NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE



October 2024

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024

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Sunday 6th October ~ Trinity 19			6th October, Trinity19, green			
10.00am	Middleton	Benefice Service	Job 1.1; 2.1-10			
		with Holy Communion	Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12			
		·	Mark 10.2-16			
Sunday 13th October ~ Trinity 20			13th October, Trinity 20, green			
9.30am	Yoxford	Holy Communion	Job 23.1-9, 16, 17			
9.30am	Theberton	Taizé	Hebrews 4.12-16			
11.00am	Darsham	Harvest Festival	Mark 10.17-31			
11.00am	Dunwich	Harvest Festival				
11.00am	Peasenhall	Morning Prayer				
3.00pm	Westleton	Informal Worship				
Sunday 20th October ~ Trinity 21			20th October, Trinity 21, green			
9.30am	Yoxford	family@church Harvest Fesitval	Job 38.1-7 [34-41]			
9.30am		Holy Communion	Hebrews 5.1-10			
9.30am	Theberton	Morning Praise	Mark 10.35-45			
11.00am	Peasenhall	Holy Communion (BCP)				
11.00am	Middleton	Morning Prayer				
6.00pm	Darsham	Evensong				
•	7th October	•	27th October, Bible Sunday,			
9.30am	Yoxford	Morning Prayer	green			
9.30am	Westleton	•	Isaiah 55.1-11			
		(Informal Worship)	2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5			
9.30am	Theberton	Harvest Festival &	John 5.36b-47			
		Holy Communion				
11.00am		Holy Communion				
11.00am	Dunwich	Morning Prayer				
11.00am	Darsham	Holy Communion				
11.00am	Peasenhall	Harvest Festival with				
		Methodist Chapel				

Every Wednesday

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10.00am	Yoxford	Holy Communion

Thanks to Irene Lucas for the cover photo.

Harvest Festival at Peasenhall

RECTOR'S RAMBLE



In June, clergy across the county received a request from Bishop Martin: connect with a farmer, and get a photo of yourself on a combine. My heart sank when I read the email — wasn't this wasting farmers' time at their busiest time of year? Nonetheless, Joe Bloomfield from Yoxford was happy to oblige, and one afternoon in August I got the call, "Come over this afternoon!"

It was warm and windy — a dark cloud of dust was swirling around the combine munching its way through a field of peas. At the end of the row, Joe stopped and invited me into the cab. I climbed the ladder up to the cab, sitting above the machinery and slammed the door shut. It was suddenly cool — the cab was sealed and air conditioned to keep it comfortable, and dust free.

We started again and the whirling, chopping jaws were in action — giant hair clippers scything the stalks while conveyors whisked everything inside, smashing it to pieces as huge internal fans separated peas from chaff. Peas went into an enormous container on top and the chaff was blown behind. Amazingly, the principles are the same as those used thousands of years ago, when cutting, threshing and winnowing was done by hand. Nothing has changed, and everything has changed.

Every now and then a tractor and trailer

pulled alongside and tons of peas were unloaded via a huge pipe — on the go — to be taken to the barn. Another field was already being drilled for the next crop.

We talked for an hour about life, the universe and farming. Combines are houseprice expensive and need replacing every few years. Over decades the profit margins have become ever tighter. Farms have had to get bigger — there are fewer young people interested in farming, and larger farms are more economical. But farmers are gambling with ever higher stakes — every crop is at the mercy of the weather, and market prices fluctuate. There is a strong sense of community among farmers, and yet in the end each is alone, managing a massive business. The hours during harvest are ridiculous.

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We talked about Brexit, seasonal eating, supermarkets and diversification. I was sent away with recommended viewing: *Clarkson's Farm* is the best farming programme... in the world!

I took photos to send to the bishop, thanked Joe and drove off, with Joe offering to give my kids a ride in the combine next year — it's important that kids understand farming, too. It had been an absolute privilege.

Next time you're behind a tractor on the road, be glad: this is important. If you see someone on a combine as you walk or drive past, smile and wave: give what encouragement you can. The person in that cab is a timeless part of Suffolk's heritage. And is feeding you.

And come to a harvest festival this year (dates on Page 2 as usual) and take the chance to thank farmers, thank God, and sing that "all is safely gathered in."

All blessings, Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Donald George Crane, aged 87 years, on 29th August at St Peter's, Yoxford Caroline Ann Campbell, aged 85 years, on 16th September at St Peter's Westleton

Interment of Ashes

Mark Archibald Secrett and Barbara Edith Secrett, 8th August, St Michael's, Peasenhall

Marriages

Austin Hambling and Rachel Wood, 1st September, St Peter's, Yoxford Luke Jermyn and Eleanor Sturt, 14th September, St Peter's, Yoxford

Baptisms

Vincent Samuel Seddon, on 15th September, at St Michael's, Peasenhall

HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE EAST SUFFOLK RURAL WELLBEING SURVEY

This is a follow on from a previous small survey undertaken by East Suffolk Council into any health and wellbeing issues that potentially exist in the Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale and Yoxford and Villages Community Partnership area.

Community Action Suffolk, on behalf of East Suffolk Council, is now conducting a deeper exploration of all those reported challenges and barriers, as well as finding out more about possible solutions. We want to learn more about what they are and how they affect people living locally, together with gathering their ideas and suggested solutions that could help improve things for everyone.

We are speaking directly with local organisations, groups and residents, both

through this survey and in person. We will be providing a full report to East Suffolk

Council, presenting our findings on a village-by-village basis so that they can have better understanding about health and wellbeing needs and provisions in the area, and hear how they can work with you to improve things. Thank you for sharing your views, experiences and opinions with us.

To complete the survey please go to <u>https://www.</u> <u>surveymonkey.com/r/RuralWellbeing</u> or scan the QR code.



COMMUNITY ACTION SUFFOLK (CAS)

CAS is a leading charity working to build a stronger and fairer Suffolk. CAS is the leading organisation for engagement with the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Suffolk. We work closely with VCFSE organisations and other partners to build the positive relationships needed to collaboratively develop strategy, policy, and services. We provide practical support to VCFSE organisations and aim to be the first port of call for support to achieve goals from helping to find funding and running an organisation, to engaging your community and strategic planning.

Natalie Lomas, Research Officer, Community Action Suffolk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be on 7th October 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.

THE YOXMERE FISHERMAN - Guidelines for contributors

The *Yoxmere Fisherman* is published for the Yoxmere Benefice, which comprises the Church of England parishes of Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Peasenhall, Sibton, Theberton, Westleton and Yoxford.

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THEOLOGY CORNER



The Holy Spirit

Having spoken briefly of the Father and the Son, and of the Trinity, we should speak of the third part of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Theologian Alistair McGrath characterises the Spirit as "the Cinderella of the Trinity", often left behind while theologians invite Father and Son to the theological ball. Why should this be? Perhaps because in a world of academic theology the Spirit is the hardest to grasp, to speak of, and to feel that one knows. What then *can* we say?

While the Spirit is a vital part of the New Testament story, it is there even in the creation story at the beginning of the Bible, hovering over the waters. The Spirit intermittently empowers Samson with great strength. When David is anointed, the Spirit of the Lord comes powerfully upon him.

But the Spirit is much more common currency in the New Testament. Jesus promises that the Spirit will come after him. In John's gospel Jesus calls the Spirit the counsellor or advocate (literally the come-alongside-er). On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, the Spirit comes in power to the disciples as they are gathered. There is a sound of rushing wind; tongues of fire touch each of them and they begin to speak in languages they do not know, but which are understood by the international crowd gathered in Jerusalem at the time. From that moment the disciples, especially Peter and Paul, are able to perform many miracles — healing, knowledge, and even raising the dead. Through the Spirit they have gained most of the miracles that Jesus performed.

The Holy Spirit gives gifts and fruit. The gifts are not given to everyone, but variously include speaking in tongues, prophecy, and healing (if you're curious about this, talk to me about my experiences or the stories I know, it's a pretty long list). The fruits of the Spirit (as described by Paul in Galatians 5) are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Qualities that anyone can have, with or without faith, but certainly qualities that should grow within faithful Christians.

The word for Spirit in Hebrew is *ruach*; in Greek it is *pneuma*. Both words mean wind, breath or spirit (a rare moment of differing languages mapping exactly onto each other). This breadth of meaning allows Jesus to pun in John Chapter 3: "The wind [pneuma] blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit

[pneuma]." This allows a sharp contrast within the Holy Trinity — while the Father is creator of the laws of nature and has a certain "solidity" of character, the Spirit is as unpredictable as the wind — capricious, even.

While we can think of the Spirit as the power of God, and the gift of God's character to the faithful, St Augustine characterised the Spirit as the bond of love. Love is common to the Father and the Son and bonds them inseparably. The fruits of the Spirit are, in their ways, all characteristics of love. God, loving us, gives us the Spirit so that we can love as we are loved. Julian of Norwich speaks of the unity of the Trinity, and the Spirit in us, such that God's purpose is that we be united in the Trinity, one in the work of the Spirit living in us. It's a powerful and beautiful image of God's redeeming work in us.

Speaking of which, while it is Christ who wins us salvation, it is the Spirit who works salvation in us. Put another way, Christianity is not only about being forgiven (though that is massive), it is also about changing us, making us more Christlike, so that not only is there less to forgive, but we become more forgiving, more loving, and more transformative ourselves.

Christianity finds many different expressions in worship. While tradition has seen worship within an ordered structure of liturgy, readings, hymns and sacrament, recent decades have seen a revived interest in the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives and worship. This is the charismatic movement (where charismatic refers to gifts of the Spirit, not merely being charming). Praise and worship in such churches can be more intense. There can be speaking or singing in tongues, healing, prophecy and more. Does this sound very modern, or new? It isn't! In 1 Corinthians 13 (the wedding reading) Paul warns that tongues, prophecy and divine knowledge are useless without love. As we have seen, all these are aspects of the Holy Spirit. The charismatic church today is merely reclaiming an aspect of God that has been there since the start of the church — finally inviting Cinderella to the ball.

Blessings, Tim.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE IMPACT OF SIZEWELL C

Hi there, my name is George and I run Status Creative CIC - a community interest company providing creative activities in the East Suffolk area. As we all know, Sizewell is going to have a big impact on our lives. It will bring a range of problems - but traffic seems to be top of the list with the people I've spoken to. Traffic will continue to increase with the Sizewell build, leading to people feeling less safe travelling on local roads, especially the B1122. I myself have been tail-gated many times by a 40-ton HGV, and have witnessed many instances of speeding. These changes are likely to lead to members of the community feeling isolated if they don't feel safe to drive, with longer journey times caused by the increased traffic. This threatens to have a negative impact on mental health for the people of our villages, particularly older members of the communities.

To help with this, I am looking to submit an application to the Sizewell Community Fund for a creative arts project. Creative activities are well documented to increase wellbeing in people's lives. If the application is successful this would allow weekly activities to take place in Yoxford, Middleton, Westleton and Eastbridge, and to other places affected by Sizewell if there is enough interest. Activities would include, singing, art, dance, sculpture, cookery, wood carving, creative writing, poetry, music and drumming. These would allow people to be involved without having to leave their villages, as well as providing an opportunity to socialise, learn new skills and have fun whilst doing so.

But firstly I need to submit evidence to Sizewell to prove that a project like this is needed. I would welcome your opinions on how Sizewell might affect you, so if you can help, please email me on georgefdrummer@gmail.com or call or text on 07733 386247.

George Fothergill, Founder Status Creative CIC



TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



50th ANNIVERSARY GALA CONCERT

Potton Hall Studio, Saxmundham, IP17 3EF

Sunday 20 October 2024, 3.00pm Director ~ Tom Poster Soloists ~ Elena Urioste (violin) Laura van der Heijden (cello) Tom Poster (piano)

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DARSHAM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We are holding a Harvest Lunch on 13th October at the Village Hall from 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. If interested please contact Roger on 6667037 or by email to <u>rcsmith377@outlook.com</u>.

We held our successful Family Fun Day on 3rd August in the church. We planted mustard and cress seeds, made drawings of imaginary animals (with some great names!), and outside we did bark rubbing and leaf hunting. Thanks to all who came along.

What's on at Darsham Village Hall – October 2024

Notices

The playground construction work is progressing and we are looking for an opening date around the middle of October. Further information will be on the village notice boards.

The work on the trees in The Street by the Village Hall is being progressed and information will be provided when work is due to commence.

Classes & Clubs

<u>Sequence Dancing</u> – every Tues. & Thurs. from 1pm (Carol 01986 784642) <u>Yoga</u> – every Fri. 10.30-11.30am (Debbie 07906 346545) Table Tancia – every Thurs. 7. Once (Alan Haller d 01729 (C8451)

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

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

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

<u>Crafty Club</u> – Mon. 7th - 9.30am (contact Heather Ballantine 07860 278955) Darsham Pétangue – Every Tuesday 4:30pm (Ron Clark 07423 399406)

Events and Meetings

- Coffee Morning Sat. 12th at 10am hosted by the Pétanque Club
- Film Night Sat 12th at 7pm
- Parish Council Meeting Tues. 8th at 7pm
- Textile Temptations Wed. 9th at 10am (contact Sally Goodacre 07900 522577)
- Authors' Group Mon. 21st at 2pm (contact Russell 07496 096056)
- Art Classes Mon. 25th 9.30am to 12.30pm (contact Colin on 07528 515214)
- Earth Dance Nia Sat 19th 9.15 (contact Jen 07912 880319)

Forthcoming events.

Darsham Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting – 22nd at 7pm

Darsham Pétanque Club

Quiz Night on Saturday 16th November at Darsham Village Hall to help raise funds for the club. Doors open 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7pm. Why not join us for a great night out? Whether you are a trivia ace or just here for the fun, there's a seat at the table for you. Maximum six players per team, cost is £2 per person. General knowledge, music and picture rounds. Great prizes to be won, plus a raffle. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. For further info or to book a place, please email Byron Davies - <u>bjd20c@gmail.com</u>.

100 Club Winners for July

1st Prize: £100 Mr M. Venmore-Rowland, 2nd Prize: £50 Mr C. Fox 3rd Prize: £25 Mrs J. Bell

100 Club Winners for August

1st Prize: £100 Mrs J. Ferguson, 2nd Prize: £50 Mrs S. Perkins, 3rd Prize: £25 Mr C. Fox

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER: Swede Caroline



We kick off the new season of Film Club with a hilarious mockumentary which follows Caroline, a competitive giant-vegetable grower as she gets ready for the annual National Veg Championship.....but her prized marrow, named Ricky Hutton, is STOLEN!! Caroline and her fellow growers - Paul (a conspiracy theorist) and affable Willy - are led into the seedy world of crime as they try to find the culprit.

Tickets are £5 and are available on the door or at the Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on the 12th. Doors open at 6.45pm and the film starts at 7.00. There will be a bar and refreshments.

We look forward to meeting regular customers and newcomers. Please contact Anne 07852 237389 or 01728 668270 if you need more information.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings were held on 13th August and 10th September. County Cllr Richard Smith informed us of the successful opening of the new Gull Wing Bridge in Lowestoft. 7000-8000 people crossed it on foot before traffic was allowed, and the next day it was used for the Tour of Britain cycle race.

District Cllr Paul Ashton gave his report and stated that the previous government had proposed 900 new houses a year in our area; the new government is now proposing 1600 new houses a year.

The PC is looking for volunteers to help with the Community Self Hub, to maintain the footpaths and signposts in Darsham; a full day of training on equipment will be supplied free of charge. Please contact Cllr Byron Davis <u>darshampcfootpaths@gmail.com</u>

A bee hive has joined the fruit trees at the Darsham Orchard. It is situated in the south west corner adjacent to the allotments.

It was agreed by all Councillors to support a donation to the Yoxmere Fisherman.

Richard Knight, a representative from Sizewell will give a presentation 8th October at 6.30pm before the PC meeting to update us on the works surrounding Darsham and Yoxford including the Park & Ride. Q & A will be available.

The Northern Transport Forum will be held on 6th November at Darsham Village Hall. If you have any questions please contact, prior to the meeting

Cllr Christine Redgrave darshampcszc@gmail.com or

Cllr Stuart Walmsley darshsmpcenviroment@gmail.com

The Chair would like to thank District Cllr Paul Ashton for his recent support for
Darsham residents.Cllr Jasmine Backhouse, Chairman Darsham PC.

DUNWICH

ST JAMES CHURCH, DUNWICH Harvest Festival Fish and Chip Lunch Sunday 13th October

Following the 11am harvest service, the PCC of St James Church is hosting a fish and chip lunch in the Dunwich Reading Room (behind the museum). The cost is £12.50 including pudding. Please bring your own wine (glasses and water provided). Pay in advance or at the door.

There is a choice of cod, plaice and haddock or a vegetarian alternative. Please phone Christine Palmer 01728 648890 or email <u>chrismicpalmer5@gmail.com</u> by Monday 7th October to reserve a place and let us know your choices or any other dietary restrictions. All welcome.

During the harvest weekend we will be placing a box in the church for donations of food which will be sent to the Saxmundham Food Bank.

GALLOWS FIELD HEDGEROW

The Dunwich Town Trust is grateful for a grant from the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape Sustainable Development Fund to plant hedgerow in

Gallows Field, Dunwich. Gallows Field has belonged to the Trust since 2006 and is managed for wildlife as well as providing popular walks. Recent surveys of the field show that a varied habitat with increased plant species has developed. Planting native hedging on sections of the boundary will further enhance the habitat for insects and wildlife, improving the biodiversity of the field. We are partnering with the Coast & Heaths National Landscape Nature Network Volunteer Work Party Programme for two days in January to plant the hedging. Local volunteers are warmly invited to join in this work.

The planting days are Fridays 10th and 24th January 2025.

Hopefully we will have good weather! If you are interested in helping, please contact Julia Davison-Wilson, <u>clerk@dunwichtowntrust.org</u>.

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 membership@dunwichmuseum.org.uk



Dunwich Museum is open daily from 11.30am – 4.30pm. Visit us and learn about the city lost to the sea. Our special exhibition this year is on Pilgrimage and features some unique pilgrim badges. We run events and activities throughout the year, so keep an eye out for our events and check our website for updates at www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk/events.

Saturday Oct. 12th, Stamp-Making. 11.00-3.00pm: Make your own stamps and art in this artist-led workshop. Free drop-in activity, all ages welcome!

Oct. 26th – Nov. 1st, Landscape Exhibition. 11.30am-4.30pm: An exhibition celebrating the conservation of previously unseen landscape watercolours and the digitisation of the recently gifted photographs from the Docwra collection.

Saturday Oct. 26th, The Liminal Landscape and Erosion. 6.30pm: Local artist, Julian Perry, will be discussing the long history of artists inspired by Suffolk's eroding coast. The talk will accompany our Landscape Exhibition in the Dunwich Reading Room.

Saturday Oct. 26th, Consultation. 2.00-4.30pm: Open day at which you will be able to discover more about the future plans and next steps for this exciting project in your community. Tea and cake will be provided.

Sunday Oct. 27th, Wet Felting. 11.00am-3.00pm: Try your hand at wet wool felting! Artist-led activity, fun for all ages, no needles involved. Come in clothes you don't mind getting a bit dirty.



Thursday Oct. 31st, Halloween Activity. 12.30-4.00pm: Carve turnips & pumpkins and decorate Halloween-themed biscuits. Be prepared to get your hands dirty. Halloween costumes welcome.

Thursday Oct. 31st, Spooky Walk. 6.00pm: Dress up in your Halloween gear and join us for a spooky tour of Dunwich. Ghost stories, history, and Halloween fun! We are grateful to the National Lottery for their support and offer players a free Dunwich Museum pencil if they can show us proof of purchase.



MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

Our activity for August is always a WI stall at the Middleton Village Fete. That Saturday of the August Bank Holiday was the wettest for at least twenty years but



it was decided to hold the fete all the same. So we set up our gazebo (with a few leaks in the material, not exactly waterproof), filled the tables underneath with garden produce, plants, baked goods and preserves - and hoped for the best. Although the numbers of visitors were down, we were amazed at all those who did come out in the rain to support the fete. The weather didn't seem to stop people from enjoying themselves. We even sold a large amount of our wares! In the end it was a successful afternoon.

Our October meeting will be on 16th October at 7.15pm. The speaker will be Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission on "The True Cost of Fish". All are welcome.

Lynne Venn

REIKO FUJISAWA Piano Trio Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Middleton 3pm Sunday 20th October

We are delighted to share the news that, following last year's wonderful concert, Reiko Fujisawa has offered to perform in Middleton's Holy Trinity Church again this autumn. Reiko is, of course, Middleton's own internationally renowned concert pianist (see brief biography below and on her website: <u>www.reikofujisawa.</u> <u>com</u>) and she delighted a full-to-bursting Holy Trinity Church last October with a mesmerizing concert with her long-time collaborator, the violinist Ofer Falk. This year's concert will see Reiko play alongside Matt Denton (violin) and Emma Denton (cello), who are both members of the celebrated Carducci String Quartet (<u>www.carducciquartet.com</u>). The concert will explore the relationship between music and nature with music from Beethoven, Schubert and Dvorak and aims to inspire audiences to admire the beauty and importance of the natural world from a fresh perspective.

The concert will take place in Holy Trinity Church at **3pm on Sunday October 20th**. As last year, Reiko is keen that tickets are offered locally first so we are initially only promoting the concert via the Middleton newsletter and the *Fisherman*. We will be advertising further afield soon and we expect strong interest, so if you want to be sure of reserving a place for this very special occasion then do contact Paul asap.

Ticket prices are set simply to cover costs (not least hiring and moving a Steinway piano – and once again we are hugely grateful to Middleton's own Graham Cooke for him offering his considerable expertise in tuning it for Reiko!) and will be available for just £17.50. These can be reserved by emailing Paul Taylor (from The Old Post Office, Middleton) on taylspaul@gmail.com. Paul will then contact you with payment details. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Reiko Fujisawa fuses the sensibilities of a musician raised in the Far East who trained in the West. She appears at prestigious venues and festivals all over the UK and overseas including Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room, King's Place, Stoller Hall, Brighton Festival and Hebden Bridge Piano Festival, and was a featured artist at the Japan 2001 Festival. Reiko has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and her recordings include an acclaimed CD of music by Bach, Beethoven and Schubert, which The Arts Desk found "irresistible". Her recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations also received a glowing review from The Record Geijutsu, Japan's equivalent to The Gramophone, describing it as an "unpretentious, clean and refreshing performance with a refined dignity".

PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Summer is almost over and Christmas is not that far away. This year, St Michael's Church has produced a Christmas card of a wintery village scene which is on sale **at only £5 for ten cards**, including the envelopes. Packs of the cards can be purchased from the village store and post office or by contacting Sue Norrington on 01728 660280. The cards are being sold to support the church and its activities.



PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL

We had a very busy September which included showing *Wilding* at our film club, opening the hall to watch the Tour of Britain cycle race, a quiz night, starting a new keep fit class, craft club, and an excellent first aid course attended by twelve local residents. We would like to thank Peasenhall Parish Council and East Suffolk Council for financially supporting some of these events; we are extremely grateful.

October Events

Dance Fit Tuesday 1st October 6-7pm. This class is held every Tuesday. For further details email <u>fleighactivewear2020@gmail.com</u>.

We are excited to announce that a **New Low Impact Keep Moving Class** started in September, and there will be sessions on the **1st**, **8th**, **15th**, **22nd**, **and 29th October 11am to 12.30pm**, including refreshments. This has been set up through the Fit Villages Programme of Active Suffolk and all the classes this month will be just £3 per session. The class will include elements of strength, balance and stability and is suitable for all abilities. Booking is essential. For more information or to book please call Marcus on 07757 528208 or email <u>zenergy777@gmail.com</u>.

Pop-Up Café Weds 2nd October 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. Please do come along and join us.

Film Club Friday 4th October.

Based on a true story we will be showing *Vindication Swim*. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Raffle and Bar. Thank you to everyone who



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

On **Monday 7th & 21st October 2-4pm** we will be starting the **NEW Craft Club**. If you are interested in knitting, crochet, any type of needlework, crafts, painting or drawing, or perhaps would like to learn one of these crafts, why don't you come along and join us? This club will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. £3 per session. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided with plenty of friendly chat. No need to book, just come along. If you have any queries, please email Jane – theassemblyhall19@gmail.com.

We are delighted to be hosting our bi-annual **Makers' Market on Saturday 26th October 10am to 3pm**. There will be a wide range of handmade products for sale from some very talented artisans. There will also be refreshments and a raffle, so do come along and start your Christmas shopping!

As always, we couldn't host any of our events without the support of YOU the community and we thank you for your continued support. All proceeds from events go towards the upkeep and continued improvement of our community space.

If you would like to book the hall for a family gathering or event, please telephone 01728 600010. For general enquiries please contact Jane Collins (Chairman) on 07767 167968 or email <u>theassemblyhall19@gmail.com</u>. Follow us on Facebook – Peasenhall Assembly Hall. Instagram: peasenhallassembly. For more information about what's going on visit <u>www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net/peasenhall-assembly-hall</u>. *We are a registered charity. No: 304808*.





SIBTON

ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Friends of St Peter's Sibton would like to thank our audiences and participants at this summer's events for their tremendous support. Special thanks also go to the *Fisherman* for carrying information about all our events.

Record numbers have attended concerts and our annual book sale this year, providing record levels of funding for much needed repairs to Sibton's very special church building.

The 'Art in Ruins' event in July, for which we were given the opportunity of visits to the Sibton Abbey Ruin by Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, allowed artists to draw, paint and photograph. Linking this to an art exhibition at the church provided the background for a very special occasion.

HITS FROM THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES

Our **final event** of the season comes up in October. On October 19th we welcome back our local guitar trio DEL & JEREMY & STEPHEN with vintage 50s & 60s hits. This will be the final social event of the season at St Peter's Church, Sibton (IP17 2NB). The evening runs from 7.00pm–10.00pm and all are welcome. Food will be by Cheryl's Suffolk Catering and there will be a licensed bar selling beers, soft drinks and wine. Tickets priced at £10.00 will be on sale from the Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store before the event, and also online at Eventbrite. The event is organised by the Friends of St Peter's Church, Reg. Char. 1063822.



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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Theberton Church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December from 11.00am to 4.00pm. There will also be a Christmas Bazaar in the Jubilee Hall on the same days.

This festival has become part of our Christmas in Theberton and we hope you will all come along to see this magical display of decorated trees. For information about providing a tree please contact Joan on 01728 830710.

Jumble Sale, Saturday 12th of October at Theberton Village Hall from 11.00am till 1.00pm. Refreshments available as well as books, bric-a-brac, raffle and tombola. If you have any items for this event, please give Sally a call on 01728 832386 or Shell on 07887 409086. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Firework Display, Saturday 2nd November, to be held on Theberton Playing Field. BBQ and hot drinks available from 6.00pm. Display starts at 6.30. For more information, please contact Sally on 01728 832386 or on 07394 968139.

Quiz Night, Saturday 23rd November to be held at Theberton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00 start. £5 per head, maximum six per team; includes food, but bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle too. To book and for more info if required please contact Sally on 01728 832386 or 07394 968139.







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WESTLETON

ST PETER'S CHURCH



Where Church & Community **Come Together**

WOW what a Summer!

The Garden Trail, Wildflower Festival, Harvest Thanksgiving - it's been a busy summer here at St Peter's Westleton. We've had the pleasure of hosting concerts and providing refreshments in the village hall fover; cakes, cakes and more cakes!

We've welcomed many visitors to our Sunday praise and worship services, our monthly holy communion and Mother's Union services, and earlier in the year we had the privilege of hosting the World Day of Prayer.

We have been able to support the Leiston Food Bank,

Tools with a Mission and Lightwave, a charity that supports farmers and those in rural communities here in Suffolk.

A big thank you to all who helped with flower arranging, catering and especially for the great work in cutting and raking our wildflower conservation area - a brilliant job.

And we've launched our 'Access for All' repairs and improvements appeal. The generosity of so many is amazing. Thank you all.... We've reached 40% already just another £23,000 to go!

Jeremy Branch

WESTLETON WI

We were very fortunate to have Lesley Abery from Nash Barn talk to us so knowledgeably and with such passion about her "lockdown project", the development of a vineyard -"1 Degree East". This is

certainly the most easterly vineyard in the UK and possibly the first vineyard in Westleton.

We were fascinated and enthralled by the work involved in establishing a vineyard and maintaining it. We learned about the harvesting and bottling and also how quickly the grape can be affected by adverse weather.

We tasted last year's rosé and were very impressed. This year's harvest will unfortunately be a fraction of the previous year's due to a frost in May.

Westleton Gardeners - open to all

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm in Westleton Village Hall. This month Simon White from Peter Beales Nursery, Norfolk – world leaders in classic roses - will talk about 'Peter Beales and the Romance of the Rose'.

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

Doors open at 7.15pm and there will be refreshments and time to chat after the talk.

Any queries please contact Marilyn on 01728 649088.



There will be a Working Party on the Common

on

Saturday October 19th 10am - 12.30pm

All Welcome

Tools are provided. Bring your own tough gardening gloves.

Refreshments at half time.

Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL OCTOBER 2024

On Saturday 5th October the **Community/Wheelbarrow Market** will be in the foyer from 10am-12.30pm. Do pop down, where you will find local produce and artisan crafts, lots of delicious sweet and savoury bakes, honey, handmade soaps, skin care products and bric-a-brac stalls. Refreshments will also be available.



The **Flea Market** returns on Sunday 13th October 10.00am-3.00pm. Collectables, vintage, good-quality pre-loved items and affordable antiques. Something for everyone! 50p entry, under 16s free. Light refreshments will be available in the foyer.

On Saturday 26th October we have the **Hosepipe Band with Blake Morrison**. Come and enjoy an evening of live poetry and music inspired by our local coastline. 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £15, including nice free nibbles. A bar

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will be available and tickets are on sale at the village shop and the hall's foyer, when open. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the hall.

ART FOR ALL returns this month! There will be a month-long art sale in Westleton Village Hall, in aid of village hall funds (a registered charity). Donated art from $\pounds 2 - \pounds 250$ to suit all. Open to view in the foyer of the hall 10.00am-12noon on weekdays throughout October. Please drop in and have a look. Do support our village hall by donating a picture or object d'art and buying a masterpiece. All donations welcomed. Please contact <u>barbara.buckley2@btinternet.com</u>.

3D4ALL: the group will continue to run every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the foyer, this month on 8th October. If you have any questions, please email John at <u>wvsculpt@gmail.com</u>.

Tech Table Bookings are open again and in hourly slots from 9.30–11.30am (three sessions) via <u>centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk</u> or call to book on 01728 648354.

Consultation Room: Reflexology is here on Saturday 26th October 9.30am– 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton on 07930 341901 or <u>www.julietoverton.co.uk.</u> We have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan regularly (variable days). Contact her to book on 07821 055404.

Last but not least...... Date for the diary: The Big Book Sale on Saturday 2nd November 10am-4pm and Sunday 3rd November 10.00am-2.00pm. Book donations are much appreciated. Please contact Annie (details below).

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

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

Westleton Parish Council

Westleton Parish Council, alongside all other local parish councils, continues to engage with Sizewell C (SZC), Scottish Power renewables and the National Grid to highlight concerns about the scale and appropriateness of each of the proposed energy projects. Crucially, we are stressing together that the plans for each of the projects should not be looked at in isolation as their cumulative impact will be

environmentally and economically disastrous for the Suffolk Heritage Coast and the lives and livelihoods of local residents. Westleton Parish Council is a member of the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance (AEPA) which is now being formally constituted so that it may lobby the new Government as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Westleton Parish Council responses to the recent Nautilus and Sealink consultations can be found on the Parish Council website.

The last SZC Transport Forum (where traffic/transport matters and concerns are discussed with SZC) took place on 7th August. Of note, during that meeting SZC reported that:

- SZC will allow circa 30 parking places in its Darsham park-and-ride site for train passengers' use;
- Double barriers and new footpaths will be installed (end 2026);
- Network Rail is urging Greater Anglia to install a parking-ticket machine in the car park so users without the app do not have to cross the road to pay.

The next Northern transport Forum will be held on 6th November. Please contact the Parish Clerk (<u>clerk@westletonparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>) if you have questions for the meeting.

The September Parish Council surgery will be on Monday 30th September at 10.30-11.30am in the village hall foyer. October's surgery will be on Monday 28th October. Please do feel free to attend to ask questions or raise matters with councillors. These are also opportunities to raise questions for the SZC Northern Transport Forum.

Andrew Turner, Chair, Westleton Parish Council

100 Club

August winners

1st prize: Philippa Dent; 2nd prize: Jeff Peers.

September winners

1st prize: Brian Boulanger; 2nd prize: Juliet Bullimore.

YOXFORD

PEBBLES @ ST PETER'S

Every Wednesday during term time 11am-12noon.

Pebbles is a stay-and-play group for children under 4 and their carers. Refreshments will be available for adults. Suggested donation of 50p per family.



YOXFORD LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION

YOXFORD HISTORY GROUP is repeating the exhibition **"Putting Names to Faces"** on Saturday 12th October 11.00am-4.00pm. Tea and cakes will be provided. There will be several group photos and it is hoped that some faces will be recognised by visitors and identified.

In addition, the **Fred Thompson Collection** of ten large photo albums, now part of Yoxford Archives, will be on display again. These include images of past residents, families, events including weddings, wartime, and iconic buildings. There are also two albums of photos from surrounding towns and villages.

The History Group is hoping to attract new members as some have left recenty due to illness or moving away from the village. If you are passionate about local history and would be interested in being involved with research for family history or exhibitions, cataloguing of donations, interviewing residents etc., then please contact <u>history@perry72.plus.com</u>



Yoxford School class of 1927: one of the photos from the exhibition



YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL - WHAT'S ON

Meet-Up Tuesday Group - Tuesdays – 11.00am – 12.00pm Meet-Up Lunch Group – last Tuesday of every month 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 Marquee Hire – to book, contact Hazel Wheeler on 07748 784909

SING OUT!

Your Local Community Choir

We meet at St. Peter's Church, Yoxford at 7.00pm each Wednesday during term time. We sing a wide range of songs from musicals, choral to pop. Whether you are new to singing, have sung in a choir before or read music or not all are welcome. Especially those with a lower singing voice range! For more information, please email: <u>singoutyoxford@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>singoutyoxford.co.uk</u>

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RAGTIME RUGGERS EXHIBITION

Ragtime Ruggers present an exhibition of crafts and arts at the Unitarian Meeting House in Framlingham on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November 10am-5pm.

On show will be rugs, cushions, bags, Christmas goodies and paintings all by members of the group. Come and watch a woolspinning demonstration and have a go at rug making.



Ragtime Ruggers believe they are the only rag-rugging group in Suffolk and will celebrate their thirtieth anniversary in 2025. They meet on the last Thursday of the month, 10.00am-1.00pm, currently in St John's Church Hall, Saxmundham, and always welcome new people to come and have a go. For more information contact Babs Maycock on 07766 001903.

INTERESTED IN FAMILY OR LOCAL HISTORY?

Then come along to the Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham IP17 1AL (behind the Library) on Sat 5th October from 11am - 4pm, where the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be hosting a Grand Open Day. Last year's Open Day was a highly successful event, and this year's looks to be even better, with many more displays!

Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group, is making available a dedicated room where you can research local war memorials and graveyard surveys, old directories, parish registers and historic maps.

Experienced family history researchers will be on hand to give free help and advice in tracing your ancestors, including the use of DNA testing.

Free admission, but donations welcome. Light refreshments. Good free car parking.

For more info, see our website:

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