NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



The Yoxmere

May 2025

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2025

Sunday 4t 10.00am	•	l Sunday of Easter Benefice Service with Holy Communion	LECTIONARY 4th May White Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]
Sunday 1	th May, Fou	rth Sunday of Easter	Revelation 5.11-14
9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Yoxford Westleton Theberton	Holy Communion Informal Worship	John 21.1-19 <i>11th May White</i> Acts 9.36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7.9-end John 10.22-30
Sunday 18	8th May, Fift	18th May White	
9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Yoxford Westleton Theberton Peasenhall	family@church Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Evensong	Acts 11.1-18 Revelation 21.1-6 John 13.31-35
Sunday, 2	5th May, Six	th Sunday of Easter	25th May White
9.30am 9.30am	Yoxford Westleton	Morning Prayer	Acts 16.9-15 Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5
9.30am 11.00am		Holy Communion Morning Worship	John 14.23-29
11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Middleton Dunwich Darsham	at the Methodist Chapel Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	

Sunday, 1st June, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Darsham Benefice Service with Holy Communion 10.00am

Wednesdays at Yoxford - 10.00am, Holy Communion

Thanks to Geoff Abell for the cover photo of blackthorn blossom at Dunwich Greyfriars.



A few years ago (in another part of the world) a neighbour of ours came to a family-friendly service, and was shocked at the Lord's Prayer. We said the modern version of the prayer, substituting "your" for "thy", and "sins" for "trespasses". Were we allowed to do that? she asked. Isn't the traditional version the only right way to say it?

I can sympathise with her perspective. The traditional words of the Lord's Prayer are a part of our culture. This is what we know. The problem is, it's not that simple! Jesus would have first said this prayer in Aramaic. But the accounts of Jesus are written in Greek, because that was the language that was read most widely across the known world. And, to make it more complicated, Matthew and Luke wrote two different versions!

Luke's version is:

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

Matthew's version is:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

You can see that Luke's version is shorter — "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is missing, and also "deliver us from evil". Neither version has our usual ending — "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, amen." This was added later, and is called a doxology, which means "words of praise".

So which is the "proper" Lord's prayer? Matthew's Greek version? The translation in the King James Bible? Does it matter? The traditional prayer we have is a mix of Luke's and Matthew's versions. Both versions (and our translations) carry the spirit of praising God, yearning for our world to conform to God's good will, but also asking for God's provision, grace and help to be the best we can be. The specific words don't matter; the spirit in which the prayer is said matters much more.

If you think words matter, Sibton Church is the place for you! Come to the annual massive book and bric-a-brac sale, 24th to 26th May, and you're sure to find a bargain.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral and Interment of Ashes

Wendy Anthea Judd, aged 85 years, at St Peter's Westleton on 14th April, followed by burial in the churchyard, together with interment of the ashes of Philip Joseph Alec Judd (1929 - 1998).

Interment of Ashes

Joyce Moffat, at Middleton, on 15th April. Gerald Phillips, at Middleton, on 15th April.





THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors

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THEOLOGY CORNER



Hell

Last month I began to talk about the Christian view of the "end times" and promised to continue this month talking about heaven, hell and judgement. Having said that, I think hell is such an important topic it's best if we do that well. And the big question you have is "Does God send people to hell?" That's an important question, especially when Christians worship God out of love, not fear!

People in the Old Testament did not believe in life after death. This was a concept arrived at some point between

the end of the Old Testament and the start of the New. In the gospels we find that the Pharisees are modern — they believe in life after death. The traditionalist Sadducees did not. The closest they had was "sheol" which is the grave, or the realm of the dead.

Skip forward to the New Testament and suddenly we have life after death, but also hell. Jesus uses the word "Hades" three times (and in the rest of the New Testament another seven), borrowing the word from Greek; but I don't think that this is a wholesale acceptance of Greek mythology— rather, it is a useful word.

Secondly we have the word "gehenna" which comes up eleven times in the gospels, and which usually gets translated as hell. But gehenna is a word carried across from Hebrew, and it means "the Hinnom Valley". What is so awful about the Hinnom Valley?!

If you look at Jerusalem on Google Maps you will see, directly south of King David's tomb, a road called "Gey Ben Hinnom Street". This is running down through that ravine. So gehenna was a valley to the south of Jerusalem. And it served two functions.

1. The Old Testament is more marked by Israel's faithlessness than its fidelity to the Lord God. During the monarchy (roughly 950BC to 587BC) the valley was a place of idol worship and child sacrifice. Jeremiah 7: 30-32 says: "The people of Judah have done evil in my eyes,' declares the Lord. 'They have set up their detestable idols in the house that bears my Name and have defiled it. They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire—something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind. So beware, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when people will no longer call it Topheth or the Valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room.'"

This is very grim stuff, but it describes all too painfully the real depths to which humankind can sink, and the anger God can feel at the worthless slaughter of children.

2. Later, during the Maccabees period (mid 2nd Century BC) the valley was used for the burying of enemies killed in battle.

By the New Testament it seems to have been used as Jerusalem's rubbish dump — hence hell's perpetual fires as there was always rubbish to be burned. As such it was also a ritually unclean place: you could not climb up from the ravine and go to the temple, you were "cut off from God" until you were ritually clean again.

Now, in the gospels when Jesus talks about hell it seems clear that "hell" is describing mankind's own wanton evil. We can also see where the ideas of perpetual fire, and separation from God, come from.

This suggests that rather than the somewhat medieval vision of eternal hellfire and damnation (thanks, Dante), hell is a human construction, and not God's idea for punishment.

Pride and a lack of compassion are also concepts we would associate with hell. There is a story that says that heaven and hell look alike. We are all seated at a long table with very long-handled spoons for eating. In hell there is relentless anger and frustration at the difficulty of feeding yourself with these stupid spoons. Everyone is hungry. Someone's just poked you in the eye, again! And you start fighting. By contrast, while in heaven we still have the same spoons and the same meal, and there is laughter and joy as we feed each other with these long spoons across the table. We are well fed, we are connected.

The story's not biblical, but you get the idea.

Again, heaven is where God is in charge and we're happy about it. Hell is where God is in charge and we're *not* happy about it. Hell is where *everyone* thinks that they should be in charge and has no empathy. I imagine one or two of the world's dictators entering the pearly gates and realising that they are only equal with everyone else, and God is in charge. Heaven might be hell for them.

For me, this knowledge and these pictures change things dramatically, when we look at life after death, and judgement, which we will do next month.

Blessings, Tim

Bereavement Support Group

The next meetings will be on Mondays 12th May (not the Bank Holiday 5th May) and 2nd June at 2pm in Westleton Village Hall Foyer. This is a safe space for those who have been bereaved to be as open as you wish about your experiences, both emotional and practical, following loss. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied and no charge. More information from the Revd Tim Rogers, or feel free to just turn up.



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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Darsham Church is holding its Spring Lunch on Sunday 11th May. Donations on the day will go towards the church. Please contact Jean on 07949 263972 or Shirley on 01728 668371 to book your place by 4th May.

WHAT'S ON IN DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL, MAY 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) Crafty Club – Mon. 5th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955) Dash Astro – Sunday 11th Meeting 7:00pm Home Education Group – Every Wed. 9:00am (contact Rebecca Coe) (**NB not 21st**) **Events and Meetings** Coffee Morning – Sat. 10th at 10:00am hosted by the Pétanque Group

Watercolour Classes – Mon. 19th at 9:30am to 12:30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)

Parish Council Meeting – Tue. 13th at 7:00pm

Textile Temptations – Wed. 21st at 10:00am (contact Sally Goodacre on 07900 522577)

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council met on 8th April. County Councillor Richard Smith explained the local government re-organisation. There are currently six councils, County, District, and Borough Councils, all responsible for different services in different areas. It is proposed that all six will be combined into one council responsible for delivering all local and countywide services. District County Councillor Paul Ashton suggested that two or three councils for Suffolk should be considered. More information on the interim plan is available at <u>www.Suffolk.gov.uk/devolution</u>.

The letter pick turnout was disappointing but I wish to record a very big thank you to those who did manage to attend. For that reason, it was decided that the second Sunday of March and the second Sunday of October will be the litter-pick days in future, thus giving people a chance to plan ahead.

One half-allotment is available, please contact Cllr.Ian Fergusson at <u>darshamocorchard@gmail.com</u> if you are interested.

The parish council is monitoring the amount of traffic that is entering the village.

The annual parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 6pm with an informal evening of wine and canapés. This will be followed by the Darsham PC AGM to be held at 7pm.

Jasmine Backhouse, Chairman

DARSHAM COUNTRY CENTRE NEEDS YOU!

The centre is a charity affiliated with the Woodcraft Folk which is an educational charity aimed at children and young people, providing affordable accommodation for any voluntary and charitable groups of up to thirty people. It is situated in the old station buildings at Darsham Station.

We are seeking a **Maintenance & Buildings Trustee**, a **Social Media & Marketing Trustee**, and a **Projects & Fundraising Trustee**. Do you have up to six hours available each month, and would like to join our committee of Trustees and Directors? Contact us now at <u>darsham@woodcraft.org.uk</u> for more details of what each role involves. View our website at <u>www.darshamcountrycentre.org.uk</u>

Annette Day, Centre Manager

DUNWICH

Concert at St James Church Dunwich

Saturday June 7th at 5.00pm

Please note change of date and time

Bof!

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

For further information contact Angela Abell <u>acabell@btinternet.com</u>

FREE BUT DONATIONS INVITED FOR UKRAINE

Coffee 4 U

Our last COFFEE 4 U will be held on May 1st, 10am -12noon. Hope to see you all there.

Heather Cook.

DUNWICH MUSEUM & COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE

Become a member of the Dunwich Community Heritage Centre! Support your local museum and community hall for £10 a year. Email us at <u>membership@dunwichmuseum.org.uk</u>

We are moving forward following our successful Dunwich Community Heritage Centre – the Way Forward Project.

For the Next Steps Project, the museum is very grateful to have received grants from Suffolk County Council Suffolk Culture Project Fund, from the Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape Sustainable Development Fund, and from the Dunwich Town Trust, to fund our programme of activities this year. These include community nature surveys/BioBlitz, geology, beach, and nature workshops.

We are working with the Dunwich Town Trust to put an interpretation board by Dunwich's last surviving World War II pillbox on the edge of the beach car park in time for the VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations.

Our exhibition on pilgrimages to Dunwich and pilgrim badges continues this year, and we have many family-friendly activities organised by Dunwich Museum throughout the year. As I write, we are about to host a meeting of the Association of Suffolk Museums in the Reading Room. We are looking forward to the first AGM of the membership organisation The Dunwich Community Heritage Centre, which will take place in October this year, details to follow.

As ever, we are seeking volunteer help with Dunwich Museum generally and especially front of house, with some urgency, to support our busy activity programme this year. Volunteers are given a thorough induction and will not be left to manage alone until they are confident and familiar with the role.

Matt Salusbury Chair of the Trustees, Dunwich Community Heritage Centre







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MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Trinity's Thought for the Month

"...this is what happens to divine love. It streams through the imagination of poets, rhyming up here and there, catching a tune, catching a congregation."

Ronald Blythe in Next to Nature

"Concerts at Cratfield" in Holy Trinity

We were delighted to be asked if we could host a concert on 6th April on behalf of Concerts at Cratfield, and the first for young musicians to showcase their talents going forward to playing to a wider audience - and of course we said "Yes, please!"

The church was full, and we were treated to the amazing talent of violinist Jordon Brooks, who played pieces by Stravinsky, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky, accompanied by Kumi Matsumo on piano, another very talented musician.

It was a great success and the perfect way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Our thanks to Graham and Jonathan for organising this special event in our beautiful church.

Rita Pateman, Churchwarden, on behalf of Holy Trinity PCC

MIDDLETON OPEN GARDENS

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

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton.

This year we have several new gardens, some favourites returning, as well as the beautiful, regular gardens to see.

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

Serving refreshments at the pavilion and the village hall all day.

Fund raising for Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, also supporting the NSPCC (East Suffolk).



MIDDLETON WI NEWS

The yearly subscriptions for the WI membership are due in April so at our March meeting the fees were collected by our busy treasurer. It's become a sort of tradition at our WI group that on the evening when



Our May meeting will be on the 21st at 7.15pm at Middleton village hall. The speaker will be Lesley Abery from Ash Farm Vineyard (with tasters). All are welcome to join us.

Lynne Venn

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

PEASENHALL

Peasenhall Methodist Church

216th Anniversary Celebration Weekend 3rd - 5th May

Saturday 3rd May 10am - 12 noon, Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th May 11am Sunday Service 2pm - 5pm, Flower Display and Teas

Monday 5th May 2pm - 5pm, Flower Display and Teas Please do pop in to see us! All proceeds for church funds

Katherine Brookhouse Yoga



Classes for Beginners to experienced Yogis. Plus community yoga offered at a discount to encourage participation! Dunwich/Westleton.

Book in here! https://bookwhen.com/katherinebnutri

Sauna and Gong Bath collaborations too!



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NICKY'S FOUNDATION

Unbelievably it is once again the time of year to be advertising for the plant sale at the chapel!! Details are as follows –

PLANT AND CAKE SALE

at Peasenhall Methodist Church, 1P17 2JD

Saturday 24th May, 10am - 4pm



A wide range of vegetable, herb and bedding plants and lots of yummy cakes will be on sale, as well as Cameroon-inspired artwork.

Please do pop in to see us! All proceeds to Nicky's Foundation.

Nicky Smith

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on, Wednesday 21st May at 7pm in the Assembly Hall. Refreshments from 6.45pm. All welcome.

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

What's On in May.

Peasenhall Picture Palace Friday 2nd May.

The next Film Club we will be showing the highly acclaimed *Conclave*. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope.

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: <u>peasenhallpicturepalacefilmclub@gmail.com</u>

Looking at getting fitter or trying out some dance moves, then why not try **Clubbercise on Tuesdays at 6-7pm. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May** (term time only).

If you would like to book or need more information, please contact Eileen on 07813 854255 or email <u>Zumba-eileen@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Pop up Café, Weds 7th May 10am – 12pm. This is hosted by the wonderful Weavers Team of Sara and Beth. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits along with lots of chat and a very warm welcome.

Craft Club 19th May 2-4pm. If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, or perhaps you would like to learn one of these crafts, why don't you come and join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided

with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book. £3 per session. If you have any queries, please email Jane – <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u>

The club is usually held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, but please note there will not be a session on 5th May as it is a bank holiday.

Wine Tasting Evening on Sunday 25th May, 7pm, by Case-Sera Wines

(<u>www.case-serawines.co.uk</u>). There will be seven exciting and excellent-quality wines to taste from around the world. There will also be some acoustic music with songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

£20 per head, including cheese, biscuits and nibbles. Tickets to be purchased in advance only, by 10th May. Contact Jane Collins on 07767 167968 or email <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u>

Pop -Up Pub Friday 30th May 7-11pm. Come along for a drink and chat with friends. There will be games available (cards, Scrabble, Bananagrams, dominoes etc). Licensed bar. We are also hoping to have some live music. More details to follow.

If you have any ideas / suggestions on the format, please do let us know by talking to one of the trustees or emailing <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u>

Date for your diary

We will be holding our **Makers' Market** on 28th and 29th June to coincide with the village Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend (see notice below). We still have a couple of spaces left on the Sunday if any artisans would like to have a stall. Please contact Jane on 07767 167968 or <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Facilities Update

The new heating system is being installed at the end of April / beginning of May.

Additional insulation will then be fitted in the roof space and the new notice board should also be in place this month.

As always, we couldn't host any of our events without the support of you the community and we thank you for your continued support. All proceeds from events go towards the upkeep and continued improvement of our community space. If you would like to book the hall for a family gathering or event, please telephone 01728 660010.

For general enquiries or if you would like to join our committee or volunteer at some events, please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968, by email, or visit: www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall .

Flower Festival, Makers' Market & Open Gardens, June 28th & 29th Flower Festival

St Michael's Church - IP17 2HE. Theme "The Garden" Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 1pm - 5pm. Entry by donation Sunday Benefice Service 11am - 12noon. All welcome

Makers' Market

Peasenhall Assembly Hall, IP17 2HN, 10 am - 4 pm Refreshments available all day (Contact Jane Collins – <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u>)

Open Gardens

Peasenhall Residents invite you to explore our gardens to raise money for Whizz Kidz charity and St Michael's Church. £5 per adult (children under 12 free)

SIBTON

May 3rd 3.00 – 4.00pm: ZEPHYR BAROQUE at Sibton church (parking: IP17 2LX)

A programme of baroque music on period instruments. The concert is always a magical experience in the perfect setting of Sibton's medieval nave. The performers are:

Liz Alexander – recorders Karen Bainbridge - baroque bassoon Geraldine Taylor – harpsichord.

£15 at the door or from Weavers Tearoom or Peasenhall General Store (cash only, please). 3.00 - 4.00pm followed by tea

May 25th, 26th & 27th 10.30am – 4.30pm: Sibton's Annual Mighty Three-Day Book Sale

Everything on sale is good-quality second hand - and second-hand books are a main attraction. Fiction includes a large number of sci-fi titles; local history is a specialism in non-fiction; and there are often other rarities. There are also good quality second-hand clothes, quality collectibles, bric-a-brac, children's books and toys, and plants; as well as LPs, DVDs and CDs. All items are individually priced. Refreshments are available all day. Admission is free and there is ample car parking on the meadow just east of the church. Sibton church lies on the A1120 between Yoxford and Peasenhall with its car park at IP17 2LX.

THEBERTON

News from the Theberton Lionesses

On **Saturday, May 17th** we are inviting everyone to attend the Bring Your Bakes Day. If you are planning on entering a bake (cake or bread) to the competition, I need the entry forms in as soon as possible: **these must be with us and paid for prior to the event itself, not on the day.** Adults, and children up to age 12, are welcome.

Please contact Suzi Cooper and I can email the form through. We are providing afternoon cream teas including sandwiches, scones (savoury and sweet) and cakes, plus teas and prosecco from 2pm. There's no entrance fee but there will be a charge for the teas. The auction of the exhibits will be from 3pm. Do join us it should be great fun and will raise much-needed funds for the local hospices.

Tickets are already selling for the Ceilidh on Saturday August 30th from 5.30pmat Darsham Village Hall.Tickets £35.00 to include wine reception and two-coursebuffet, followed by dancing led by the Hosepipe Band.Please contact Suzi on 01728635736.Suzi Cooper

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDAY



Saturday 21st June, 12noon until 4pm at the Jubilee Village Hall, Church Rd, Theberton.



Stalls, games, lovely refreshments, grand draw and more - something for everyone.

Ample parking very close by.

For more info contact Shell on 07887 409086 or Sally on 07394 968139.

Sally Ginger

Teddies from the Tower

St Peter's Church, Theberton,

Saturday 28th June.

Bring-and-share lunch from 12.30pm

Teddies jump from tower from 2pm

Save the date - more details to follow.

Bears and owners of all ages welcome. In aid of the tower fund.



WESTLETON

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On May 8th at 10am St Peter's Westleton is holding its APCM in the church. All are very welcome; tea and coffee will be served.

At the meeting we will be seeking a new treasurer, churchwardens, and a secretary, along with more members for the Parochial Church Council.

Do come to support and encourage the work of your church – and take the opportunity to have your say.

Westleton's Wildflower Festival

Supporting St Peter's Church and our Village Hall.

After a lot of consideration and thought, the PCC has decided to continue with our fifty-seventh Annual Wildflower Festival, picking responsibly in accord with the 'Care of Conduct Code', taking only a few from various places, and never uprooting or picking rare species.

Some of our arrangers grow their own wildflowers in their gardens especially for the festival. We are encouraging others to consider doing so themselves, with the further possibility of an allotment cared for by volunteers? The council often cuts the verges indiscriminately before we pick, or comes along very soon afterwards.

The Westleton Wildflower Festival attracts hundreds of visitors who not only discover the beauty of wildflowers but are inspired to appreciate God's amazing creation and cherish it. <u>https://thewildflowersociety.org.uk/code-of-conduct</u>

Jeremy Branch

OPEN GARDEN – Save the date

The Barn, Westleton

Sunday 15th June 2-5pm

In aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Refreshments available. Dogs welcomed on a lead.

Part of The Barn's garden was featured on the cover of last month's *Fisherman*. The art-deco-inspired screen in the photo is the work of Paul Richardson from Middleton.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL MAY 2025

On **Saturday 3rd May** we will have our usual **Community**/ **Wheelbarrow Market** in the Foyer from 10am -12.30pm. You will find local and home-baked produce and artisan crafts such as handmade soaps and skin-care products, as well as bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments as usual available in the Foyer.



Film Night is in the evening of the same day, **3rd May**, with a showing of the recent political thriller *Conclave*. Based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris, it follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events... selecting the new Pope. Doors and the bar open at 7pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets are only available on the door at a very reasonable £5 each.

On **Saturday 17th May**, there will be a special celebration for the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. With musical entertainment provided by the Vibettes, this promises to be an evening of song and memories. Our wonderful chef James Finch will be rustling up "Rations" but not as you may remember them! Entry for this event, which is at 7pm for 7.30pm, is by ticket only, paid for in advance at the price of £20pp. They may be purchased from the Foyer when open or from Westleton Village Stores. Don't miss out as spaces are limited and we hope to see some special outfits.

Art in the Foyer in May - we are promised an individual collection by Edythe Peters. More details to follow.

Lapwing Coffee Morning. Our very talented **Lapwing Education Group** will be hosting a charity fundraising event in the hall on Friday 23rd May from 11am – 12.30pm. All proceeds will go to Cancer Research UK and Blue Cross. Come and join us for treats and to purchase crafts made by their amazing students.

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 back in May on a Tuesday morning in the Foyer to answer your queries and guide you through any PC/Laptop issues that you may have. Booking is essential by contacting Lesley– <u>centremanager@</u> westletonvillagehall.co.uk

Footcare with Susan - will be visiting the Hall on **15th May**. To book an appointment, phone 01986 872067 or 07497 371073. Email <u>susan@nobadfeet.co.uk</u>

Reflexology is back on Saturday 31st May 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 or <u>www.julietoverton.co.uk</u>

Finally – Save the Date!

The beautiful **Gardens at Scott's Hall, Minsmere** will be open to the public on **Sunday 22nd June** from 2pm to 5pm, for only the second time ever! This is by

kind permission of the owners and in aid of Westleton Village Hall. Tickets will be available at the gate, price £5.00 per person (cash only please: children under 12 free). Teas & home-baked cakes will be available.

Westleton Common Events for May 2025

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

The next two **Nature Walks** take place on **Saturday 24th May** and **Saturday 12th July** from 10.30am to about 12noon.

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

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

Ian Webber

WESTLETON WI

At the April meeting, Members were treated to a very interesting and passionate talk on **"Foreshore Foundlings: Sculptures Inspired by the River Thames"** by Billie Bond, a Westleton resident, who is

a professional sculptor. She specialises in portraiture sculptures and is having work exhibited in the London Museum of Docklands for eleven months from April 2025. The exhibition features her work, based on the finds of mudlarkers on the River Thames. We were enthralled by the depth of her geological knowledge together with her incredible artistic skills.

The May meeting is Resolution Evening and there will be a talk by the Fisherman's Mission.

Gill Wood

Westleton 100 Club

The draw for April took place on Friday 11th April at the Coffee Pot event in the Foyer of the village hall. This change was arranged as I would be unable to organise the draw on the regular date.

April 2025 winners

1st prize No 208 - Philippa Dent 😳

2nd prize No 115 - Frank and Bridget Saunders



YOXFORD

ST PETER'S CHURCH

One of the nice things about living in a village is the gathering of community events in church and also the Village Hall. During Lent we have been gathering in our different Benefice churches for worship and communion together as part of a wider community. Thank you to our Rector Tim for his hard work in enabling this to be possible and to the various churches for their interaction and welcome!

The Lent course on Ethics and Law at Darsham was challenging and thought provoking!

Our church had a spring clean organised by Julian Lock. Our thanks go to him and his helpers - it was very much appreciated! An ongoing rota is now in place.

Thanks go to all our invaluable often unseen volunteers who enrich our church life with refreshments after services, flowers in church, delivery of the *Fisherman*, bell ringing, and more.

Easter has been a celebration of, and a gathering of, family and the church family - to be scattered once again, but the gatherings and scatterings continue! We have much to look forward to during the coming months, especially our YOXFAYRE and Flower Festival on Saturday 5th July - a combined village and church event.

Lynne Putland, Churchwarden

St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will be on Wed 28th May at 2.30pm in the church. All welcome.

YOXFAYRE

is back on Saturday 5th July, 11.00am-3.30pm

and we need your help.

Preloved Clothes Stall - having a clear-out of your wardrobe? We would love any clothes that are no longer quite your thing. Email below to arrange collection.

Book Stall - if you have books to spare we will happily put them on the stall - donations in boxes to the inside of the church please.

Plant Stall - Seedlings, cuttings, plants in pots - all donations gratefully received. Email below for collection.

Children's Stall/Games - if you can spare an hour or two on 5th July we would love your help. Email below to volunteer.

Flowers in St Peter's Church - if you would like to join in the Flower Festival please

email below. Nothing fancy - it can just be a vase of flowers or a full-on Constance Spry. It's the taking part that counts.

Money raised at Yoxfayre is being donated to: Yoxford School for new play equipment; Yoxford Townland Trust for the reclamation of the common land; and the restoration of St Peter's Church organ. With a little help this will be a great day out for everyone in the village. Email - <u>yoxfayre@gmail.com</u>

Lynn Walford

YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Volunteer Matters

Litter Pick: Reminder of the date for your diary: *17th May 2025 10am*. Meet at the Village Hall where Cllr. Nicol McCallum will distribute bags and grabbers for a village litter pick.

More Volunteers are still needed to care for *Yoxwood*, our *Community Woodland*. The voluntary team works largely autonomously, with some financial support from the Council. Committed to preserving this idyllic place in perpetuity for the village, if you share the PC's vision, 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, *Yoxford Parish Council* is delighted to welcome Richard Allenby-Pratt who was co-opted at April's meeting and will join the team at its next meeting in May. With a deep interest in biodiversity, the Council looks forward to Richard's contribution.

Other News ... in its review last year of the PC's management of the *Cemetery*, to support a more ecological strategy, plastic or artificial flowers are no longer permitted to mark a grave. The Council asks that all graves are cleared by *June 1st* **2025** after which any remaining artificial decoration will be removed.

There are a number of Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects which will affect our area. All updates are discussed at Parish Council meetings. Come to its monthly meetings or if you're unable to but want to keep in touch with the work of your Council? Read the *minutes* of every month's meeting online at: <u>Yoxford Parish</u> <u>Council Meeting Minutes</u>

The **Sizewell C Project** continues. The PC receives updates which it posts on the village website for your information. Keep up to date here: <u>https://www.yoxford.org.uk/sizewell-c-updates/</u>

Trudy Charles, Clerk to Yoxford Parish Council

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Join us for our organised monthly events:

Film Night. Doors open 6.30pm, 16th May: Conclave.

Community Pub Night. 30th May (last Friday of every month) 6-11pm.

Special Event: save the date!

Our fab Quiz Night is back! 10th May 7pm – late. £10 entry. Teams of eight.

Regular Events

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11:00am – 12:00pm Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month Table Tennis – Tuesdays – 7:00pm – 9:00pm, £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 Boules/Pétanque Pistes – available for community use, no need to book. Tennis Courts – to book, contact Laura Greenberg on 07867 521697 Hall and Marguee Hire – to book, contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748 784909.

Yoxford History Group

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who visited our **Yoxford at Work** exhibition on Saturday 12th April.

It was a huge success with lots of lovely comments.

As we uncovered an overwhelming amount of information, we plan to give people a second chance to enjoy it, probably in October. Watch this space for details!

Lesley Perry

Sing Out (Community Choir)

You are always welcome to join your Local Community Choir. We are called Sing Out! We meet every Wednesday during term time 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Yoxford. We sing a wide range of songs from choral and pop to musicals. Whether you read music or not, all are welcome. Especially if you are a man!

For more information contact us at.

Email: singoutyoxford@gmail.com Website: singoutyoxford.co.uk





YOXFAYRE Saturday 5 July CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The Yoxfayre plant stall needs you.

Would you mind planting a few extra seeds and saving some cuttings? Or if you are digging out plants or bulbs over the next few months, please let us know as we are happy to store them until the fair.

Yoxfayre is going to be the biggest fun family day in July so please contact <u>yoxfayre@gmail.com</u> if you can help.



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

PROJECT UPDATE

MAY 2025

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

At Friday Street, a works compound has been created on the car boot sale field. The car boot sale is not affected by this. The next steps involve establishing the Friday Street site, including vegetation and necessary tree removal, overseen by an ecological clerk of works to ensure the protection of nesting birds. This activity will be visible from the A12 when travelling to or from Stratford St Andrew and Farnham village.

The Friday Street roundabout will connect the new two-village bypass around Stratford St Andrew and Farnham to the A12. Preparation for the bypass construction includes further vegetation clearance and tree removal, with Heras fencing being installed along the site boundary.

Railway works in and around Leiston are also progressing. Vegetation and some trees

have been removed to create space for track reconstruction and overall operational improvements. Work to upgrade the area's level crossings is ongoing, with surveys underway to assess requirements.

Earthworks at the Yoxford roundabout will begin later this month, starting away from the A12 to ensure no disruption to the road.

At the Northern Park and Ride site, vegetation clearance is complete, and archaeological investigations continue. Archaeology at the Southern Park and Ride is ongoing and expected to conclude in autumn. As areas are cleared, phased construction will begin this summer. Work to realign BT Openreach network wires along the slip road is also ongoing and expected to continue until the end of May.

The updated Sizewell C Works Tracker launched on 5 February with improved navigation. Community members can now sign up for email updates, with SMS updates to follow later this year.

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FORUM

SCHEDULE

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

Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 7 May 2025	Darsham Village Hall	
Southern	Wednesday	Stratford St Andrew	
Transport Forum	4 June 2025	Riverside Centre	
Main Development	Wednesday	Leiston Town	
Site Forum	2 July 2025	Athletic Association	

For more information and for all 2025 forum dates visit sizewellc.com/community/forums





Dementia Roadshow - simple advice

On 23rd April, East Suffolk Council hosted a Dementia Roadshow at Yoxford. This is an important topic with the increasing awareness of people suffering from mental capacity issues, and the areas of support and guidance that are available. Mental capacity is not just limited to dementia, but can encompass Alzheimer's, old age and medical conditions involving capacity.

The three principal legal areas that need to be considered are Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs), health care instructions, and wills.

As previously described, there are two versions of the LPAs and each deal with different aspects of person's life, giving peace of mind.

1. *The finance & property LPA* allows the attorney (the person appointed to act for the person who has lost capacity) to deal with all aspects of the donor's (the person making it) finances and property needs, such as pensions, banking, housing or investment. When someone is diagnosed with capacity issues the finance LPA is essential to ensure that the individuals affairs can be looked after by their attorney.

2. *The health & welfare* LPA allows the attorney to make decisions for the donor concerning their health care and even their hospital treatment. This not only allows the attorney to make decisions as to the care home and regime for the individual, but also regarding the palliative care towards the end of the donor's life.

In addition to LPAs, it is possible to make a Living Will. This is a document made to instruct health-care providers and people with responsibility as to the end-of-life treatment for a person, and principally deal with what are known as *Do Not Resuscitate* instructions. These are very powerful documents, which allow people to determine how they would wish to be treated medically when they are facing end of life situations.

It is also important that a person diagnosed with a capacity issue considers making or updating their will. This ensures that when they do die their instructions are carried out, particularly as a will cannot be made or amended once someone has lost mental capacity. In addition, within the will it is possible to deal with property issues, especially where there is a spouse or partner who will survive the individual and remain living in the home. Their property rights will need protecting.

Whilst these can be done online, matters can be complicated and tricky, so it is essential to speak with a legal advisor who understanding the various issues.

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