

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



*The Yoxmere  
Fisherman*

July 2025

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2025

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### Sunday, 6th July ~ 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Theberton Benefice Service  
with Holy Communion  
3.00pm Yoxford Flower Festival Songs of Praise  
with Archdeacon Rich Henderson

### Sunday, 13th July ~ 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Yoxford Holy Communion  
9.30am Westleton Informal Worship  
9.30am Theberton Taizé  
10.00am Middleton Morning Prayer  
11.00am Peasehall Morning Prayer  
11.00am Dunwich Holy Communion  
11.00am Darsham *No service*

### Sunday, 20th July ~ 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Yoxford family@church  
9.30am Westleton Holy Communion  
9.30am Theberton Morning Praise  
11.00am Peasehall Holy Communion (BCP)  
6.00pm Darsham Evensong

### Sunday, 27th July ~ 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

### 3rd August, 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Dunwich Benefice Service  
with Holy Communion  
Flower Festival

Wednesdays at Yoxford ~ 10.00am, Holy Communion

### LECTIONARY

*6th July Green*  
2 Kings 5.1-14  
Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16  
Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

*13th July Green*  
Amos 7.7-17  
Colossians 1.1-14  
Luke 10.25-37

*20th July Green*  
Amos 8.1-12  
Colossians 1.15-28  
Luke 10.38-end

*27th July Green*  
Hosea 1.2-10  
Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]  
Luke 11.1-13

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## RECTOR'S RAMBLE

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During one of the services we held during Lent we shocked the congregation by playing a song by Stormzy: 'Give it to the water'. Paul, who suggested it, told me that it would be one of his desert island discs. Stormzy is a musician who is real about his struggles in life, but keeps coming back to his Christian faith. In 'Give it to the water', the 'water' is the Holy Spirit.

I was initially surprised at Paul's high regard for this song. Snobbery on my part? Probably — but I admit it is a great song! I think part of my surprise is that for a song to make anyone's top ten is *very* high praise. And, if you're older than the age of, say, twenty-five, I bet your desert island discs are pieces of music that you've known for years.

I've been to a few hi-fi shows (you wouldn't believe how good, or how expensive hi-fi can be!) and at some point in the day you'll always hear 'Dark Side of the Moon'. It's a well recorded album, of course, but the kind of guys who go to hi-fi shows still *really* like an album that's half a century old.

There's a programme on Radio 3 similar to Desert Island Discs called *Private Passions*, which is usually playing on a Sunday lunchtime as I drive home from my second service. It's interesting to hear accomplished people talk about their lives, and intersperse these interviews with music. They always manage to weave their music into their life stories: 'I've always loved order and precision and it was the works of J. S. Bach that led me to becoming a brain surgeon' — that sort of thing. We are fascinated by peoples' lives. We are fascinated by what music they love and why. It's a great formula.

I would cheat horribly were I on one of these programmes. I'd try to get Wagner's *Ring* cycle (four operas lasting fourteen hours in total) in as one item. At various times I've written out my lists of favourite pieces: Mahler 2, Beethoven 9, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius — and the lists get longer and longer. You, however, are going to have very different choices. And that's rather wonderful!

Speaking of favourites: to mark the end of Yoxfayre we'll be holding a 'Songs of Praise' service at 3pm on Sunday 6th July. This will feature as many of our favourite hymns as we can fit into one service. See you there?

*Blessings, Tim.*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Beatrice Castle, on Saturday 24th May at All Saints', Darsham.

Nell Harris, on Saturday 31st May at St Peter's, Sibton.

### Funeral

Julia Marjorie Reast, aged 83 years, at Seven Hills Crematorium on Wednesday 4th June, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's, Westleton.

Richard Alan Newnham, aged 79 years, on Wednesday 18th June at St Peter's, Westleton.

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## PLEASE NOTE

There will be no edition of the Fisherman in September, so the edition issued in August will cover both August and September. Please take this into account and, as far as you are able, send in details of events to cover both months.



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### Muscular Christianity

One of the major influences on my Christian growth was Guildford Crusaders, part of the Crusader Union, which now calls itself ‘Urban Saints’. This was (and is) a Christian group for boys between 11 and 18, founded around knowing and worshipping Jesus, and lots of outdoor fun. Each year there was a summer half-term camp and then a summer camp, often in Cornwall, attended by something like a hundred boys and leaders.

We did sports and games, various levels of rough and tumble, trips and adventures. And looking back at it, it was a direct descendant of the Victorian idea of ‘muscular Christianity’.

Muscular Christianity started as a movement in boys’ public schools. In 1828 Thomas Arnold became the headmaster of Rugby school and began to deal with ill-discipline by establishing a much more serious programme of sports than the school had seen. Nearly thirty years later, Thomas Hughes’s book *Tom Brown’s School Days* caused the wider spread of these principles, which were bound into four key areas of behaviour: respect, cooperative obedience, perseverance and self-discipline. Through sport the young Christian gentlemen learnt to live by a code of conduct of fair play, respect and self control — the things they were being taught in chapel. It was massively influential. But it was also a movement that functioned as a reaction to perceptions of the church growing ‘weak’ and ‘effeminate’.

I read recently a BBC News article entitled: ‘Young US men are joining Russian churches promising “absurd levels of manliness”’. (This can be found at <http://bit.ly/4e1GT36>.) The article talks of American men joining churches belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. Again, it is reactionary: at least some part of this Orthodox ‘manly’ church is a reaction against gender issues and ‘woke’. Men joining the church seem to crave a return to ‘traditional’ values: men are the bread-winners, a woman’s place is in the home, birth-control is for losers. For me, what is even more troubling is that, according to the article, this Russian Orthodoxy is convincing followers that Putin is a Christian man, and that Ukraine deserves little sympathy for the invasion. Is this muscular Christianity, or something more sinister?

The ‘anti’ bits of both movements trouble me. The term ‘woke’ originated with African Americans in the 1930s — the idea that we should ‘wake up’ to discrimination, prejudice and social inequalities. More recently this has come to include LGBTQIA+ rights, anger at continuing white privilege, and more. The term became derogatory (from the right wing) from about 2019 — implying insincerity, or ‘performative’ activism.

My twopence worth is this: ‘woke’ is right. We should wake up to discrimination and prejudice. These are very real injustices and anyone wanting others to stop talking about it would be best to do so by working towards a more equal world. I don’t recall Jesus ever telling minorities to stop whinging. I do think he preached about good Samaritans who helped their enemies, and he stood up for women. The early church, following in his footsteps, embraced radical change: understanding that in Christ ‘there is neither man nor woman, Jew or gentile, slave or free’ — surely a ‘woke’ agenda?

Much of the issue seems to be about control. White straight men perceive their control being taken from them. They respond with ‘muscularity’, but the attacks they perceive are because of their control, not their whiteness, nor their sex. But if they are claiming Christianity as their ally then they must beware: Jesus never looks much like a ‘muscular’ figurehead — a resolutely celibate, poor itinerant preacher who speaks of turning the other cheek; a man who does not trade accusations with Pilate; a man who submits to the cross, and, in his resurrection, does not take justice into his own hands. A man who is good at listening to women! It doesn’t sound very muscular, does it? But it does sound like respect, cooperative obedience, perseverance, self-control, courage and compassion — the qualities espoused by Victorian muscular Christianity and that we should all respect, whatever our gender.

The muscular Christianity that I knew through Crusaders, and that Victorian boys knew, was certainly not perfect. But I did learn a faith that embraced Jesus’ promise that he had come to give us life to the full, and embraced the idea that Christianity meant *doing* something — energetically serving, helping, and challenging injustice. And doing it joyfully. That idea of ‘muscular Christianity’ still has a place, surely?

*Blessings, Tim*

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

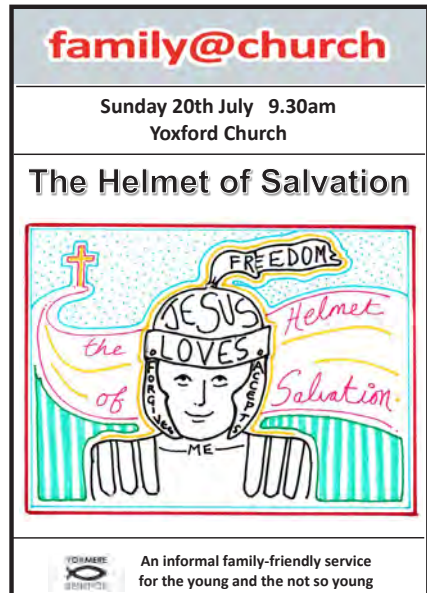
The next meetings will be on Monday 7th July and Monday 4th August at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from the Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.

## COVER PHOTOS

Please note, the cover photo for June was taken by Corinna Giles of the Peasenhall and Sibton Swift Group, and not by Martyn Burnside as stated. (See Page 18 for an update on the swifts.)

A number of churches in the benefice have flower festivals coming up. Ahead of these, I looked out a few of my own photos of some stunning arrangements in past festivals. The cover picture this month is from Yoxford's flower festival in 2021.

*Philippa Dent*



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### WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

July 2025

#### Classes & Clubs

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

Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30am to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)

Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11:00am to 12:00pm (contact Maria 07999 848655)

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

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

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

Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9:30 -10:30 and 11:00 to 12:00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146) (**Not the 29th.**)

Crafty Club – Mon. 7th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)

Home Education Group – Wed. 23rd and 30th (contact Rebecca Coe)

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

#### Events and Meetings

Coffee Morning – Sat. 12th at 10:00am hosted by the All Saints' Church

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 21st at 9:30am to 12:30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)

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

Textile Temptations – Wed. 9th at 10:00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

#### Future Events

### **Darsham Summer Fete Saturday 9th August**

Darsham Village Hall is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

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## DUNWICH

### DUNWICH ST JAMES CHURCH, FLOWER FESTIVAL

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**Sunday 3rd August, Benefice Festival Service 10am**

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We run events and activities throughout the year, so check our website for updates at [www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events](http://www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events).

#### **Saturday July 5th, The Stones of Dunwich. 10.30am**

Learn about the Earth heritage of Dunwich in the company of Dr Ruth Siddall and Tim Holt-Wilson, in partnership with Dunwich Museum and the Geological Society of Norfolk. Find out more and book at Eventbrite or: <http://bit.ly/4n4Fqxe>

#### **Wednesday July 30th & August 15th, Dunwich BioBlitz. 10.30-4.30pm**

Dunwich is rich in wildlife for you to discover. We are running two day ‘BioBlitz’ safaris this summer, led by expert naturalists, to introduce you to discovering, identifying and recording plants of varied habitats and their invertebrate inhabitants such as moths and beetles. If you are interested in joining us, email us at [chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk](mailto:chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk).

#### **Friday July 25th, Feast of St James Heritage Pilgrimage. 11am**

Meeting at St Peter’s Church in Westleton, we will lead a guided walk on footpaths, following the ancient paths from St Peter’s Church, Westleton, to St James Church, Dunwich. Light refreshments will be laid out at St James following the walk, and transport back to Westleton will be available. Everyone and well-behaved dogs welcome!

#### **August 1st – 4th, Dunwich Art Show. 11.30 – 4.30.**

An art show featuring local artists and art will be held in the Dunwich Reading Room during the first weekend in August, lining up with the Dunwich Flower

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Festival, and will run from Friday August 1st to Monday August 4th. Friday will be an evening opening at 6pm, with Saturday through Monday opening from 11.30 - 4.30.

**August 9th , Dunwich with a Twist. 2.30 – 4pm.**

Join us for an afternoon of music and poetry in the Reading Room Garden, featuring the Dunwich Drifters. Refreshments and seating available, but please feel free to bring a picnic blanket!

**Wednesdays in August, Free Drop-in Activities. 12 – 4pm.**

We are running our programme of free summer activities every Wednesday in August! The majority of these will be in our Reading Room or on the Reading Room Field, although we have a few beach activity days in the works. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information about each activity.



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## MIDDLETON

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

#### Open Gardens

Despite a yellow warning of bad weather, Middleton managed to miss most of it and the visitors came in good numbers to make our Open Gardens weekend a great success and to raise £3000 for Holy Trinity. This amount enables us to make a generous donation to East Suffolk NSPCC and to Leiston's Project40Seven. Our sincere thanks to all who helped in so many ways.

*Rita Pateman, Churchwarden*

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### “FOLK IN THE GARDEN” - SUNDAY 24th AUGUST

After a year's absence, it's exciting to announce the return of our fundraiser for Bowel Cancer UK. We have even more homegrown, amazingly talented multi-instrumentalists and singer-songwriters for you this year. The wonderful five-piece **SilMor** will start the afternoon off in great style, followed by a short set with the delightful duo **Kyson Point**, and then the magnificent **Honey & the Bear** with **Toby Shaer**.

We are suggesting an entry donation of £10-15pp - but please there is no obligation; we ask only that you give whatever you are able and comfortable to - we envisage the afternoon as 'A Celebration of Life' and everyone is welcome. **If you are interested, please email: [mobilemandy@me.com](mailto:mobilemandy@me.com)** to ensure you get more details in due course i.e. timings, parking details, how to make a donation, etc.

If you've not been able to join us before, here's some feedback to give you a feel:

*"What a wonderful afternoon ....Just lovely to sit back and listen to such talented musicians.*

*We also enjoyed the on-cue appearance of the swallows' formation-flying team during the Swallow Song; not sure how you managed that, but well done."*

We're hoping very much that you'll be able to join us,

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**Pop-up Café Weds is the first Wednesday of the month - 4th July 10am – 12pm.**

This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and cake along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

**Pilates Class. Every Thursday 9.45-10.45am. (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st July).**

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**Craft Club** is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month so will be on the **7th and 21st of July 2-4pm**. If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, why not 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)

**Quiz Night Saturday 19th July 7pm**

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### **Pop-up Pub Friday 25th July 7-11pm**

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## **PEASENHALL AND SIBTON**

### **PEASENHALL AND SIBTON METHODIST CHURCH**

#### **Plant and Cake Sale in aid of Nicky's Foundation**

The Plant and Bake Sale took place on 24th May and raised an amazing £2,200! It was great to see so many visitors and was lovely to chat over plants, paintings, cakes and a cuppa. The money raised will be directed to our Inclusive Livelihood Skills Centre in Mamfe, Cameroon which continues to give young people with disabilities an opportunity to learn entrepreneurial skills along with basic literacy and numeracy classes for those who have not had a chance to go to school.

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Lots of visitors at the sale expressed an interest in the work of Nicky's Foundation which, in addition to the Livelihood Skills Centre, extends into an established community based rehabilitation service. The work is challenging as the team are dedicated to reaching very rural villages in order to make sure information and help gets to people who are most in need. By donating to Nicky's Foundation on a regular basis you will be supporting our ongoing work and helping us plan for the future. For example:

- £10 a month can buy a school uniform and books to equip a child for school;
- £17 a month for a year will fund cataract surgery to allow a child to see again;
- £32 a month for a year would correct clubfoot deformity for a child allowing them to walk for the first time.

To find out more about our work and how to make regular and one-off donations please contact us at [info@nickysfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@nickysfoundation.co.uk)

*Nicky Smith*



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## **PEASENHALL & SIBTON SWIFT GROUP UPDATE**

Members of the group have been keeping a close eye on the nesting swifts at the front of the Assembly Hall over the past few weeks. We are pleased to report that eight or nine nests seem to be occupied and we are looking forward to seeing the increased activity when the chicks are being fed. They are nesting on the ledge of the front wall, rather than the nest boxes. I'm sure that in a year or two they will be encouraged to use the boxes.

I was very pleased to report that the rows of rusty nails were removed from the ledges at the front and back of the hall, thanks to the Assembly Hall management. We presume these were put there many years ago to stop swifts from nesting, so we are very pleased that they were not deterred and are now able to nest more safely. If you are interested in finding out more about the work the group is doing email me on [swangallop@phonecoop.coop](mailto:swangallop@phonecoop.coop) or message on 07501 088546.

*Martyn Burnside*

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*Elizabeth de Vere-Packford*



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## SIBTON

### **'FOLK IN RUINS', SIBTON ABBEY RUIN & SIBTON CHURCH, 19TH – 20TH JULY**

(Organised by the Friends of St Peter's Sibton, Reg. No. 1063822)

### **Folk Music in the Abbey Ruins, Saturday 19th July from 1.30pm.**

Nicholas Levett-Scrivener is kindly allowing us to use the Sibton Abbey Ruin site for a folk event for all the family – young and old alike with free tickets for under 16s (adult accompanied). The bands are Syzewell Gap, SilMor and Mary-Jane & Keith Tyrrell. Come and dance on the grass, or just sit in the sunshine and listen! We advise bringing your own seating. There's family-fun too with Miraiker's World of Puppets (see them on YouTube) - enough to keep kids of all ages occupied for hours on end, as well as face-painting for the fearless, food from Cheryl's Suffolk Catering, and drinks at Ollie's 'Frank's Bar'. As always there's the opportunity to visit the ruins of the ancient abbey with guided tours available during the afternoon.

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## **Sibton Church, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July, 2.00pm – 6.00pm.**

All are welcome to visit the church. Discover the fascinating research about the histories of Sibton folk from the 16th century onwards; visit family graves and research family lines; see the displays in the church. Refreshments are available all day while you browse ancient records in the calm of our wonderful medieval church with all its monuments and associated heraldry.

Tickets for both events are available at the gate (the Abbey ruins) or on the door (the church). They are also available in advance from Peasehall General Store, Weavers Tea Room or online at Eventbrite.

Website: <https://www.sibtonstpeter.com/>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/stpeterssibton/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterssibton/?locale=en_GB)

*Andrew Campbell*

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## **THEBERTON**

### **THEBERTON LIONESSES**

The Theberton Lionesses are delighted to report that the Bring-Your-Bakes day on 17th May was a great success. We had over forty entries, and the judges, Sesi Turnbull and Lily Mills, reported a very high standard. Fred Ginger won the best-in-show trophy for his fabulous Hummingbird cake which won the best large cake. The other winners were Diana Mayhew for her scones, Helen Lagden for her focaccia, Judith Lepley-Gordon for chocolate tiffin and Ollie Brunning for his splendid ginger bead farm. The team worked incredibly hard dishing out platters of afternoon tea and we enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon. Stephen Beaumont auctioned the donated items and the total profit was made up with donations to £1000 to be shared by EACH and St Elizabeth Hospice. We have been encouraged to repeat this next year.

Our next event is a ceilidh at Darsham Village Hall on Saturday 30th August starting at 5:30 with a wine reception followed by a two-course Scottish buffet, then dancing to the Hosepipe Band. We will have a licensed bar including craft beers, wine and shots of single malt whisky, plus a raffle. Tickets are £35.00 from Suzi Cooper, 01728 635736. Do join us - it should be great fun! By the way, we are giving a prize to the best "Scottish" dress.

*Suzi Cooper*





*The tea team at the end of the day*

## **THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW**

Saturday 26th July – Jubilee Hall, Theberton

Join us for a celebration of local flowers, fruit, veg, baking, and crafts, as well as tea and cake!

- Exhibit entries: 20p each, must be in before 10:00am on the day
- Show opens: 2:00pm – Free entry & parking
- Entry forms & schedules: Available at Jubilee Hall, Theberton and on our Facebook page (“Theberton and Eastbridge Flower and Produce Show”)

All welcome – come along and enjoy this much loved village tradition!

*Joanna Chapman*

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# PROJECT UPDATE

## JULY 2025

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

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding the funding of Sizewell C. On Tuesday 10 June, the UK government gave the go-ahead for Sizewell C. This is the first British-owned nuclear power station to be announced in over three decades, with the government as a majority shareholder alongside EDF.

The Chancellor confirmed £14.2 billion of investment will be allocated to the project. It is the first nuclear power station in the UK to be funded through a Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model. Under the model, consumers are protected through independent regulation, strict cost controls, and transparent oversight – so families benefit from secure, low-carbon energy without the risk of cost overruns.

We are aware there are several key summer events coming up. We are in direct contact with Latitude and will work around their peak traffic times and remove our HGVs. For the Ed Sheeran concerts at Portman Road, there will not be any disruption at the A12 around Darsham Station. We will also not have any HGV movements during the Aldeburgh Carnival. The closure of Willow Marsh Lane will require cyclists on the Dunwich Dynamo to take the official diversion so we will actively

communicate this on social media. GPS maps have been updated so riders can follow the designated route.

We have now installed average speed cameras along the B1122 and B1125 to further enhance road safety for the 30mph speed limit. We are also upgrading the temporary Sizewell C A-frame signs along the A14, A12 and local roads to permanent signs on posts. Further speed restrictions along the A12 are being implemented, including south of Yoxford, to ensure road safety as HGVs and construction vehicles manoeuvre on the sites. Further speed restrictions will be implemented in due course on the A12 at Darsham and the Friday Street turning.

Preparation for the Friday Street Roundabout is ongoing, with a works compound being established, and the vegetation and tree clearance along the A12 is almost complete. Site preparation along the two-village bypass route around Farnham and Stratford St Andrew is also ongoing, and Yoxford Roundabout is being prepared for construction.

There are now monthly email updates available on subscription, if you would like to subscribe, please create an account at [szcworkstracker.co.uk/my-account](https://szcworkstracker.co.uk/my-account)

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## WESTLETON



**St Peter's Church  
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57<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Wildflower Festival**

**&  
Westleton Village Hall  
Craft Fair**



**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July  
12noon to 5pm**

**\*Free Entry: Donations welcome\***



***'Bug Hunt' in the Churchyard  
- fun for children of all ages -***

**Craft and Plant Stalls &  
Refreshments at the Hall**

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### WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL JULY 2025

On **Saturday 5th July** we will have our regular **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** in the Foyer and outside (weather permitting) from 10am -12.30pm. Lots of local and home-baked produce, honey and eggs, homegrown plants and seasonal fruit and vegetables, as well as bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments as usual, available in the Foyer.

**Film Night** is in the evening of the same day **5th July** for the comical, sassy and touching *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy!* A 2025 comedy romance about single mother, Bridget Jones jumping back into the dating pool! Doors and the bar open at 7pm, film at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door, £5 each.

Over the weekend of **26th/27th July**, in conjunction with St Peter's Church, there will be the annual **Wild Flower Festival, with a Craft Fair** held in the Hall. See poster on P.24 and details on our website and social media.

**Art in the Foyer in July** - we will be displaying art by **Rachel Robinson** who will be donating any sale proceeds to the Indian charity that she supports. Please come along and view during the Foyer open hours.

**Foyer:** 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' continues to be busy on a Tuesday morning in the Foyer 9.30am -12noon, to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/laptop issues that you may have. The 'drop-in' session with no booking required, appears to work very well. If your problem cannot be fixed on site, a further appointment will be booked for you.

**Footcare with Susan** - will be visiting the Hall on **Thursday and Friday 3rd/4th July**. For an appointment on either of these days, phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073, email [susan@nobadfeet.co.uk](mailto:susan@nobadfeet.co.uk)

**Hairdressing:** Hannah Cutting from Travelling Salon will be visiting on **Tuesday 22nd July 10am -12.30pm**. If you would like to book or have a chat about your requirements, she can be contacted on 07856 517925 or email: [travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com)

**Reflexology** is back on Saturday 26th July. New Hours are 10.30am – 12.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or [www.julietoverton.co.uk](http://www.julietoverton.co.uk)

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## **WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Village Picnic**

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to **cancel the planned village picnic** which was due to be held on Sunday July 6. This is a very busy time of the year for village clubs and our selected date fell between a number of other village events making it hard for clubs and individuals to commit. For a small village, we are blessed with a large number of very active clubs, and an unintended consequence of this very positive fact is that it seemed to us that the picnic was going to be an event too far... We do, though, hope that there is enthusiasm for a village event in future years.

The Parish Council has registered to be an *interested party* for the Planning Inspectorate's Examination of the Sea Link cabling and converter station project. In our submission, we stated our objection to the National Grid's Sea Link plans

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on the following grounds: that the project will generate more traffic on local roads already suffering from the Sizewell C construction; that it will result in more destruction of the local environment; and that it will involve the construction of large industrial buildings completely disproportionate to the environment in which they are proposed to be sited. We therefore called for a planning reset to prevent the needless destruction of the Suffolk heritage coastline and at the same time to deliver the energy more efficiently and more appropriately to the point of use. The Parish Council will make these points in greater detail during the hearings which will last six months.

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on June 30th, 10-30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. The surgery is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns/ask questions to the Parish Council.

*Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council*

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### **JULIA MARJORIE REAST**

My family and I would like to thank everyone who sent messages of support and sympathy over the loss of Julia.

These were of an enormous help during this difficult time.

*John Reast*

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### **ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CUT AND RAKE, SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST, 9.30AM**

Refreshments provided.

Bring your own strimmer and/or rake.

Spare tools will be available.

Please wear sensible protective clothing.

*For further information contact Joyce 649045.*

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### **WESTLETON WI**

Our speaker for the June meeting was Genevieve Broad. Her mother Vivian was a Land Army Girl in the Second World War. The Land Army was formed in 1917, during WW1, when there were fears about food security for the country. 20,000 women had volunteered in the First World War. By the time WW2 was raging, 200,000 women signed up to work on the land, producing 70% of Britain's food. They were involved in milking cows, lambing, managing poultry, harvesting crops, digging ditches, farm maintenance





and catching rats! Army wages were not generous. For a 50-hour week in the summer and a bit less in the winter, they earned 28 shillings, against a man's wage for the same work of 38 shillings, and they *never* had a holiday. For their services they did get a proficiency badge.

In 1943, Lady Denman introduced a charter to improve working conditions for the women, also giving them a week's holiday every year. Eventually, to make amends, in 2005 a monument was put up in Whitehall, symbolising "The Women of WW2". In 2008, surviving WLA veterans were awarded a badge of honour as recognition of all their hard work and a letter of thanks signed by the then Prime Minister Gordon Brown. In 2014, a memorial to the Land Army and the Timber Corps was erected and unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Gen's mother Vivian worked at farms in three West Suffolk villages, Wordwell, Lackford and Herringswell. Here she learned to scythe and gathered mangoldbeets to feed cattle. She had to take a horse and cart with a tank aboard and collect river water for the farm animals to drink. She was involved in hoeing the sugar beet before breakfast and almost daily watched the flights of the Lancaster bombers returning to base at first light. The hours spent shovelling muck onto 'tumblers' or wooden carts led to Vivian having amazing arm muscles and she remained strong into later life.

Vivian was very good with horses and she became known as 'The Horse Girl', getting up at 5.30am, collecting the horses from the meadow, grooming them and harnessing them before they were put to work on the farm.

Thanks Gen, a very informative meeting.

*Monica Osborn*



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## WESTLETON COMMON

The next **Working Party** is **Saturday 20th September**.

The next **Nature Walk** is also in September on **Saturday 6th** from 10.30am to about 12 noon.

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

Please continue to enjoy the views from the new seats and also the spectacular sand martins who have returned to nest in the freshly exposed cliff face in the old quarry section at the south east corner of the Common.

*Ian Webber*

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## YOXFORD

### YOXFAYRE

**Saturday 5th July 11.00am-3.30pm**

**In Yoxford Village**

*Please bring cash*

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

**11.00am FAIR OPENS**

**11.00am** Yoxford & Peasenhall Primary School choir singing in St Peter's Church

**11.30am** Dog Show - outside Village Hall (Registration 10.45-11.15am)

**Live Music** - Waveney Saxes playing in Mulberry Park

- Organ/Flute recitals in St Peter's Church

**Vintage clothes stall – Bric-a-Brac - Barbecue - Parravani's Ice Cream -**

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**Children's games** - Mulberry Park

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**7.30pm Concert by Sing Out Community Choir – see poster**

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## YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON

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

Outreach Post Office Mobile Van - Wednesdays - 9:15am - 10:15am

Art Classes - Thursdays - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Youth Club - Thursdays - 6:00pm to 8:00pm - 11-18 year olds

Parish Council - first Thursday of month - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Community Film Nights Yoxflicks - monthly - dates published separately

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

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

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

## SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE 2025

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



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

*Rosemary Draper*

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## QUIET MORNING AT WRENTHAM CHAPEL

**Tuesday July 1st 10am-4pm**

Set yourself up for the summer holidays with a peaceful time for quiet reflection in a variety of ways. Refreshments provided. Those wanting to linger longer may bring a packed lunch. Details: Sue Hardy 07771 882738. There is no charge, but donations to chapel funds are welcome.



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## UPDATE FROM STOP SIZEWELL C

10th June saw the sad and frustrating news that the government had chosen to invest £14.2bn of our (taxpayers') money into Sizewell C. However, this was not a Final Investment Decision and there were huge gaps in the information provided, including what the project will cost, and how much consumers will pay on their bills during construction.

It is now speculated that a Final Investment Decision could take place between 8th and 10th July, when French President Emmanuel Macron is paying a State Visit to the UK, but it has been promised so many times before!

Ahead of the Spending Review, Stop Sizewell C carried out a projection onto the dome of Sizewell B and also co-organised a well-attended “Outrage” rally on Sizewell beach with Together Against Sizewell C. Among the speakers were Emily and Amy, the courageous daughters of campaigner Pete Wilkinson who passed away in January. The event ended with tying yellow ribbons to the fences at Sizewell C.

We are still asking supporters to help us deter private investors. Please visit [www.action.stopsizewellc.org](http://www.action.stopsizewellc.org) ASAP and use the easy actions to write to CDPQ, Rothesay, Brookfield, Centrica, USS, Schroders Greencoat, Equitix and Amber Infrastructure. Thank you!

*Alison Downes*



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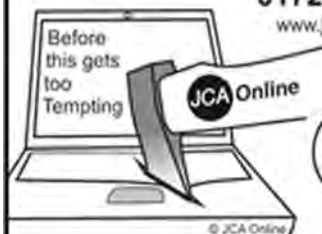
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