultural classes in the village, and loved popping over the road to Weavers. She was an active Trustee of Peasenhall United Charities and her life experience enabled her to be very aware of situations where help might be needed. She was also an advocate for support of local health service provision.

Rosemary loved being part of the village community, and had many friends here. Her daughters said that she was as happy here as they had ever seen her. Her walks along the Causeway always involved conversations with whoever she met. She had time for everybody, always had concern for others, was always kind in both word and thought, always wise in her opinions. She is greatly missed.

It was her wish that her ashes should be interred in Peasenhall Churchyard alongside those of her husband Alan, who died suddenly in 1989. By the time you read this, her wish will have been fulfilled in a quiet family ceremony.

Michael Trovell

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

What's On in December.

Craft Club 2nd and 16th December 2.00 - 4.00pm If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, please come along 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

Low-Impact Keep-Moving Class, every Tuesday - 3rd, 10th & 17th December

11.00am - 12.30pm The class will include elements of strength, balance and stability and is suitable for all abilities. Booking is essential. For more information or to book please call Marcus on 07757 528208 or email zenergy777@gmail.com.

Pop-up Café Wednesday 4th December 10.00am – 12.00. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome. Please do come along and join us.

Pilates Class. Every Thursday (5th, 12th, and 19th December) 9.45 - 10.45am.

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 6th December.

We will be showing *Swede Caroline* - a hilarious film about a giant vegetable grower, Caroline, who has her prized marrow stolen. She and her helpful friends are led into a seedy world of crime as they attempt to find the culprit.

Doors open at 7.00pm, for a 7.30 start. No need to book and entry is by donation. Raffle and bar.

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

Wreath Making Saturday 7th December 1-4pm.

Come and join us and make your own Xmas wreath. £20pp which includes everything you need to make your wreath to take home. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be provided. Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact Jane on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Peasenhall Christmas Tree Illumination, Sunday 8th December at 5pm

This year, we will be installing the village tree in front of the Village Hall.

The 'switch on' event will be held outside, but with the added luxury of retreating indoors should the weather be unkind to us. Joining in with carol singing will be optional!! & the usual refreshments will be available. Wrap up warm!

Strictly Come Dancing Final - Saturday 14th December. Doors open at 6.30pm. For all you Strictly fans, the BBC have given their approval to show the final. Free entry. Bar. Hot food is available £5 per head, bookable in advance please. Contact Jane on 07767 167968 or email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com.

What's On in January 2025

All the regular events will be continuing in January, including **Craft Club on the 6th and 20th January.**

Film Club: Friday, 3rd January. (Film to be announced at a later date.)

Low-Impact Keep-Fit: every Tuesday, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th January, 11.00am - 12.30pm.

Pilates: every Thursday, 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th January, 9.45 - 10.45am.

Saturday 18th January 2025

We are delighted to welcome once again the **Ward Quartet** to the Assembly Hall for an afternoon concert of string quartets by Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert. (They've also hinted at a surprise piece!). It's always a pleasure to listen to these talented musicians, and this sounds like just the thing to cheer up a January afternoon. The concert starts at 3.00pm, tickets are still £15, and you can book your place on 01728 660339 or on peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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 600010.

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

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LIONS CLUB MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

This is a bottle that is kept in the fridge into which you should put vital medical information. In the event of an accident or incident within the home, the first emergency service on the scene will be alerted to the bottle by a label on the door. The bottle can then be located by the attending service. The Parish Council has a number of bottles available. Please contact Zoe Horlock, 07709 746167 if you would like one.

PEASENHALL OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL, SUMMER 2025

If anyone would be interested in helping to organise this event and/or open their garden please contact me. I would like to organise an initial meeting in January to discuss this and fix a date. Contact me on 07709 746167.

Zoe Horlock

SIBTON

ST PETER'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

This year we're holding our Christmas Celebration at Sibton Church on Sunday December 8th at 3.30pm.

Do come and join us.

Sibton's very special crib will be dressed with its Nativity figures. Being more than two weeks before Christmas Day, the great Advent hymns will be part of the service and St Nicholas himself (the original Father Christmas) will be included in the story. Will he appear on the day? Do come and see, and stay afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.



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Sunday 8th December 9.30am

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Wednesday 11th December, 6.30pm

Carols Round the Christmas Tree, with mulled wine and nibbles. All welcome.

Tuesday 24th December, 3.30pm

Christmas Eve Crib and Carol Service for all the family.

Wednesday 25th December, 9.30am

Christmas Day Holy Communion. All welcome.

Sunday 29th December, 9.30am

Healing Service to reflect on the year past.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Theberton Church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. There will also be a Christmas Bazaar in the Jubilee 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 Harvey on 01728 830710.



Children's Christmas Party

This will be held on Saturday 14th December, 2.00 - 4.00pm at Theberton Village Hall. There will be games, Christmas crafts, music, grotto and refreshments. Please contact Shell Moulton for all the details and ticket prices on 07887 409086.

Merry Christmas!!

DONATIONS FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Beverly and Stuart Smith would like to thank Theberton and Eastbridge for their generous donations.

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WESTLETON

VILLAGE HALL DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025

On Saturday 7th December the **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** will be in the Foyer from 10am-12.30pm. Do pop down, where you will find local produce and artisan crafts, perfect for Christmas presents. Lots of delicious sweet and savoury bakes, honey, handmade soaps, skin care products and bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments will also be available. The market will have a break in January and will be back on Saturday 1st February.

Film Night is on Saturday 7th December at 7pm for 7.30, showing *Elf*, a hilarious and fun Christmas comedy. Plus two short festive films beforehand. Why not dress to suit the Christmas mood? Tinsel, lights, even Christmas jumpers - do daring and dazzle! Tickets are £5 and available on the door. Bar and ice creams will be available.

On Friday 13th December 7pm for 7.30 we have Christmas event with a difference! Get into the Christmas spirit with an evening of spooky seasonal tales to put a chill in the air with fantastic local actor and storyteller Simon Bridge. Tickets for **'Ghost Stories at Christmas'** are available from Westleton Stores and the Foyer, when open. Tickets will also be available on the door. Only £5 each. Mince pies, mulled wine and a full bar will be available.

Foyer Art Exhibition: Linda and Andy Gilmour are displaying their art for sale in the Foyer during December. Looking for a Christmas or birthday present for someone who has everything? Then this may be your answer! From acrylics and beautiful textile art, to gouache, their art work is beautiful and also affordable. The Foyer is open 10am-12noon weekdays for viewings and sales. If you're interested in exhibiting in 2025 we have some spaces left, including January – contact the Centre Manager – details below.

Foyer Christmas Coffee opening hours: thanks to our amazing team of volunteers the Foyer will be open 10am-12noon weekdays throughout the festive period. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day only. Pop in for some warmth, Christmas cheer and chat with our lovely volunteers.

3D4ALL: the group will meet in the Foyer on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm. Local artist Joan Hodgkiss will give a presentation on her work as a print maker. Only £2 each. The group will meet again on Tuesday 14th January. If you have any questions please email John at wvsculpt@gmail.com

Writers' Group: will be meeting monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month 7.00-8.45pm. An inclusive and friendly group, everyone is invited to attend, whether currently writing or not, and this can be anything from poetry to novels, and all in between. The idea is to support each other by sharing ideas, thoughts, maybe reading out loud what you have written, and the group will develop as it goes, possibly with a

theme each month for those who might find that helpful. The first session is free, and thereafter £1.50 per session, to cover Foyer hire costs. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Sue Evans for further information, or just turn up! evanssusan587@gmail.com

Tech Table Bookings are open until 17th December inclusive, then back on 7th January, and available in hourly slots on Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am (three sessions). Book via centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk or call 01728 648354.

Consultation Room: Reflexology is here on Saturday 14th December and Saturday 25th January 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901. www.julietoverton.co.uk. We have a pet and human registered **physiotherapist** Emma Strachan regularly (variable days). Book on 07821 055404. On Monday morning 4th December Linda Freeman is offering **hairstyling** in the morning. Contact her to book on 07765 971774. Thursday 5th, 19th December and 16th January 9am-4.30pm, also Friday 17th January 9am-12:30pm we have **foot care** with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book call her on 07497 371073.

To see our latest timetable of varied activities, events and groups please see our **events page** on our website: www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk and join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly What's On in the Foyer, view it at the inside and outside hall notice boards. For more information or to go on our mailing list contact the Centre Manager on 01728 648354 or email centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk

The Foyer is open 10am-12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers. The Chess and Coffee Group runs on Wednesday mornings. For information, please contact the Centre Manager above.

FOODBANK HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

More volunteers are needed to take donations from Westleton to the Leiston Foodbank. Joining the rota simply involves taking items to Leiston United Church (in the High St) every few weeks on a Friday morning. Contact Catherine Ash on catherine55.ash@btinternet.com if you can help.

Meanwhile the need for foodbank support is not diminishing, and winter and Christmas bring new strains to tight budgets. There are cartons outside the Foyer door at the village hall each Thursday (all day until late) for donations. These can include a wide range of non-perishable food (eg tinned foods, pasta, sauces, store-cupboard essentials), as well as toiletries, baby food and nappies, female sanitary products, and household basics for laundry and cleaning etc. Leiston Foodbank also takes some vegetables and fruit.

Do please keep the donations coming and consider joining the rota for transporting the goods. These are small things to do to contribute to providing this vital service.

WESTLETON FIREWORKS AND BONFIRE NEW YEAR'S DAY 2025

The Village Hall will be open for refreshments from 4.00pm.

The procession will depart from the Village Hall at 6.00pm and make its way up to the bonfire on the common. Marshalls will be in attendance to escort everyone. Fireworks will be at 6.30pm approx. The hall will be open after the fireworks for mulled wine and bacon rolls etc. A 50/50 draw will be drawn on return to the hall.



Please wear stout footwear and bring a torch. A Warrior fire engine will be here.

Help is needed for this event: from 4.00 to 7.30pm in the Village Hall, to serve food and drinks. Also to sell 50/50 tickets and help tidy up. An hour from anyone will be greatly appreciated!

Contact Nick Shearme 07876 335567 / nick@gardenend.co.uk

END OF AN ERA! RIP PERCY THE PEACOCK

One of Westleton's best known inhabitants died on November 1st. He had reached a good age, at least 26 years old, and was known by various names. When he visited the Turners' garden he was known as 'George', but further up The Hill he was known as 'Kevin' or more commonly as 'Percy'. He was a most photographed peacock, who went where he pleased. He is believed to have been abandoned many years ago at a quarry on the Dunwich Road and was found and fed there for some time by an old gentleman from Westleton.



Folklore has it then when his feeder died, the peacock moved gradually into the village.

When he was in full breeding plumage he would call out to passing tractors and dustcarts, indeed anything with flashing lights. On one occasion he went into full display mode in front of a speeding fire engine with siren and flashing lights, which had to slow down and creep past Percy, as he would not move from the road!

He was buried in a select spot in the Turners' large garden, staying on The Hill, which he had walked up and down so many times.

Ivor Murrell

WESTLETON WI

We began our November meeting with a swag-making demonstration by Liz Evans. The result was excellent and the demonstration very informative. I'm sure many felt inspired! Liz then donated the swag for the raffle. We had a tea and cake break after our initial glass of wine!

The November meeting is always the Annual Meeting and follows a more formal agenda.

I remain as President and the members were pleased that the Committee volunteered

to remain. Some members also volunteered to take minutes at the monthly meetings which was great news. We also sang *Jerusalem* very successfully “a cappella”. Our Christmas Party will be held at the Crown in December.

Gill Wood

ART FOR ALL

The art sale in the village hall during October was a great success. We finished it on the weekend of the book fair with large numbers of people visiting the hall. In total we raised £1948.50. In addition to the funds raised, it was a wonderful opportunity for conversations and engagement with so many people in the village and beyond. A lot of people are thrilled with their new art. I am sure it lifts one's mood to have a new piece of art in your life. Thank you for your generous support of this event. It only happened because of the donations and purchase of the art.

Barbara and Hillas Buckley

100 CLUB

October 2024 winners: 1st prize No 228 - Fiona and Christopher Harrington, 2nd prize No17 – Jeremy and Kathryn Branch.

November 2024 winners: 1st prize No 231 - Fiona and Christopher Harrington, 2nd prize No74 - Brenda M. Bell.

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Energy projects: some good news - following a recent consultation, National Grid has decided that its Belgium/Kent Nautilus interconnector will now landfall at the Isle of Grain instead of in Suffolk. This is the outcome that Westleton Parish Council, along with all other local councils and pressure groups, had lobbied for. National Grid has said that “Community and stakeholder feedback has been essential to the evolution of Nautilus”. However, Lionlink, Sealink and the Scottish Power projects are still planned for Suffolk, and so the Friston Substation and the associated converter stations are still expected to be built near Saxmundham.

Sizewell C's (SZC) Northern Transport Forum was held on 6th November. The Forum is the opportunity for SZC to update parishes on transport developments and to answer questions. Amongst many other things:

- East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) explained that it has set up a housing fund (funded by SZC) offering grants for redecoration and renovation to allow homeowners to create bedspaces for SZC workers. The grants range from £3000-£7000; info can be found on the ESDC website.
- SZC explained that it is clearing a lot of trees at the site and for the Yoxford roundabout, the Link Road and the Darsham Park and Ride. It is all being done now as this is the only time of year that clearance is possible without significant

disturbance of wildlife. The SZC plans include significant replanting. Please go to the Westleton Website for a full report of the meeting.

Reminder: Orwell Housing Association (OHA) and ESDC will present their plans for the Affordable Housing Scheme in the Village Hall Foyer Monday 9th December between 3.00 and 7.00pm. This is a village consultation so do please drop in to see the plans. ESDC officers will also be present to register interest for the new homes and to explain the application process.

The November Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 25th November - 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. *Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council*

GRANT FOR CONSERVATION ON THE COMMON

Westleton Parish Council has received a very generous grant of £700 from the Community and Conservation Fund of Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape.

This grant will meet most of cost of hiring contractors to clear a cliff on Westleton Common. In the recent past this cliff has hosted nesting sand martins but has become overgrown with gorse and other vegetation. We hope this clearance will encourage the sand martins to return.

In 2021 GeoSuffok surveyed the common and suggested that clearing this cliff would also expose some interested geological features – horizontal layers of sand and gravel. These layers can now clearly be seen.

Westleton Parish Council and Westleton Common Advisory Group

WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS JANUARY 2025

Many thanks to all those who have helped at the Working Parties during 2024, and also those who have come along to the Nature Walks and shown such an interest in the wildlife on the common.

On Saturday January 18th the first **Working Party** of 2024 will be held from 10am - 12.30pm. All welcome - tools are provided. Bring your own tough gardening gloves. Refreshments at half time. Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

Juliet Bullimore

WESTLETON GARDENERS – OPEN TO ALL

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st January 2025 in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm. We welcome back Luci Skinner who runs a local Garden Services and Plant Advice business. The talk will be **‘The Herbaceous Border’** and focuses on the history, plants, design and maintenance. Entry cost is £4 and all are welcome. Doors open at 7.15pm and before the talk there will be refreshments and time to chat.

There is no meeting in December.

Marilyn Stephens

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Sing Out Yoxford's Christmas Concert on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm. Please support our local choir if you can. They are a joy!

Our **Candlelight Carol Service** is on Wednesday 18th December at 6.00pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

The **Crib Service** will be at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. Families welcome.

Other services as advertised.

A very happy and joyful Advent and Christmas to you all and a blessed new year

Lynne Putland Church Warden

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.



Sing Out (Community Choir) Winter Concert

We have our winter concert on the 7th December in St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. As well as a variety of different music it will include a selection of Christmas songs.

Come and support your local community choir.

We will be giving a donation from the concert to a local charity.

also

If you are thinking of joining a choir, our new term starts on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.00pm at St. Peter's Church, Yoxford.

We sing a wide range of songs from choral and pop to musicals.

Whether you read music or not, all are welcome. Especially if you are a man!

For more information contact us at singoutyoxford@gmail.com

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NEWS FROM YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Halloween, closely followed by Bonfire Night, conjured up childhood memories of bonfire-baked jacket potatoes and yummy rich parkin. What a lovely time for children, big and small, to come together and enjoy the autumn. Dogs in the village were probably quite grateful that there weren't too many fireworks, though!

Yoxford Parish Council Business

At November's meeting, Sizewell C was a significant focus. Works on the roundabout are just around the corner, and so the Sizewell team will be presenting to the village and giving an update on all matters relating to the roundabout and the Link Rd. News from the event will follow in December's Village Newsletter.

We know that the impact on our area of Sizewell C will be huge, so do contact them and us with any concerns. Use one of the following ways:

- o **Call:** Freephone 0800 197 6102 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm).

- o **Email:** info@sizewellc.co.uk (for general queries).

- o **Visit:** Sizewell C Information Office, 48-50 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EW (Open for visits without appointment 9:30am – 5pm (weekdays only), closed lunchtimes 12:30pm – 1:30pm.)

- o **Write:** FREEPOST SZC (No stamp or address required.)

In addition, follow Sizewell's work here: <https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/contact/>

Every communication and notice that Yoxford Parish Council receives, is posted on the noticeboard at the front of the church and the village website here:

<https://www.yoxford.org.uk/sizewell-c-updates/>

Finally, the University of Suffolk is carrying out an Impact Study on Sizewell C. If you'd like to take part in a brief, anonymous survey to share your views, concerns on the project, as well as ideas and suggestions for how it can positively impact the area, the survey is here: <https://sizewell.suffolk-research.co.uk/>

In other news... Suffolk Climate Action Team's '**Keep the Heat**', project will run in Yoxford between **27th February and 10th March 2025** so, if you'd like your property surveyed (free of charge), please contact the Clerk who'll add you to the list and be in touch nearer the time.

The PC has explored options to improve the **cemetery** and the first stage of its plan will be to spend additional funds on ensuring hedges and paths are maintained to a higher standard. In addition, a new offer of *commemorative bench plaques*, as a way to remember a loved one, is being prepared. More information soon.

A Yoxford Christmas

It's that wonderful time of the year again and Yoxford is celebrating with many festive events for all to enjoy. We hope these will help us all come together as the super community that we are.

It would be wonderful if we could brighten these cold winter evenings with decorations in our windows, gardens, trees or wherever you can find. Big or small, all will help make our village a wonderful spectacle for us all to enjoy as we wander around.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Sunday 1st Lighting up of the Christmas tree at St Peter's Church at 6pm - mulled wine, mince pies and carols

Saturday 7th Christmas Concert by Sing Out Yoxford - St Peter's Church - 7pm

Friday 13th Festive Film Night - Yoxford Village Hall - 6:30pm. £5 entry.

Saturday 14th Strictly Come Dancing Final and bar - Yoxford Village Hall - 6pm

Tuesday 17th Meet up Tuesday Christmas Meal - Yoxford Village Hall - 11am

Friday 20th Christmas Carol Concert - St Peter's Church, Yoxford - 6:30pm

Tuesday 24th Walk around the village to see local Christmas decorations then drinks in The Kings Head with a few festive songs to finish the night off.

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Autumn/Winter 2024

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Meet-Up Lunch Group - last Tuesday of every month

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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

Boules/Pétanque Pistes - available for community use, no need to book.

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Wednesday December 11th from 7pm – Caedmon at Christmas

Join us for our seasonal and festive celebration in music, word and song for winter, solstice, yuletide and Christmas etc. The programme will be assembled on the night from items contributed by members of the audience who would like to perform – or just come along to listen. There will be an interval with wine, fruit juice and a light buffet. There is no charge for this event but any donations towards the work of Christian Aid will be gratefully received.

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