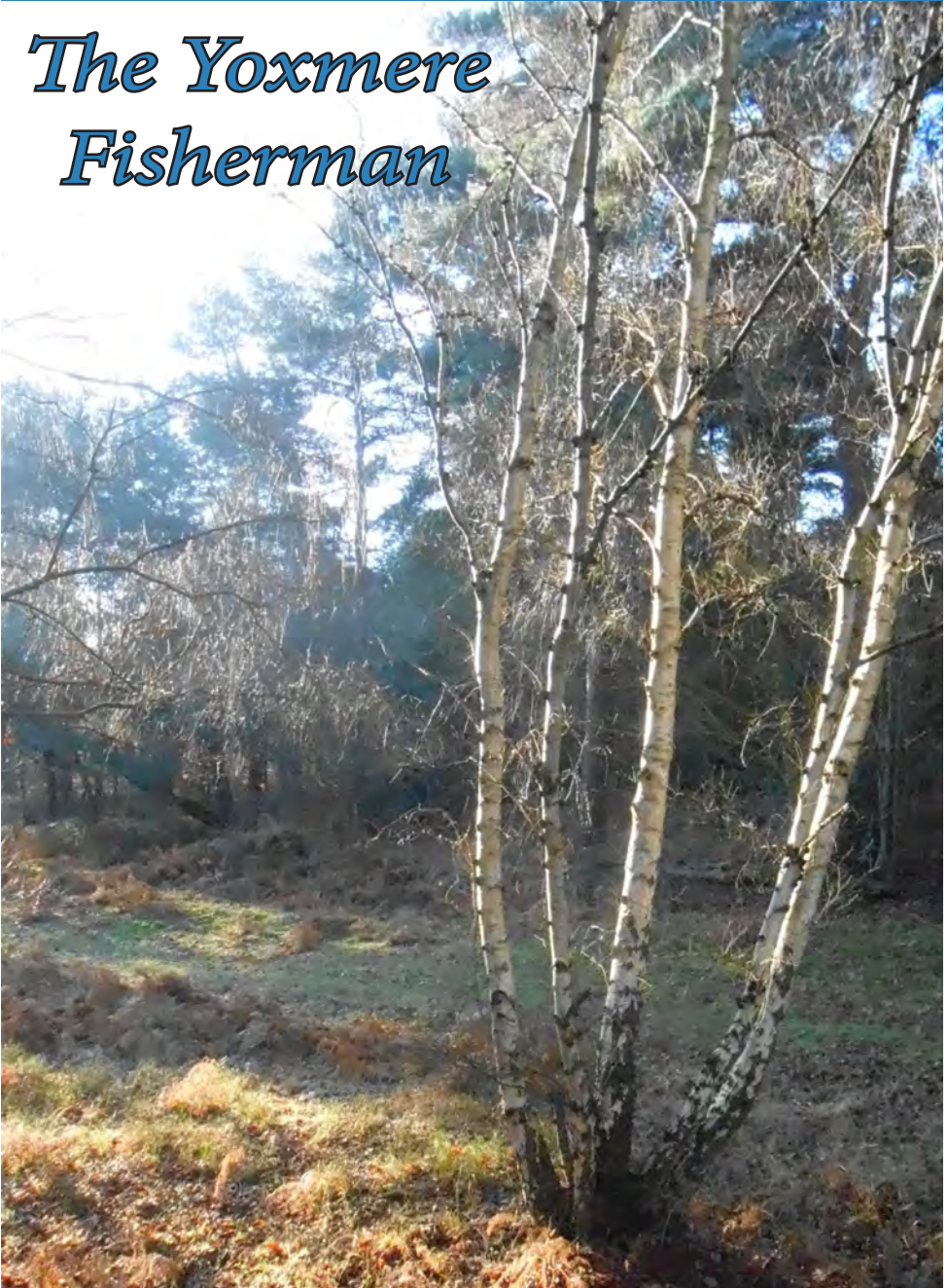


NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman



March 2025

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2025

Sunday 2nd March ~ Sunday before Lent

10.30am Sibton Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th March ~ Ash Wednesday

10.00am Yoxford Ashing Service
with Holy Communion

Sunday, 9th March ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am Peasehall Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Sunday, 16th March ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.30am Yoxford Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Sunday, 23rd March ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

10.30am Darsham Benefice Service
with Holy Communion
11.00am Peasehall Morning Worship
at the Methodist Chapel

Sunday, 30th March ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Middleton Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Sunday 8th April ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Dunwich Benefice Service
with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Yoxford

10.00am Holy Communion

LECTIONARY

2nd March, Green

Exodus 34.29-end

2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2

Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

9th March, Purple

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Romans 10.8b-13

Luke 4.1-13

16th March, Purple

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Luke 13.31-35

23rd March, Purple

Isaiah 55.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9

30th March, Purple

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel

1.20-28

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or

Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

6th April, Purple

Isaiah 43.16-21

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

Thanks to Wil Harvey for the cover photo this month.

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



12 Angry Men

A few years ago, I watched the film *12 Angry Men* for the first time, and the other day I watched it again. It's a phenomenal film.

Twelve male jurors leave the courtroom on a hot, sweaty evening, to deliberate the case of a teenager who has stabbed his father to death with a switchblade. A quick poll reveals that eleven out of the twelve believe he's guilty beyond reasonable doubt. The eleven are frustrated with Juror 8, who is yet to be convinced. 'Whaddaya mean?' they ask. 'Look at the facts! Anyone can see he's guilty!' But Juror 8 quietly argues that it's *possible* the kid didn't do it. 'We should just talk,' he says, 'before sending a youth to the electric chair.'

And so they talk, and as they talk questions emerge. Could the neighbour downstairs *really* have heard shouting when the train was going past? Was the knife really unique? Are the witnesses lying? And how much are the jurors leaping to their verdict because of prejudice, or impatience to get to a ball game, or a tendency to go with the flow, or an inability to just think?

Sydney Lumet's film captures the claustrophobia of the jury room during the heatwave, the disparate characters (wonderfully portrayed by an ensemble cast) and the dynamics of twelve people wrestling with doubt and responsibility.

Juror 8, played by Henry Fonda, is the hero. It takes remarkable courage to disagree under pressure, and then to lead others through your doubts with clarity. But Juror 9 (the 'old man') soon joins him and has the insight to raise the final doubt that undermines the certainty of all but the last juror.

This 1957 film (and its teleplay and stage play predecessors) was written as a critique of justice during McCarthy era America, but it stands to this day to remind us of the fragility of justice. Our court system works the same way to this day, but so much depends on the presentation skills of the defence and the prosecution. And what about the capacity for jurors to understand complexity and nuance, and to set aside their own baggage?

To reflect more on the justice process you could come to our Lent course on Christian Ethics, running from 9th March to 13th April at 4pm in Darsham Village Hall. But also, do watch *12 Angry Men*. It's electrifying filmmaking.

Blessings, Tim.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meetings will be on Monday 3rd March and Monday 7th April 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

Funeral

Olive May Wright, aged 93 years, on 17th February at All Saints, Darsham

ELECTORAL ROLLS

Church Electoral rolls are the lists of those who can vote at your church Annual Parochial Church Meetings, and who are eligible to be members of a Parochial Church Council (PCC). These rolls are entirely rewritten every six years — and this is one of those years. If you have been on the electoral roll, or would like to join the electoral roll of your local church, please come to church and collar me, the service leader or a churchwarden, who will point you to a form to be completed. Coming to church or giving regularly does not automatically put you on the electoral roll — you have to choose to be on it. Being on the electoral roll signifies that you care about the way the church is run — at local levels, but it could also be to deanery, diocesan or even national levels! So please make sure you sign up, so you can (continue to) shape the church and the church's future.

PCCs are always looking for people who can help the church to flourish. Is God calling you to join your local PCC? A number of PCCs could use more help, and if you fancy being a treasurer, you could do an amazing service to your church, but do not have to be a full PCC member. Thank you.

Blessings, Tim.

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2pm

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THE CHURCH

After the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the next big event of the New Testament was the formation of the church. The disparate group of followers who had cowered in the face of Roman persecution on Good Friday became an extraordinarily dynamic, fearless organisation on the day of Pentecost, just fifty days after Easter. Living as if they had the cheat-code on death, they enthusiastically proclaimed the salvation of Christ crucified and risen, and people in their thousands came to

believe. The faith spread quickly across Israel, and then rapidly across the Roman empire. This story is recounted in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. But how did they go from this rag-tag band towards an organised church? And why does church and worship take the shape it does now?

In the very earliest days, the Christians continued to meet together at the Jerusalem temple. When they were no longer welcome, they met together in peoples' houses, as regularly as possible. Their patterns of worship would have been inherited from Judaism, and included reading scripture (initially what we call the Old Testament), the singing of psalms or spiritual songs, prayer, and talk. These communities shared their food and money freely with each other, cared for the poor, and had a stunning social impact.

As time passed, the informal organisation became more formalised, as happens when things grow. The early church was marked by servant-heartedness. A person who served in the church became known as a *diakonos*, literally a servant, someone who waits at tables. We get our word 'deacon' from it. Today every priest is first ordained a deacon, a servant.

In each church fellowship there were some who became acknowledged leaders or 'elders'. The Greek for an elder is *presbuteros*. From this we get 'presbyter', as in 'presbyterian'. Clergy today fulfil the role of the early *presbuteroi*. And then, as the church continued to grow, one of these leaders became the designated overseer for the churches of each city or region. The word for an overseer was *episcopus* — from which we get our words 'episcopal', and 'bishop'. Again, informal structures became more established over time and the supremacy of the bishop of Rome was confirmed, following in Peter's footsteps. While the modern church has more designations and titles, the basic structure is still the same as in the early church, with bishops, priests and deacons.

The Ethos of the Church

What is a church? It is not the building — these were constructed much later. No, the church is simply the people of God, the community of salvation, called into being by God's saving work, and in order to further that work. The church is the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) and branches of the true vine (John 15). The church is a people called not to be served but to serve. The church is marked by the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The church uses the two sacraments authorised by Jesus — baptism and holy communion, but may have variations in how these are performed. The church is marked by the word — we read the Bible, the word of God, and we also preach it — interpreting it for our generation.

Following debates and disputes over theology in the first few hundred years of the church the Nicene creed was written in AD325 — 1700 years ago this year. Since then, the Nicene creed has been a point of unity in the church. Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches all agree to this belief statement (with one small verbal difference for the Orthodox church).

The worldwide Anglican church (wider than the C of E), is held together by agreement on four points: the use of Scripture; the Nicene and Apostles' creeds; the sacraments; and the historic episcopate. This broad agreement is called the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral.

The Nicene creed talks of the church as being 'one holy catholic and apostolic church.' What does that mean?

Firstly — while it true that there are denominations and divisions, we still believe in the unity of the church. We all preach Christ crucified, risen and ascended. We have the same creed and Bible.

The church is Holy. The people may not always be so holy (and we're sorry about that!) but the church is holy because it is focused on Christ, who is holy.

'Catholic' means universal, not specifically Roman Catholic. Your local church is part of a bigger church. We are one body and no one is beyond the pale of salvation. The church should preach the *whole* doctrine of the *whole* of scripture, of the *whole* of salvation for *all* the people.

And finally, it is 'apostolic' — derived from the witness of the apostles, and seeking to go on witnessing to God's love and grace in the way the apostles did.

Is that a bit of an answer to what the church is?

Blessings, Tim

LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY: WHAT ARE THEY AND DO I NEED ONE?

It is estimated that there are more than one million people in the UK who are suffering from some form of dementia. Alongside this, we live in an increasingly bureaucratic world where permissions and authority to deal with day-to-day tasks concerning financial resources and legal issues are becoming the norm.

Powers of Attorney (PoA) exist in various forms within the law and are used for different tasks. Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) were created under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. There are two versions of the LPA and each deal with different aspects of person's life, giving peace of mind.

1. The *finance & property* LPA allows the attorney to deal with all aspects of the donor's (the person making it) finances and property needs, such as pensions, banking, housing or investment.
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Both LPAs provide greater powers for the attorney and are registered with the Office of the Public Guardian, thus giving them greater authority. The LPAs replace the old Enduring Power of Attorney, which may need updating if you have one.

LPAs can operate whilst a donor (the person making it) still has mental capacity, and thus can be used to manage their day-to-day affairs when they are absent or needing help. By having a registered LPA it also avoids the time-consuming and costly issues of making an application to appoint guardians when a person loses capacity, and allows the donor to choose those whom they trust to be their attorneys and look after their affairs.

An LPA can be made online, but LPA forms are fiddly and can be confusing, and many clients prefer to use a solicitor. Fees for filing are fixed regardless of who makes the application. It is difficult to correct errors once an LPA has been made, and errors can invalidate an LPA registration. In addition, it is possible for you to put special conditions into an LPA, so specific advice is advisable when considering. Furthermore, solicitors are authorised to be Certificate providers as to a donor's capacity when making an LPA.

Oliver Charles

Sing Out (Community Choir)

Our new term has started but it is not too late to join your Local Community Choir. We are called Sing Out! We meet every Wednesday during term time 7.00 pm 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!

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DARSHAM

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Church tidy 7th March
Churchyard tidy 4th April
Coffee morning 12th April
Spring lunch 11th May (see details below)
Safeguarding courses 12th June and 26th June
Summer fete 9th August
Autumn churchyard tidy 26th September
Harvest lunch 12th October
Gift Day 1st November
Christingle 6th December at 4pm
Carol Service 16th December at 6pm

Spring Lunch

Darsham Church will be holding their Spring Festival Lunch on Sunday 11th May at the village hall. Doors open 12.00 for 12.30. Donations on the day.

Please contact Jean on 07949 263972 or Shirley Field on 01728 668371

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL, MARCH 2025

Classes & Clubs

Sequence Dancing – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (Carol 01986 784642)
Pilates – every Thurs. 9.30am to 10.30am (contact Maria 07999 848655)
Seated Exercise – every Thurs. 11.00am to 12.00 noon (contact Maria 07999 848655)
Yoga – every Fri. 10.30 to 11.30am (contact Debbie 07906 346545)
Table Tennis – every Thurs. 7.00pm to 9.00pm (contact Alan Holland 01728 668451)
Carpet Bowls – Every Fri. 2.30pm (contact Heather Shipp 01728 668251)
Baby Sensory Group – Every Tue. 9.30 -10.30 and 11.00 to 12.00 (contact Megan Mayes – 07521 318146)
Crafty Club – Mon. 3rd - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955)
Dash Astro – Sunday 2nd Observing, 16th Meeting, 30th Observing

Events and Meetings

Coffee Morning – Sat. 8th at 10.00am hosted by the Horticultural Society
Film Night – Sat 22nd – *Gladiator II* (See notice below.)
Watercolour Classes – Mon. 17th at 9.30am to 12.00pm (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)

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

Gladiator II

After his North African home is conquered by the tyrannical twin emperors who now lead Rome, Lucius (Paul Mescal) is forced to enter the Colosseum as a gladiator under the control of Macrinus (Denzel Washington). He must look to his past to find strength to return the glory of Rome to its people.

Tickets are £5 and doors open at 6.45pm with the film at 7.00. There will be a bar and snacks and we look forward to welcoming you.

DARSHAM LITTER PICK

This will be held on the 23rd of March. Please meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am. Bags, high visibility vests and litter picks will be supplied.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on the 11th February. County Councillor Richard Smith informed the PC that the planning application for the Hinton incinerator has been withdrawn.

It is anticipated that from April the main roads around us will become busier due to Sizewell construction traffic.

Suffolk County Council are informed of roadworks and closures but often find that they are fixed for a specific timespan and they are unable to intervene even if they are not required for the whole period originally requested. All information regarding works and road closures can be found on the Darsham website.

Minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the Darsham website.

The next PC meeting will be held on the 11th March at 7pm.

Jasmine Backhouse, Darsham PC Chairman

Darsham Horticultural Society

Open Spring Show

Village Hall

Saturday 5th April 2025

Viewing from 2.45pm.

All Welcome

Refreshments available

Schedules available from the boxes outside Village hall and "Springfields".

Also available from the website at:-

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Clubs/Horticultural Society



100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOV. 2024

1st Prize: £100 Mr & Mrs J. Butler, 2nd Prize: £50 Mrs V. Graveson,
3rd Prize: £25 Mrs J. Backhouse, 4th Prize: £25 Mr K. Rolfe

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR DEC. 2024

1st Prize: £100 Mr D. Stanley, 2nd Prize: £50 Mr & Mrs I. Linden
3rd Prize: £25 Mr & Mrs Robinson

100 CLUB RESULT FOR JAN. 2025

1st Prize: £100 Mr I. Hutchinson, 2nd Prize: Mrs D. Taylor,
3rd Prize: Mr M. Hemmingway

DUNWICH

LENT LUNCH

March 13th at 12.30 pm, Reading Room, Dunwich

Come and enjoy soup, cheese and fellowship. Please support this event as there will be an opportunity to contribute to the Bishop's Lent appeal for Kagera, Tanzania

COFFEE 4 U

The dates for our get-together in the reading room are, Thursday 6th March and and Thursday 20th March. Look forward to seeing you there. Heather Cook.



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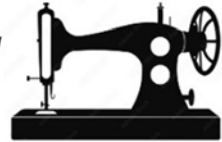
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Gillian Apps

Dunwich Delights: A Medieval Springtime Supper

Saturday April 5th 6.30pm in Dunwich Reading Room, Tickets £18

Introduction by Caroline Gay Way and music from the Dunwich Drifters

WRENTHAM CHAPEL (NR34 7LT)

Thursday March 6th **Quiet Morning** from 10am: a time for reflection and restoration, with refreshments provided. A free event and anyone may bring a packed lunch if they would like to stay longer. During the afternoon, chapel members will be gardening around the chapel and anyone is welcome to help. Details from the Revd Ian Fosten 07791 068080.

On Friday March 21st at 7pm **“Younger Than Springtime” Caedmon Evening**; a miscellany of songs, poems and stories contributed by audience members on a “Bring and Share” basis, with a light buffet. No charge but donations welcome towards the upkeep of our historic Chapel. Details from Sue Hardy 07771 882738.



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Spring Saturday Pop-up Brunch

15 March, 10-11.45am

Holy Trinity Church

Do join us if you are around.

Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 2pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

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Middleton Village Hall, Saturday 8th March, 10am – 4pm

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Raising funds for Middleton Thursday Coffee Mornings

MIDDLETON-CUM-FORDLEY WI

As our branch starts its 103rd year, we are pleased to share our 2025 programme and hope we might welcome some new members to our friendly group. For the benefit of those new to our village, we hold our meetings in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm (2.15pm in November and January). We offer several friendship groups - book, film & lunch groups - as well as being part of the village life and giving our support to the Summer Fete, Autumn Fayre, quizzes, and bakes for our Open Gardens. Tea/coffee and cake are enjoyed at our meetings after listening to an entertaining speaker at which husbands/guests are welcome, should they be interested in a specific talk. We also support many local causes and charities, particularly the women's refuge in Ipswich, The Lighthouse. Friendship, fun and enlightenment are what we offer, so please come along to our



Open Day Meeting on 19th March at 7.15 pm in Middleton Village Hall. Guests are more than welcome.

Our programme for the coming months

March 19th 7.15 pm Subs & Supper

April 16th 7.15pm Mark Mitchels: The Suffolk Coast

May 21st 7.15pm Lesley Abery: Ash Farm Vineyard (with tasters)

June 18th 7.15 pm David Naylor RSPB: 'Birds & Habitat Minsmere Reserve'

July 16th Garden Party (Venue TBA)

August No meeting

September 17th 7.15 pm Julie: Chocolate Makers (history, testing and discount sales)

October 15th 7.15 pm Barbara McElroy: 'Apples - A Miscellany'

November 19th 2.15 pm AGM tea & cakes

December 17th 7.15 pm End-of-year celebration

Contact Lynda for more details ~ lynda@thewhitbreadfamily.co.uk

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

We started our afternoon January meeting with a very nice cream tea, followed by the business end of the meeting. We had to vote on the National WI Resolutions that had made the shortlist: thirty-two were submitted and whittled down to four. Rita spoke on "Lets Talk About Incontinence" making more people aware of how incontinence issues affect all areas of health and wellbeing. Lynne spoke on "Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers": teaching more people how to use CPR and defibrillators confidently will save lives. Lynda spoke on "Join the Repair Revolution": to stop the excess in clothing production, people should be taught to repair and re-use clothing. Jenny's topic was "Eliminate Landfill of Medication Packaging", arguing for more collection points for recycling of complex medication packaging, and simpler packaging alternatives. After each presentation our members discussed the pros and cons of each resolution. There did not seem to be one that grabbed our attention to any degree. Nevertheless, we took a vote and decided to put forward the resolution "Join the Repair Revolution" to the National WI.

Our March meeting will be on the 19th at 7.15pm. We will pay our yearly subscriptions and enjoy a light supper.

MIDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Quiz Night

Saturday 29th March

£7 a person, teams of up to 6

Cash bar * Raffle * Supper

6.30pm for 7pm start

More info or to book a team: Middletonpta@gmail.com

Save the date

Middleton Open Gardens

7th and 8th June 2025

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton; natural, formal, cottage, wildlife, courtyard, and gardens in progress, with people coming back time and again to see the development through to completion. Funding raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting local community projects

PEASENHALL

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Save the date!! Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th June

Flower Festival & Open Gardens

If anyone would like to open their garden (anything from manicured to wild and postage-stamp size, up to a large estate!!) please contact Zoe Horlock 07709 746167.

PEASENHALL/SIBTON LITTER PICK

Saturday 29th March

Meet at the Assembly Hall car park to collect equipment at 9.45am. Please come in numbers! The more the merrier!

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

The next monthly meeting is Wednesday 19th March 7pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

Calling All Gardeners with Spare Time!

Due to varying seasonal weather changes each year, Peasehall Parish Council is considering taking a more flexible approach to our grass cutting responsibilities this year, including interim cuts to cemetery path borders, WW1 memorial area, etc.

We are inviting contact from any local residents who may be interested in regularly cutting the areas of land in the village that are owned or maintained by us. This will be on a self-employed and hourly-rate basis to our technical specifications.

The successful candidate would require an amount of gardening experience and understanding. The work involves strimming, grass/hedge cutting and occasional related land maintenance works as required, starting from April 2025.

If you have your own equipment and have, or are prepared to take out, the necessary public liability insurance cover, please contact the Parish Clerk on the email address or phone number below giving your own contact details and someone will get back to you.

Carol Hume – Parish Clerk, Peasenhall.clerk@hotmail.com, 01986 785368

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Craft Club 3rd and 17th March 2-4pm If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, come and join us? Tea, coffee and biscuits with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. Further info from Jane – theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Looking at getting fitter or try out some dance moves? Why not try **Clubbercise on Tuesdays at 6-7pm**. (Term time only). To book or for more information, contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk

Pop up Café Weds 5th March 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.

Pilates Class every Thursday 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 7th March

Paddington in Peru. When Paddington discovers his beloved aunt has gone missing from the Home for Retired Bears, he and the Brown family head to the jungles of Peru to find her. Determined to solve the mystery, they soon stumble across a legendary treasure as they make their way through the rainforests of the Amazon. 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

Sunday 16th March at 7.30pm we again welcome **Il Quartetto Famiglia**, this time with guest Toby Turton, to play the Schubert Cello Quintet in C major. Toby is a talented orchestral and solo cellist and co-principal cellist of the Northern Ballet Sinfonia. Our programme will also include the Mozart Divertimento, K 136 and the Elgar String Quartet in E minor, Op 83.

To join us for a wonderful concert, please contact John on 01728 660339 or email peasenhallassemblyhall@gmail.com. Tickets are just £15.

Saturday 29th March. Family Quiz Night

Teams can be of various sizes to accommodate family size. Hot food, and the bar will

be open. £25 per team/family. For more info or to book, email theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Future Dates for your diary

We will be restarting our **Pop-up Pub** on the last Friday of the month, commencing **Friday 25th April**. We are thinking of possibly changing the format to include a pub games night, themed food night, karaoke, open mic, or a story-telling session. If you have any ideas or views, please do let us know by emailing theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

We will be holding our **Makers' Market on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June** to coincide with the village Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend. The village hall will be open for refreshments on both days, so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit gardens, admire flowers in the church, and purchase some unique gifts made by local artisans.

Wine-Tasting Evening

We are considering hosting a wine-tasting evening on Saturday 25th May, but we would like to know the level of interest. The format would be tasting six to eight different wines with light bites food. Cost would be around £20 per head. Please let us know if you would be interested by emailing theassemblyhall19@gmail.com

Facilities Update

The trustees appreciate how cold the Hall is throughout the winter months and are currently looking at options on how to improve the situation. Heavy weight curtains are now hanging in the front foyer. (Thanks to Corina at The Little Upholsterer for all her help and expertise). Upgrading the heating system and installing additional insulation in the roof space are also being considered.

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 Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall. Instagram: [peasenhallassembly](https://www.instagram.com/peasenhallassembly).

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

THEBERTON

JUMBLE SALE,

Saturday 29th March, 11am - 1 pm at Theberton Village Hall

As well as jumble there will be bric-a-brac, books, toys, tombola, refreshments and a raffle. Contact Sally on 01728 832386, or 07394 968139 for more details. In aid of village hall funds.

GET CRAFTING FOR THEBERTON & EASTBRIDGE FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW!

Calling all crafters! The Theberton & Eastbridge Flower & Produce Show is back on Saturday, 26th July 2025, at Theberton Jubilee Hall, and we want to see your handmade creations take centre stage. Now is the perfect time to start planning and crafting your entries for the Handicrafts Class. Whether you're a seasoned maker or a beginner, there's a category for you! This year's Handicrafts Class categories include:

- A piece of patchwork (max size 24ins x 24ins)
- A hand embroidered or appliquéd article
- A knitted item using up to 500g wool
- An item of cross stitch
- An article made from recycled material
- Photograph - "Light and shadow"
- A picture in any medium (not a photograph)
- An article of woodwork or metalwork (max size 24ins x 24ins x 24ins)



More details, including children's classes, entry forms and deadlines, will follow soon. In the meantime, get your needles, brushes and tools ready - it's time to create!

WESTLETON

EXHIBITION: "OUR VILLAGE AT WAR"

On 20th and 21st April, In St Peter's Church from 11.30am, there will be an exhibition commemorating the service given during the two world wars. Come and explore what village life was like during the Second World War, and honour the those who served and those who died. Bring your anecdotes and stories to share so that we can all gain a better understanding of Westleton's history. This will be running concurrently with the archive exhibition in the Village Hall.

Joyce Burtenshaw

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL MARCH 2025

On **Saturday 1st March** the **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** will again be in the Foyer from 10am to 12.30pm. You will find local produce and artisan crafts such as handmade soaps and skin care products, as well as bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments will be available.

Film Night is in the evening of the same day **1st March** with a showing of *Knives Out*, a modern 'whodunnit' starring Daniel Craig. Doors and the bar open at 7pm, film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door at a very reasonable £5 each.

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On **Saturday 15th March, 7pm for 7.30**, there will be a **Sea Shanty Evening with Fish & Chip Supper**. The Motley Crew (motleycrew.me.uk), a twelve-strong shanty crew will be travelling from Brightlingsea for a fund-raising evening with audience participation. Tickets £20 available from Westleton Stores and from the Foyer, when open. Part of your ticket price goes towards supporting the RNLI.

Art in the Foyer in March - we are delighted to host '**A Love Affair with Watercolour**' with our featured artist **Diane Humphrey**. Her collection will be available to view 3rd – 28th March with some pieces available to purchase.

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' are available every Tuesday morning in the Foyer to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/Laptop issues that you may have. Book a slot by contacting Lesley – centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk or just call in and the Team will endeavour to help if there is availability.

Hairdressing: Hannah Cutting from Travelling Salon now has a regular fortnightly slot on a Tuesday morning 10am -12pm. To book or chat about your requirements, contact her on 07856 517925 or travellingsalonsuffolk@gmail.com

Footcare with Susan - will be visiting the Hall in April. To book phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073 or email susan@nobadfeet.co.uk.

Reflexology is back on Saturday 29th March 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or www.julietoverton.co.uk

To see our latest timetable of events and activities, please see our events page on our website 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.

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.

The hall is looking forward to hosting a two-day exhibition on **Sunday/Monday 20th/21st April**. Further information for visitors, in next month's issue.

100 CLUB FEBRUARY 2025 WINNERS

1st prize No 68 - Jean and Ivor Murrell

2nd prize No 157 - Shirley Fisher

TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



Sunday 9th March, 3.00pm, St Peter's Church, IP17 3AQ

Director: David Alberman (violin)

Fantasia upon One Note – Henry Purcell

Fantasia No. 6 – Henry Purcell

Concerto for String Orchestra – Grażyna Bacewicz

Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky – Anton Arensky

Lullaby – George Gershwin

Admission by programme, £15 at the door (cashless payments accepted).

The Tallis Chamber Orchestra String Quartet will also be giving a concert on Saturday 12th April in the church, with music by Mozart and Beethoven.

Further details to follow. Information and any changes to concert arrangements can be found on our website, www.tco.org.uk

WESTLETON GARDENERS – OPEN TO ALL

Our final meeting for this season is on Tuesday 18th March in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Ivor Murrell has put together and will be presenting '**Westleton Garden Trail**' - a photographic tour of last June's Open Gardens. Come and take a trip down memory lane and a peak into some of the lovely gardens in the village. If you opened your garden for this event, it's not to be missed! We will also be taking bookings and payment for the group's 'Summer Garden Trips' – preferably in cash. Entry is £4 each inclusive of refreshments. Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be time to chat too.

Marilyn Stephens

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Sizewell C's (SZC) Northern Transport Forum took place on 5th February. Alongside the depressing news that 21,675 trees have already been cleared from the site, SCZ announced that: work proper will begin on the Darsham Park and Ride, the Yoxford and Friday Street roundabouts and the Sizewell Link Road in late spring/early summer; that a stretch of the B1122 between Theberton and Leiston will be closed

8pm-5am from 3 March to 9 May; and that the Darsham Crossing will likely have to be closed for (at least) one weekend to allow its upgrade. SCZ have said that its HGV traffic will not be diverted through Westleton. SCZ's presentation from the meeting will be posted on the Westleton Parish Council website once they are available.

In mid-2022, a number of residents completed a survey saying they were interested in an allotment. After some false starts, we now have a realistic potential site for a village allotment plot. Before we start negotiations with the landowner, we need to confirm interest, so please email Ian Haines, the Parish Council's Clerk (clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you would like a plot.

The March Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 31 March - 10.30-11.30 in the Village Hall Foyer. Please feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with Councillors.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

YOXFORD

PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

In the church, every Wednesday during term time 11am - 12 noon.

A stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers.

Refreshments available for adults. Suggested donation of 50p per family.



Spring Clean

We are planning a Spring Clean of St Peter's Church on Saturday 15th March from 9.30 to 12.30. If you regularly attend services or go to church only for weddings and funerals but you care that the church looks its best for both us and visitors, then do come along and give a hand. "Many hands make light work." We will shortly be organising a cleaning rota to keep on top of things. Do sign up! You will only have to clean the church for one of the months of the year! Thanks.

Julian Lock

NEWS FROM YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Volunteers Matter It was with sadness that the Parish Council learned that, after some fifteen years of crafting something truly beautiful from nothing, for now, the voluntary team at **Yoxwood** has hung up its tree labels, secateurs and spades. The team's continued dedication and expertise has been awe inspiring and the village is incredibly grateful for the work every member has done in creating the idyllic community woodland that we all have access to and enjoy. To Tanya Catling, Alex Corbett, Phil Gordon, Oliver Isaac, Chris Michie, Sue Pine and Pat Wallace the PC's (past and current) heartfelt thanks for everything you've done. Once a new team is formed, it'll have enormous wellies to fill.

More Volunteers could make an even bigger difference. **Yoxwood**, the **Community Woodland** is owned by Yoxford Parish Council on behalf of the village and run by

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a team of volunteers. The voluntary team works largely autonomously, with financial support from the Council. If you have green fingers and a couple of hours to spare each month and would like to help preserve and continue to shape this wonderful legacy, please contact the Clerk.

And, talking of volunteers, there is a ***vacancy*** on ***Yoxford Parish Council*** so if you'd like to make a difference and work with ten other members of the village who are committed to improving life for the village, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Energy Projects. Suffolk Climate Action Team's '**Keep the Heat**' project runs in Yoxford between **27th February and 10th March**, if you'd like your property surveyed (free of charge), please contact the Clerk. Transform your home with **eco-friendly insulation** to make your **home warmer** and **save on energy costs!** The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has partnered with HighLoft to help Suffolk residents make their homes warmer and save money. You can receive a 50% discount (up to £200). This is a limited offer. Visit [Suffolk County Council | Loft Insulation Contribution – HighLoft](#) for more information.

Please avoid parking on the pavements and keep them clear for pedestrians to walk safely through the village. There have been a few occasions when parents with pushchairs have been unable to pass by without walking in the road. Let's carry on looking out for each other.

Want to keep in touch with the work of your Council? Read the ***minutes*** of every month's meeting here: [Meetings and Minutes - Yoxford Village Website](#)

Planning Matters. The ***planning application*** for ***The Griffin Pub*** and ***car park*** will be considered by East Suffolk Council's Planning Committee on 11th March 2025 at 1pm at its offices at Riverside, Lowestoft. Yoxford Parish Council will be represented. If you wish to attend, please see: [Speaking at Planning Committee » East Suffolk Council](#)

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Join us for our organised monthly events:

Film Nights. Doors open 6.30pm

- 14th March: *Paddington in Peru*
- 11th April: *Small Things Like These*

Community Pub Nights.

Last Friday of every month from 6-11pm

- 28th February • 28th March • 25th April

Special Events:

Nature Talk with Paul Taylor. Doors open 7pm.

- 5th April £5 entry on the door

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YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025

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(Refreshments Available)

Enquiries: Suffolkartaffair@gmail.com
(Proceeds to Yoxford Village Hall)

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.

YOXFORD TOWNLAND TRUST

As a result of the physical and financial help offered by volunteers to the Trust since October 2024, good progress has been made in restoring Donkey Meadow and removing the Portakabin in Mulberry Park, with the intent of starting the renovation of Garden House this year.

The Trustees are hugely grateful for the interest and support shown thus far, and the very hard work of volunteers. Please help us continue this project on behalf of the village. We will keep you updated using email, the village 'WhatsApp', other social media and noticeboards.

Save the date YOXFAYRE IS BACK, Saturday 5th July 2025

Yoxford invites you to join in the return of the much loved creative Yoxfayre.

There will be cakes, tea, a flower festival in the church, games, toy stalls in Mulberry Park, second hand clothes, bric a brac stalls, plants to buy and more.

Save the date and watch this space

EVENTS IN ST MARGARET’S CHURCH, LEISTON (IP16 4HG)

Craft Fair on Saturday 15th March from 10am to 2pm: a wide variety of hand-made goods and unique gifts, with home-made refreshments. Admission free.

Spring Concert by the Royal British Legion Band, Leiston. Admission £10 on the door, with cream tea and raffle. All proceeds shared equally between the band and the church.

PROJECT UPDATE

MARCH 2025

There has been good progress on the Sizewell C project in the first months of 2025.

We are also pleased to announce the launch of the new Sizewell C online works tracker. The navigation has been improved and you can now sign up for email updates each time the works tracker is updated. We will be extending this to an SMS service later in the year. You can also check traffic management on the Suffolk County Council website Causeway one.network.

We are continuing to remove vegetation where necessary, which is overseen by an ecological clerk of work to ensure we 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 have begun to implement the long term and necessary road closures that host our infrastructure projects. Notably, Willow Marsh Lane (A12 junction in Darsham) and Abbey Lane (Leiston) with diversions in place which you can find further details of on our works tracker.

As the designs and contractors are being agreed, we are beginning to firm up key dates of activity. Over the next month you will see enabling works to create the Yoxford roundabout which will improve safety at a busy junction, with construction commencing in March.

We have also made further progress on the park and ride sites that will provide buses for workers to access site, reducing the number of vehicles on local roads.

Rail works also continue at pace and we have had several deliveries of rail track ahead of track laying. This will allow the first trains to move down the Leiston branch line to bring materials to our site on Buckleswood Road.

FORUM

SCHEDULE

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

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

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