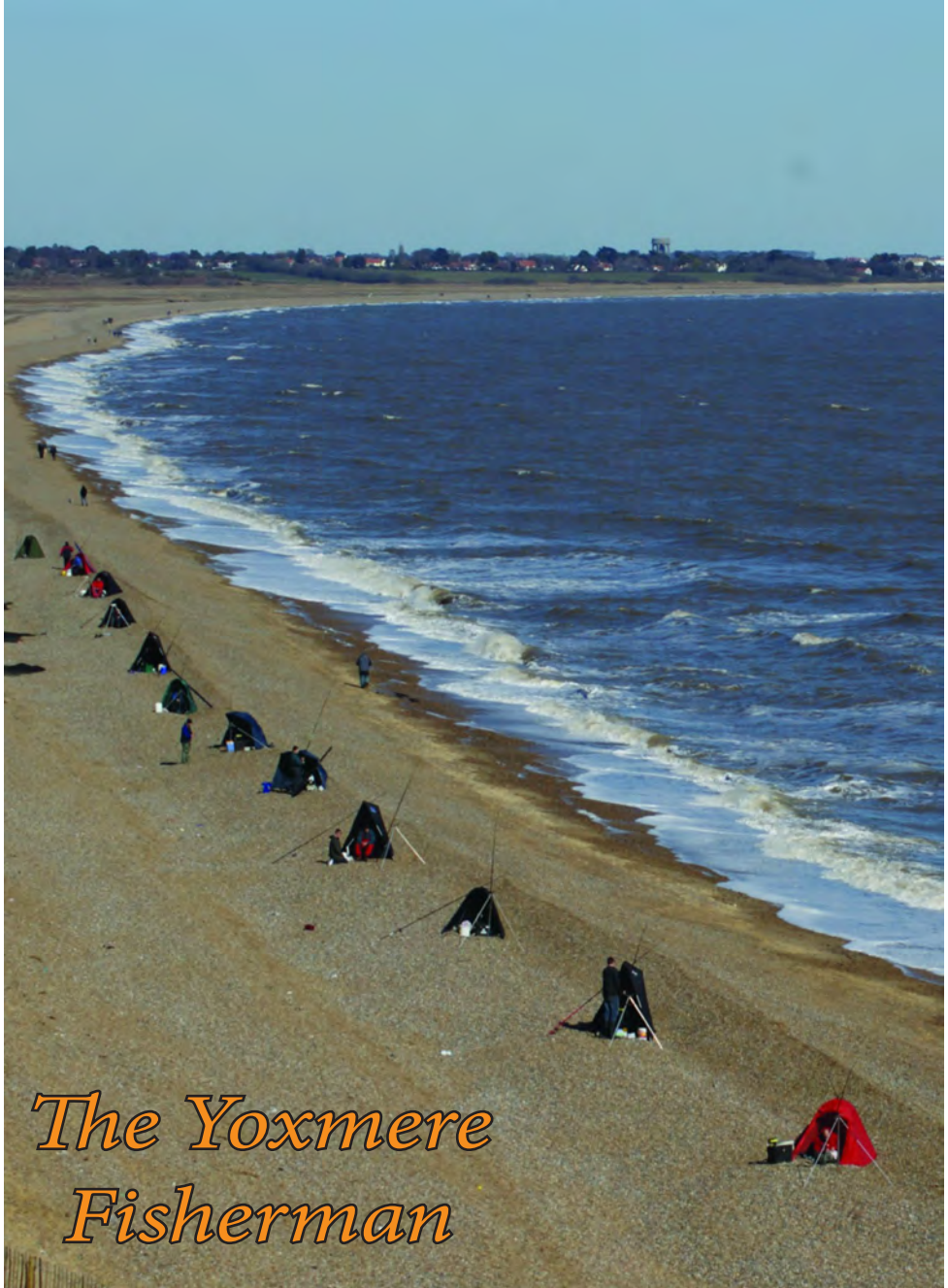


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# *The Yoxmere Fisherman*

**February 2025**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

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### Sunday 2nd February ~ Candlemas

10.00am Middleton Benefice Service with Holy Communion

### Sunday, 9th February ~ 4th Sunday before Lent

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 16th February ~ 3rd Sunday before Lent

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, 23rd February ~ 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Yoxford Morning Prayer

9.30am Theberton Holy Communion

9.30am Westleton Informal Worship & croissants@church

11.00am Peasenhall Morning Worship with Methodist Chapel

11.00am Darsham Holy Communion

11.00am Dunwich Morning Prayer

11.00am Middleton Holy Communion

3.30pm Sibton Evensong

### Every Wednesday

Yoxford 10.00am Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*2nd February White*

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

*9th February Green*

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-13]

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11

*16th February Green*

Jeremiah 17.5-10

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

*23rd February Green*

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

Revelation 4

Luke 8.22-25

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*Thanks to Mike Mayhew, Southwold Press, for the cover photo of Dunwich beach.*



## RECTOR'S RAMBLE

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Next month the timetable of church services is going to look very different to normal.

For the Sundays of Lent (9th March to 13th April) I am experimenting with holding a single 'benefice' service each week (to which everyone is very welcome, naturally).

The reasons for this are:

- I believe that a series of six weeks worshipping together will help us to get to know each other better — increasing our ties and our unity.
- We can showcase to each other some of what is good in worship in each church.
- Worshipping in larger numbers can be encouraging — singing is louder, and the coffee and chat afterwards can have more of a buzz to it.

This is not an attempt to make my life easier by reducing the varied and creative life of eight churches down to one roaming congregation! I value too much the diversity that this benefice enjoys — from Book of Common Prayer evensongs to family@church to Taizé worship and 'normal' communion.

Furthermore, Easter Sunday services (when Easter comes) will be held in all the churches, as befits the fantastic celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

I warmly encourage you to join me in a sort of pilgrimage around the benefice through Lent, and use this opportunity to explore the differences that you will encounter across the six weeks. One service will be a BCP communion. Another will be family worship — but whatever your normal preference, I encourage you to come to these varied services, and be encouraged by a different (and equally wonderful) part of the wider worshipping community.

Another reason for this dramatic change in the rota for six weeks is so that we can engage in a Lent course looking at Christian Ethics together. I am inviting guest speakers to co-lead so that we can discuss some of the difficult topics — war, medical ethics, and the more everyday — 'How should we spend our money well?' These will be discussions and explorations to which all are welcome. Put it in your diary now! — Darsham Village Hall at 4pm each Sunday of Lent for an hour and half, with refreshments.

*Blessings, Tim.*

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd February 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.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

Lewis George Redgate on 19th January at St Michael's, Peasenhall.

### Marriage

Luca Charles George Capellini Townshend to Laura-Molly Cooper on December 21st, 2024 at St Peter's, Yoxford.

### Funerals

Doris Williams, aged 91 years, on 20th January, at the Greenwood Burial Ground.

Margaret Winifred Charles, aged 91 years, on 28th January at Seven Hills Crematorium, followed by a Memorial Service at St Peter's, Westleton.

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## INHERITANCE TAX BURDEN FOR FARMS: ALL IS NOT LOST

To everyone in the farming or rural community concerned about the effects of the recent budget changes concerning inheritance tax, I would say do not despair, you are not alone, and help is available.

Inheritance tax has long been a divisive subject and has been charged on non-business estates for many decades, these estates invariably realising their monetary values by sales or encashment of investments. They are distinct from farming and business estates where the assets need to be passed on in their entirety to enable the business operation to continue, any breakup or sale of those assets reducing the value of the business and affecting the operating capability, and thus the potential for profit and employment. With the announcement by the Chancellor in last autumn's budget, businesses and farms now face risks upon the death of the owner.

Within the inheritance tax rules there are various allowances and thresholds that can be applied. These are not a "one size fits all" set of rules and should be tailored to meet the needs of the individual business operation, as each enterprise is different: freehold or leasehold, arable or pasture, trees or industrial units. Set against this consideration needs to be given to debts or mortgages that be utilised.


The first essential step is the preparation of a suitable Will. This Will enables the consideration of the estate, and the effective pathway as to the distribution of the estate upon death, and as such the application of tax planning. However, with the preparation of a Will, it is possible to consider the operation of the business model used. Many people operate as sole traders or partnerships without a proper deed. The simple application of putting in place a proper partnership deed could have massive implications as to tax savings. It is also necessary to consider the incorporation into a company or the use of a Trust. There are a range of options available, and with the correct application of such tax planning methods, it can be possible to not only mitigate the tax liability, but in some cases extinguish it.

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It is essential to realise that the position you may face is being faced by many others, but the solutions for each can be very different and need to be tailored to your needs and family succession requirements. It is therefore essential that you seek advice from your solicitor or accountant but ensure that they have the requisite expertise to deal with the nuisances and issues that farming and business communities face.

*Oliver Charles*

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**Sunday 16th February 9.30am**  
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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/>



### SALVATION — PART 2

Back in December I wrote about some of the key theories for why and how Jesus' death and resurrection are necessary for our salvation. After briefly looking at the question of why Jesus had to die, we looked at salvation in terms of sacrifice, and of 'Christ the victor'. Today we conclude with three more key ideas — legal penalty, good example, and the cross as anti-violence.

#### **Substitutionary Atonement**

If you get a parking ticket, you have to pay a penalty.

The law isn't that interested in who pays the fine — you, your spouse, your rich neighbour - so long as the penalty is paid. Some, notably Anselm of Canterbury, have seen salvation in this way.

Anselm disliked the notion that the devil might have a hold on us (as in 'Christ the victor') and so developed a theory around legal penalty. All humans have fallen short of the demands of God's law, and none is able to pay the price for this rebellion, his theory goes. God's perfect justice demands that the penalty be paid. God's perfect love demands that God should save his people, and so God is made incarnate to pay the price for human sin. Jesus dies so that we might be freed.

There is much that is commendable in Anselm's theory — a real sense that Jesus suffered so that we might not. The substitution of Jesus for Barabbas effected by Pontius Pilate seems to signal this.

But there are problems: if the Father implacably seeks justice and the Son seeks mercy — have we not set two persons of the Trinity at cross purposes? That should make us cautious. And, if God is love, could he not simply wipe the 'rap sheet' clean by his grace — *without* the cross? And, how could the greatest *miscarriage* of justice be a means to satisfy God's *requirements* for justice? And, while Anselm's theory can speak of cancelling sin, it has little to say to making us better people, healing humanity's sinful nature.

Substitutionary atonement is a hugely influential theory, especially within evangelical Christianity, but I'm not a fan!

#### **Good Example**

While the substitution of a legal penalty is associated with Anselm, another model is associated with his near contemporary — Peter Abelard, who emphasised that Jesus' death was a good example for us to follow. Christians seek to be Christ-like, to shape their lives after his pattern of love and action. He is the ideal pattern. John



says ‘Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down their life for a friend.’ If we look at the cross this way, we make sense of the rest of Jesus’ life too. He was always a pattern of love, kindness, right living and truth-telling. He continues this way to his death, and then, even in resurrection, he continues: not seeking vengeance or ‘justice’ on Herod or Pilate who had crucified him, but walking with some of his followers to Emmaus, and seeking reconciliation with Peter over a fish breakfast. By contrast to Anselm, this theory has nothing to do with transactions, and everything to do with good influence, shaping the world into a better place by his example.

### **An ‘Anti-Violence’ Theory**

Now: what if the cross was so far from being a sacrifice that it was divinely intended to be *anti*-sacrificial? A divine ultimate refusal of sacrifice? And a divine refusal of violence generally? This forms part of the world view of academic René Girard.

Girard’s theory begins with a recognition of the wide extent to which human behaviour is constructed around imitation, or mimesis, and that this can lead to a false sense of ‘righteous violence’, in which the justification for our actions seems beyond question because everyone who matters thinks like us. This is the nature of witch hunts and scapegoating. Jesus was the perfect scapegoat — innocent in every way, yet blamed by Herod, Pilate and the temple authorities. His crucifixion was approved by the crowd, but clearly disapproved of by their God, who, in bringing Jesus back to life, was vindicating him and expressing disagreement with the popular judgement.

This in turn brings into question all violence, and brings cause to doubt our judgement on others. It also calls into question sacrificial systems, which had been a part of Judaism, but which were also rife in contemporary religions.

Again — what I have described over two months is the beginning of an outline of some theory. There is usefulness and truth in each perspective. The best summary I have found for salvation theory comes from a statement of the Presbyterian Church of the USA in 1967:

“God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of a debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for people. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.”

What I have expressed over these last two articles is an outline of the thought, meditation, wonder and gratitude of the Christian before the cross.

## **A SPECTRUM OF SONG: WORKSHOP FOR ALL WHO ENJOY SINGING FOR WORSHIP**

Saturday 8th March 2025, 10.00am – 4.00pm

St Mary's Church, Halesworth, IP19 8LL

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*A word from the editor: I attended this workshop a few years ago and I cannot recommend it highly enough – for anyone with any interest in music for worship. Richard Hubbard will take you on a fascinating and exhilarating exploration of all kinds of church music, relating it to secular styles along the way. PD*

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## **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Food banks give me mixed emotions — it is terrible that food poverty is so real and present. On the other hand, I am encouraged that many people give time, groceries and money to try to help those in financial trouble.

There are food bank collection points at Peasenhall Post Office, in Yoxford Church, and Westleton Village Hall. In Darsham, food is collected at the coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month, or can be put in the collection crates at other times if the hall is open.

There is a collection point in Middleton church, which is to be added to or taken from freely according to need. Items left at the end of the month are taken to the food bank. Details of where food can be accessed locally can be seen in the article below.

*Revd Tim.*

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## **LOCAL FOOD SUPPORT INFORMATION**

Please see details of local food support available given by location and availability by days of the week. Current apps are given, and transport links highlighted.

### **Leiston**

#### **Leiston United Church Food Bank**

Leiston Food Bank is open Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am-11.30am in the United Church at 45A High St, for all who may need it (no requirement to contact them first). Tel: **01728 831446**.



## **The Leiston Pantry**

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For more services and information please see look online for: [The Leiston Pantry - Community Cafe - Project40Seven | Nonprofit Community Cafe in Leiston](#)

## **Saxmundham**

### **Sax Community Fridge**

The Saxmundham Community Fridge operates every Monday and Friday in the Queens Head car park from 10.30am to 11.30am. More information on the group can be found by searching 'SAX Community Fridge' on Facebook.

### **IP17 GNS (Good neighbour scheme)**

This scheme started in 2020 in response to Covid and has now become a lifeline to many in the community. The scheme can offer support if you're experiencing food poverty or difficulty getting out to the shops.

- The Social Supermarket is open on **Tuesdays 9.30-11.00am** at **Saxmundham Town House (IP17 1BW)** and offers food and household essentials at subsidised prices. Pay £3.50 and leave with a bag of shopping worth £12 – £20.
- Collection and drop-off service for essential shopping if you can't get out – card payments are accepted.
- For people in crisis, we can offer an emergency food parcel free of charge.
- There are emergency food points in Saxmundham, Kelsale and Benhall where you can help yourself to essentials.
- Food bank referrals can be made if support is needed in the longer term.

### **Saxmundham Food Bank**

This operates from Saxmundham, and referrals are made via Citizens Advice Bureau either by visiting [Citizensadviceeastsuffolk.org.uk](http://Citizensadviceeastsuffolk.org.uk) or by telephone – 0808 278 7866.

The service also visits Saxmundham Library on Monday to Friday, 10am – 2pm. This service operates by delivery to the home for those needing it.

## **Halesworth**

### **Halesworth Community Larder**

**Larder opening hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10 – 11.30am. The Larder is at St Mary's Church Hall, Halesworth, IP19 8LL. See website for more details - [Halesworth Community Larder - Halesworth Volunteers](#)

## Halesworth Foodbank

Operates as part of Waveney Foodbanks at St Mary's Church on Wednesdays  
10.30am - 11.45am.

People need to bring their voucher code which will entitle them to one box of food. The voucher code can be obtained from Halesworth Volunteer Centre or by referral from a health agency, Citizens Advice, housing agency, or a social worker. If none of these options are open to you, then please still go to the Foodbank. They will not turn anyone away but listen to your story and give you emergency supplies.

## Wickham Market Open Pantry

Open from 9-11am on Thursdays in All Saints' Church, Wickham Market, IP13 OSA.

## Food Support by days of the week

See above for additional details and contact information.

Day	Location
Monday	Sax Community Fridge
Tuesday	IP17GNS Saxmundham
Wednesday	Halesworth Community Larder
Thursday	Wickham Market Open Pantry
Friday	Sax Community Fridge Leiston Food Bank
Saturday	Leiston Food Bank Halesworth Community Larder

**Apps that may also help:** Too good to go; Olio; Karma; Foodcloud; Nowaste; Nosh; Kitchie.

*Local transport:* CATS transport – Coastal Accessible Transport service – reasonable prices find online at [Services \(cats-paws.co.uk\)](http://Services(cats-paws.co.uk))

*Local bus timetable -* [521522 Timetable Leaflet Web.pdf \(border-bus.co.uk\)](http://521522%20Timetable%20Leaflet%20Web.pdf(border-bus.co.uk))

*Thanks to Sheila Hemingway for compiling this information. To provide feedback or additional details, please email [info@darshamvillagehall.net](mailto:info@darshamvillagehall.net), marking your email 'local food support'.*

## Westleton Bookshops!

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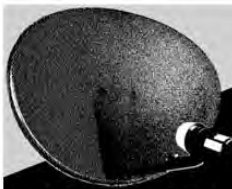
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# DARSHAM

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

7th March – Church tidy

4th April 10.00am - Churchyard tidy.

### Friday Prayers

During January we celebrated ten years of Friday Prayers. During that time we have lost some dear friends but fortunately have gained some good replacements. During the Covid outbreak we continued to meet online. Prayers went out with a psalm, readings and music - sometimes a hymn or gospel song. For sixty weeks folk across the benefice joined this, along with others in Kent, Durham and Warwickshire. We continue every Friday morning at 9.30. Everyone is welcome and there is no pressure to actively take part. Information from Roger on [rcsmith377@outlook.com](mailto:rcsmith377@outlook.com) or 01728 667037.

*Roger Coates Smith*

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## WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL, FEBRUARY 2025

### 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 (except the 2nd) (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. 3rd – 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Dash Astro – Sunday 2nd Observing, 16th Meeting

### Events and Meetings

- Coffee Morning – Sat. 8th at 10.00am hosted by the Table Tennis group
- Film Night – Sat 22nd 7.00pm – *The Critic*- (see notice opposite)
- Watercolour Classes – Mon. 17th at 9.30am to 12.30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)
- Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 11th at 7.00pm
- Textile Temptations – Wed. 12th at 10.00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

## Poetry & Music from Blake Morrison and the Hosepipe Band

### Saturday 15th February. Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The collaboration between poet, novelist and memoirist Blake Morrison and The Hosepipe Band began in 2022, and since then they have performed at arts centres, literary festivals, folk festivals and theatres. Most of the poems you will hear Blake reading are from two of his collections *Shingle Street* and *Never the Right Time*.

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The group has made a double CD of poems and music, which is available from the band or online at the websites below. All the music is composed by members of the band. <https://blakemorrison.net> [www.hosepipeband.co.uk/blake-morrison](http://www.hosepipeband.co.uk/blake-morrison)

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### **DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT, SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**

This February we offer *The Critic*, a mystery crime drama with a fantastic cast. Set in 1930s London, it involves Jimmy Erskine (Ian McKellen) a theatre critic who delivers acerbic reviews, his loyal assistant, a newspaper owner (Mark Strong) who wants to get rid of the critic, and an actress (Gemma Arterton) who has been devastated by Jimmy's reviews. He is determined to survive which ensures that the other characters are caught up in blackmail, deceit and murder!



Tickets £5, available on the door from 6.45pm - film at 7.00. We will have a bar and snacks. Further information from Anne on 07852 237389 or 01728 668270.

NB The screenings for the following two months will be on Saturday March 22nd (*Gladiator*) and Saturday April 26th (TBA).

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### **DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING ON 14TH JANUARY**

Two new councillors, Spencer Oliver and Arthur Blackburn, were co-opted onto the council. Cllr Oliver will be responsible for maintenance and Cllr Blackburn for Sizewell.

Willowmarsh Lane will be closed for Sizewell work from until 26th June 2027. The published diversion route can be found on the Darsham website and the PC notice boards.

A Northern transport meeting will be held on the 5th of February at Darsham Village Hall at 6.30pm.

PC Yeldham from Suffolk Community Police has given a lot of useful information which can be accessed on the Darsham website.

Information regarding the council can also be found on the Darsham website.

There are one half-allotment and two quarter-allotments available to rent. Anyone interested should contact Cllr Fergusson on [darshampcallotments@gmail.com](mailto:darshampcallotments@gmail.com)

Darsham PC would like to thank all residents for their continued support in limiting their outside lighting in support of our dark skies status. Also, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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Save the Date: Darsham Horticultural Society Open Spring Show

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# DUNWICH

## ST JAMES CHURCH

### Grade II Listed Buttress is Given a Facelift



All Saints' Church was the last of eight medieval parish churches in Dunwich to succumb to erosion by the sea, but that too began to fall over the cliff in the early twentieth century. In 1923 the northwest buttress of the church tower was dismantled before it fell and was re-erected in the churchyard of St James where it still stands, an iconic survivor of medieval Dunwich.

The original engraved inscription at the base of the buttress which explained its provenance had weathered and become partly illegible. With the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and thanks to a generous grant from the Amenity and Accessibility Fund, a new plaque of Welsh slate has been placed over the original sandstone plaque. Slate was chosen to reflect the knapped flint on the buttress and church walls, and the dark church roof, while the new plaque was hand carved, with traditional mallet and chisel, by Stuart Buckle, a Suffolk-

based letter carver. The wording on the plaque is as appeared on the original:

THE NORTH WEST  
BUTTRESS OF  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
DUNWICH

THE LAST TRACE OF  
THE CHURCHES OF THE  
FIRST ANGLIAN  
CAPITAL AND SEE  
REMOVED FROM THE CLIFF  
TO THIS RESTING PLACE  
MARCH 1923



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For the last 100 years the flint buttress has been an integral part of the churchyard in harmony with, and complementing, the flint-clad St James. The plaque has been designed to maintain and enhance this beauty so that those visiting St James or following the Dunwich Historic Trail will be aware of the historical significance of the buttress.

*Angela Abell, PCC St James Church*

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## **COFFEE 4 U**

The dates for our get together in the reading room are, Thursday 6th February, and the 20th, starting at 10: 00am until 12:00noon. Also the dates for March are Thursday 6th and 20th. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Heather Cook.*

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## **DUNWICH TOWN TRUST ANNUAL MEETING**

Villagers of Dunwich are invited to the meeting to be held on Saturday 22nd March 2025 in the Reading Room, St James Street, Dunwich, IP17 3DT, from 2.30 – 4pm. The Chair of the Dunwich Town Trust - Dennis Cox - and the Trustees will be there to welcome you. Please confirm if you would like to attend and advise of any dietary requirements by email to [dunwichtowntrust@gmail.com](mailto:dunwichtowntrust@gmail.com)

### **PROGRAMME**

Welcome – introductions - the Dunwich Town Trust

Key Areas of Work - Corporation Marshes - Beach Area and Car Park – The

Fisherman's Hut – Gallows Field - Property

Finances and Investments

Questions

Refreshments

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## **MIDDLETON**

### **MIDDLETON WI NEWS**

Our end-of-year celebration in December was at the Village Hall. Glasses of mulled wine helped to get the party started and our members produced a very tasty buffet supper. Entertainment was provided by musicians Martin and Annie who are “Syzewell Gap”.

They not only sang songs but delighted us with numerous stories. There was much laughter. The evening was a great success, a perfect way to end 2024.

The new year will begin with a daytime January meeting to discuss National WI Resolutions, and in February we will treat ourselves to lunch out - venue to be decided.

*Lynne Venn*



## PEASENHALL

### **VOLUNTEER WANTED**

Peasehall United Charities is a small charity dedicated to helping those most in need in Peasehall. The charity has a vacancy for an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer due to the current holder of the position moving out of the village.

The charity usually meets two or three times a year, and at other times online - should anyone in the village need support between meetings. At Christmas, a lunch is organised for residents over 70. The records of the charity amount to a single filing-cabinet drawer and the Honorary Secretary is the custodian of those records.

Overall, the tasks performed are therefore quite minimal and not onerous, but nevertheless important for the wellbeing of residents in the village. The post is voluntary and unpaid.

If you are interested in learning more about the charity and the tasks performed by the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and would like to put yourself forward, please contact Chris Norrington on 01728 660280 or by [email farthings@btinternet.com](mailto:email.farthings@btinternet.com)

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### **PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL**

#### **What's On in February**

**Craft Club 3rd and 17th February 2-4pm.** If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, or would like to learn one of these crafts, why don't you 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](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com)

Looking at getting fitter or perhaps dance off some of the Christmas excess? Then why not come along to **Clubbercise on Tuesdays at 6-7pm** (term time only)?

To book or for more information, please contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email [Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk)

**Pop up Café Weds 5th February 10am – 12pm.** Hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. 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 9.45-10.45am.** This class is suitable for all abilities. To book, or for more information, please contact Emma on 07914 535448 or email [pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com](mailto:pilatesbodyharmony@aol.com)

#### **Peasehall Picture Palace Friday 7th February**

The next Film Club we will be showing *Firebrand*.

This is set in Tudor England, when Katherine Parr reluctantly agrees to become the sixth wife of the tyrannical King Henry VIII. Her consent to marry him carries great

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personal risk, given that her predecessors are either vanquished, beheaded or dead! Perceived as a threat by Henry's courtiers, they start to cast doubts about her fidelity and turn the increasingly paranoid king against her.

Doors open at 7pm. Bar and raffle.

Thank you to everyone who supports us and to the local businesses who provide very generous raffle prizes. If you have any requests or would like to hear about future films, please subscribe to our mailing list: [peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com)

Thanks to a generous donation from the Parish Council and a grant from DHSC Community AED team, the Hall now has a **defibrillator**. It is situated on the rear external wall next to the carpark and is registered with the East of England Ambulance Service. Please do spread the word, as you never know who or when someone may need it.

We have also received a very generous grant from Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust for which we are extremely grateful. This money will fund a new external notice board and curtains in the foyer area. We would like to thank Corina at The Little Upholsterer for all her help and guidance with the latter project.

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 volunteer at some of our events, please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email [theassemblyhall19@gmail.com](mailto:theassemblyhall19@gmail.com).

More information on [www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall](http://www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall)

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## WESTLETON

### WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL FEBRUARY 2025

On Saturday 1st February the **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** will be back in the Foyer from 10am -12.30pm. Come along to find local produce, sweet and savoury bakes, honey, and artisan crafts such as handmade soaps and skin care products. There will also be bric-a-brac stalls to find that bargain. Refreshments will be available.



The evening of 1st February is **Film Night** with a showing of *Little Miss Sunshine*, a 2006 American tragi-comedy road film directed by Jonathan Dayton. Doors and bar open at 7pm with the film showing at **7.30pm**. Tickets are only available on the door at a very reasonable £5 each.

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On Saturday 15th February there will be an **Antarctic Talk and Seasonal Supper**. Tickets (£15 each) for this event which starts at **6.30pm for 7pm** will soon be available from Westleton Stores and from the Foyer, when open.

Our popular **Flea Market** returns on Sunday 23rd February from 10am – 3pm. Come along for collectables, vintage, good quality pre-loved items and affordable antiques – something for everyone! Only 50p entry fee with under 16s free and light refreshments in the Foyer.

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

**Tech Table:** The ‘Tech Team’ is available every Tuesday morning in the Foyer to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/laptop issues that you may have. To book a slot, please contact Lesley– [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or phone 01728 648354.

**Footcare with Susan** - will be visiting the Hall again on Thursday/Friday 27th/28th February. Booking is essential - 01986 872067 or 07497 371073.

Email: [susan@nobadfeet.co.uk](mailto:susan@nobadfeet.co.uk)

To see our latest timetable of events and activities, please see our events page on our website [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk) or join us on Facebook and Instagram. For more information on any of these events or to go onto our monthly mailing list, please contact the Centre Manager on 01728 648354 or email [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk).

### **Archive Room**

There is a modern, up-to-date Archive room within the Village Hall. Volunteers continue to take photographs, recording memories of Westleton villagers and adding both old and new information to the records. Ipswich Records Officer will continue to receive digitised historical documents of Westleton.

An exhibition is planned for the spring, together with an evening showing old slides and films (more information to follow). Regretfully, due to lack of space, no artefacts are able to be stored.

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### **MICHAEL ANTHONY WILLIAMS 15TH OCTOBER 1940 – 24TH OCTOBER 2024**

Mick moved to Westleton with his wife Helen and family in 1989. They bought the site at Moorside, demolished the railway carriage bungalow and built a family house. He worked at Sizewell B power station when it was under construction.

As a scouter for many years, he joined Leiston Scouts as assistant and later became leader. There will be many who remember his games at summer camp. He took early retirement from Sizewell and retrained as a florist, opening a small florist shop in Lowestoft. About the same time, he decided to explore his artistic talents and joined a group in Reydon. He was awarded the best watercolour painting in an exhibition in

Southwold. Using his artistic talents, and with the help of local residents, he designed the wildflower altar frontal for St Peter's Church. He helped to start the model railway group in Westleton. He helped to start the model railway group in Westleton, which continues to flourish.

When he retired from scouting he joined a Masonic Lodge in Halesworth, and later became a founder member of a Scout Lodge in Norfolk.

When the children left home and his mother had passed away, Mick and Helen decided to build their retirement home in the garden of Moorside Lodge. Marigold Cottage was built with the intention of being their final home but Mick was slowing down and later was diagnosed with prostate cancer. After his successful treatment they decided to move close to their daughter in Sutton Coldfield in 2017.

Leaving Westleton, which held so many wonderful memories, was hard, but being close to daughter and granddaughter was lovely. Mick managed a final trip to Westleton at the beginning of September 2024, although he and the dog, Tango, were not very well, it seemed a special few days for both. Mick passed away peacefully in Good Hope Hospital on 24th October, followed by Tango on 30th October.

Known as Mick, Mike or Budgie he touched many lives with kindness and support. Treasured memories forever in our hearts.

*Helen Williams*

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### **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER 2024**

1st prize No 50 – David Blencowe

2nd prize No 230 - Fiona and Christopher Harrington

### **January 2025 winners**

1st prize No 217 - Ed and Lyn Tyler

2nd prize No 76 - Andrew Burtenshaw

Applications for the 2025 draw open soon. A form is enclosed in this magazine.

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### **WESTLETON COMMON EVENTS FEBRUARY 2025**

On **Saturday February 15th** there will be a **Working Party, 10am - 12.30pm.**

All welcome - tools are provided. Bring your own tough gardening gloves. Refreshments at half time.

The first **Nature Walk** of the year will be held on **Saturday February 22nd, 10.30am - 12 noon (approx)** when we hope the weather will be kind!

For both these events, please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St, down a short track on the right.



*Juliet Bullimore*



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**Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky – Anton Arensky**  
**Lullaby – George Gershwin**

**Admission by programme, £15 at the door**  
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**St Peter's Church, Westleton, Saturday 12 April, 10.30am**  
**Tallis Chamber Orchestra String Quartet**  
**Divertimento in F major, K. 138 – W. A. Mozart**  
**String Quartet in C minor, Op. 18, No. 4 – L. van Beethoven**

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## **WESTLETON GARDENERS - OPEN TO ALL**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th February in Westleton Village Hall. This month Andrew Sankey will be talking about Vita Sackville-West's and Harold Nicholson's famous garden of Sissinghurst. The title: 'Sissinghurst – More than a White Garden'.

We are a small friendly gardening club with no annual membership subscription but a 'pay on the door' system with the fee at £4 each, so feel free to come along to the talk.

Doors open at 7.15pm. Refreshments will be available and time to chat. *Marilyn Stephens*

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## **WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

We are sorry that we had to cancel the New Year Day Fireworks, but high winds meant that it would have been unsafe to proceed.

Orwell Housing Association (OHA) presented their plans for an Affordable Housing Scheme to the village in December. Thanks to all who attended and submitted comments. OHA are reviewing the comments prior to submitting the finalised plans to East Suffolk District Council.

Sizewell C's (SZC) next Northern Transport Forum will be held on 5th February. Please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)) if you have questions you would like to be asked about any aspect of the SZC transport programme/traffic at the meeting.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council's submission for a Westleton bus service was not successful as the County Council (SCC) explained that it is not possible to extend the Aldeburgh to Halesworth 521 service into Westleton (as we had proposed) because of driver working-time constraints. However, SCC has acknowledged the need and has said that it will look at options for a separate service for Westleton and surrounding villages. Discussions with SCC are ongoing.

The Parish Council surgery for February will be on Monday 24th, 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. Please do feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors. These are also opportunities to raise questions for the SZC Northern Transport Forum.

*Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council*

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## **YOXFORD**

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

February is a short month, hopefully with signs of spring daffodils appearing, and St Valentine's Day with its theme of Love! Love came down at Christmas but it remains with us throughout the months ahead. Please join with us at St Peter's for our fellowship and regular services.

**Wednesdays** at 10am **Holy Communion** followed by coffee and chat.

**Pebbles Play & Stay Group** 11am -12noon for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers.

**Second Sunday - Communion Service 9.30am** followed by coffee.

**Third Sunday - family@church.** Informal worship for families and the young at heart. We now have a prayer box inside the church for your prayer requests. The church is open daily for quiet reflection 9am-4pm. We welcome you.

*Lynne Putland, Churchwarden*

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

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

Table Tennis Tuesdays 7pm-9pm. £4 per session. 07737 905208

Meet Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month, £4 per session

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.

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

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

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### **SING OUT (COMMUNITY CHOIR)**

We have just begun our new term so it is not too late to start the new year by joining your local choir.

We meet every Wednesday during term time at 7.00pm in St Peter’s Church. 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: email: [singoutyoxford@gmail.com](mailto:singoutyoxford@gmail.com) or website: [singoutyoxford.co.uk](http://singoutyoxford.co.uk)

**Thank you for supporting our Winter Concert in December. Not only by attending but by giving generously £500 to The Warden’s Trust, the chosen charity for this concert.**

*Sing Out Committee*

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### **YOXFORD CEMETARY**

The Cemetery at Yoxford has had a major clean up and looks so much better. It was well overdue. A special Thank You goes to the Yoxford Parish Council for organising this.

*Julian Lock*

## ARE YOU AN ARTIST OR MAKER?

Would you be interested in being part of a new initiative celebrating the creative talents of local people? Whatever your level, whether you are just starting out on your artistic journey or you are more experienced, we would love to hear from you if you would like to showcase, sell or even demonstrate your work.

We are hoping to hold an event in Yoxford Village Hall with a provisional date of 19th April 2025, to include all disciplines including painting, drawing, jewellery making, woodwork, photography, sewing, knitting, pottery, ceramics and felting - to name but a few. In order to gauge the level of enthusiasm for being involved, we ask that you please register your interest by either email [carol.rose01579@gmail.com](mailto:carol.rose01579@gmail.com) or telephone 07552 501809 as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you! Carol Rose



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## NEWS FROM YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Sizewell C has sent through notification that it intends making an order closing Willow Marsh Lane, Darsham from its junction with A12 Main Road for approximately 700m, and to the west of the railway line. The diversion route will be Sibton Green, Sibton Road, Yoxford Road, Walpole Road, A144 Darsham Road, A144 High Street, A12 London Road, A12 High Street and vice versa.

It is intended that the closure will operate from 27/01/2025 to 26/06/2027 but, if necessary, the order may remain in force until the Northern Park and Ride is in operation.

We know that Sizewell C's impact on our area will be huge and so contact them 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](mailto: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).

*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. Nearer the time, the team will be in touch.

**Volunteers Matter...** Big thanks to village volunteer Editor, *John McMinn* who, after eight years in the role, has shut down his editing keyboard and sent over his final edition of The Yoxford Yapper. Those are big shoes to fill. Thanks too, to *Russell Pearce* who spent time renovating Dr Marriott's bench which sits outside Mulberry Park. It's looking fabulous again and as part of **Healthwatch Suffolk's** strategy is ready to be marked as a '**Happy to Chat Bench**'. This means that, if you fancy a wee natter, someone will stop and say hello!

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## **ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

**HENRY ADAMS CUPPER - A SUFFOLK PIONEER** – a talk by Geoffrey Robinson  
Monday 17th February, 2.00pm

The story of Suffolk farmer Henry Adams Cupper, who took his young family on a dangerous journey of adventure in 1877, crossing the Atlantic and travelling to the furthest reaches of the USA to carve out a new life in the virgin territory of Oregon.

The talk takes place at the Fromus Centre, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL (behind the Library, with free parking) and, for members only, on Zoom. £1.00 for members, £3.00 for visitors. Only members can take part on Zoom, but it only costs £8 for a year's membership. Info at <https://avsfhg.org.uk/membership/>

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### **The Fisherman's Hut, Dunwich**

The Fisherman's Hut a delightful new gallery and exhibition space available for weekly hire just steps from the famous beach in medieval Dunwich. It is available for arts, artisan crafts, pottery, stationery/books or as an engagement space for charities. Open from April - October 2025. We welcome artistic businesses, professional & hobby artists and new talent to share their creations, featuring two fold-back doors offering shelves to display artwork, crafts, stationery, books etc.,

The Fisherman's Hut, Beach Road, Dunwich, IP17 3EN

Please contact us to reserve your date at [dunwichtowntrust@gmail.com](mailto:dunwichtowntrust@gmail.com)

The Fisherman's Hut is an asset of the Dunwich Town Trust, refurbished in 2024 with the Trustees' objective of providing an inspirational, creative space for the benefit of visitors, charities and independent businesses.

The Dunwich Town Trust is a charity founded over 120 years ago to manage the assets of the dissolved Corporation of Dunwich an organisation from medieval times.



# PROJECT UPDATE

## FEBRUARY 2025

2025 is set to be a busy year for the project as we make progress on all of our associated developments. We will keep you informed throughout the year and our **Works Tracker** will be continuously updated. You can also check traffic management on the **Suffolk County Council website**.

The window to remove vegetation runs between October and February as it is the best time to avoid harm to wildlife. As we conduct our clearance work during

this period you may notice a lot of activity around our associated developments, particularly along the A12.

We work with the local authorities to ensure that this is carried out quickly and safely with appropriate safeguards and mitigations for wildlife and natural habitats.

In order to make sure that wildlife such as newts have left their winter nests, the next ecological work will take place in May where we will be removing vegetation roots.

We have also finalised the designs for our community road improvements, and meetings to discuss the construction programme are due to take place.

## FORUM

## SCHEDULE

All forum timings  
18:30 - 20:30  
(Arrival from 18:00)

Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 5 February 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 12 March 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Community Forum	Thursday 27 March 2025	High Lodge, Darsham
Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 2 April 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association

For more information and for all 2025 forum dates visit [sizewellc.com/community/forums](https://sizewellc.com/community/forums)

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