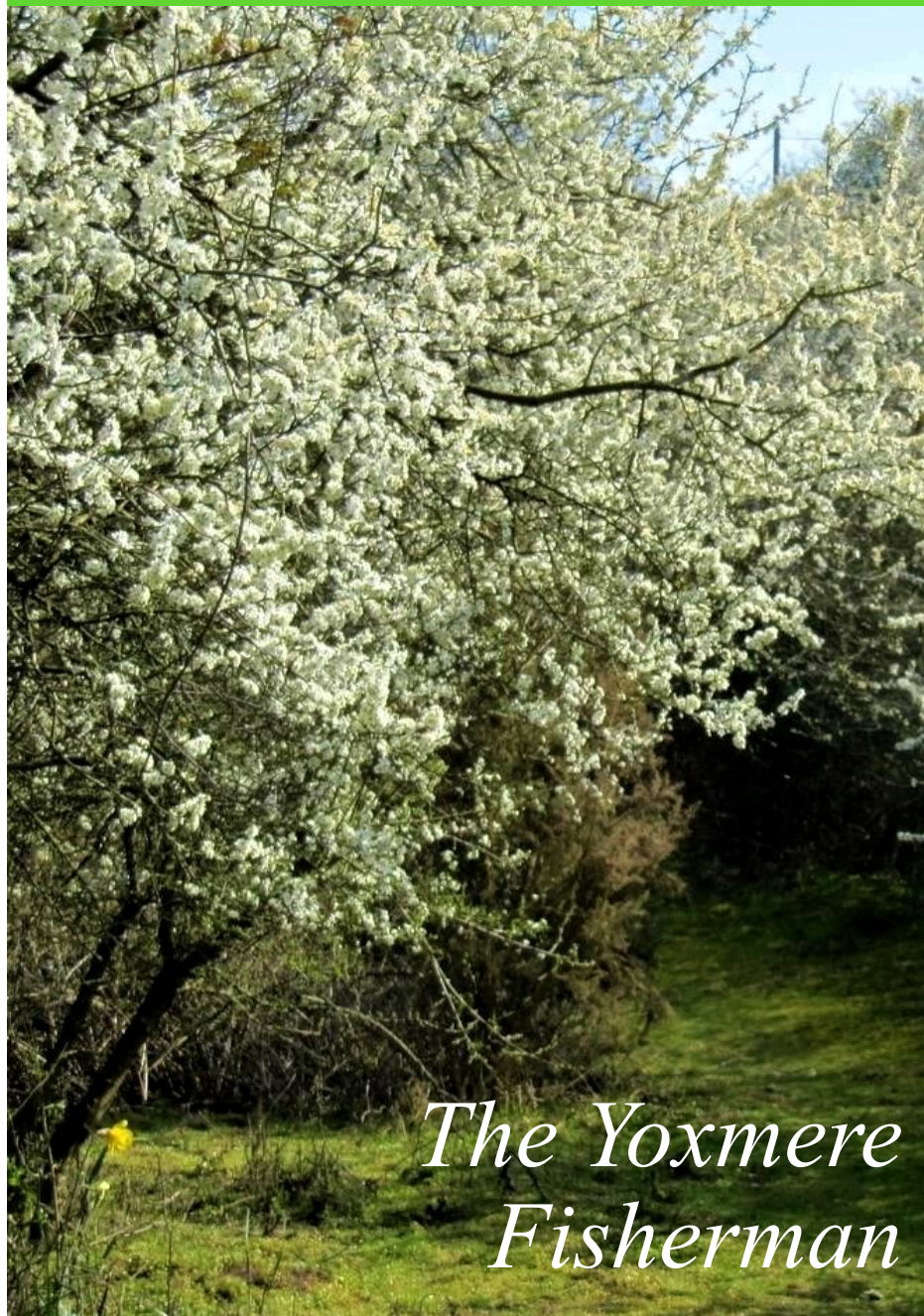


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**May 2021**

# Services for May

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## **Sunday 2nd May Easter 5**

09.30 Westleton Holy Communion  
 11.00 Yoxford Holy Communion  
 15.00 On ZOOM Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 9th May Easter 6**

09.30 Darsham Morning Praise  
           Theberton Taizé Service  
           Westleton Worship for All  
           Yoxford Holy Communion  
 11.00 Dunwich Holy Communion  
           Middleton Morning Praise  
           Peasenhall Morning Praise  
 15.00 On ZOOM Taizé Service

## **Thursday 13th May Ascension Day**

19.30 Yoxford Holy Communion

## **Sunday 16th May Easter 7**

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion  
           Westleton Holy Communion  
           Yoxford family@church  
 11.00 Darsham Holy Communion  
           Dunwich Morning Worship  
           Peasenhall Holy Communion (BCP)  
 15.00 On ZOOM Celtic Evening Prayer  
 18.30 Sibton Evensong

## **Sunday 23rd May Pentecost**

09.30 Theberton Holy Communion  
                                 with Middleton  
           Westleton Holy Communion  
           Yoxford Holy Communion  
 11.00 Dunwich Holy Communion  
           Peasenhall Morning Worship  
                                 at Methodist Chapel  
 15.00 On ZOOM Evening Prayer BCP  
 18.00 Darsham Evensong

## **Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday**

09.30 Westleton Holy Communion  
           Yoxford Holy Communion  
 11.00 Peasenhall Holy Communion

## **Sunday 6th June Trinity 1**

09.30 Westleton Holy Communion  
 11.00 Yoxford Holy Communion

## **Every Wednesday**

10.00 Westleton Holy Communion  
NB This time has changed from 9.00

## **For links to Zoom services**

please contact Maureen Jolley on  
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**Note:** Holy Communion will follow the Common Worship order of service, except where BCP (Book of Common Prayer) is indicated

**It is mandatory to wear a face covering in church, use hand sanitiser and observe social distancing.**



Thanks to Juliet Bullimore for the cover photo this month

# Rector's Ramblings

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Back in January, when the nights were long and cold, lockdown was stretching for months ahead of us and the news was filled with death, I got a bit down. I was tired but slept poorly, I was grouchy and short-tempered — the works. There's a view that says Christians aren't supposed to get down (especially not vicars!), because we can tell God our troubles and remember God loves us. To a certain extent that's true — prayer does ease the heart, faith does

console. That doesn't mean that we're 'bad' Christians if we get a bit low, as I did, or even seriously depressed. But faith usually helps us spring back a little faster — just like the way that being in a loving, stable relationship doesn't stop you having troubles, but usually enables you to get through those troubles better.

During this time I started regularly 'Zooming' with my dad and sister, whom I haven't been able to see for ages. The way Zoom has gone from 'What's that?' to everyday in the last year has been amazing. Even my dad uses it! So, in many ways, I've got closer to family. On the other hand, I've been terrible at keeping up with friends. It just doesn't feel like there's much to talk about, but that's also part of the lockdown low. Perhaps, now that it's May and we have more hope of being able to meet up with others, we're starting to get over that.

Also, have you noticed having moments (or even whole days) of not quite being able to think straight? I definitely have, and I think this is another symptom of the prolonged restrictions on socialising. We think best *with* people, when we are listened to. Take away from us those social calls, fun clubs, chatty pubs and such like, and we are all of us diminished. We are just not quite who we were.

There is an exception to this: Christians have a long tradition of going off to be alone—with God. Solitude with God is a bit different. We trust that we are *not* alone, and not only that, but that God knows us even better than our own family. Christian solitude can be a deliberate practice in being honest with God about who we are. Including, sometimes, admitting that we've been feeling a bit low.

All blessings,

Tim

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## Lectionary for May

2nd	White	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
9th	White	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
16th	White	Acts 1:15-17; 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
23rd	Red	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
30th	White	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

## From the Registers

### Funerals

**Enid Margaret Morris** on Wednesday 7th April 2021, aged 96 years. The service took place in St Peter's Church Westleton, followed by a burial in the graveyard.

**Anthony (Tony) James Wilkinson** on Tuesday, 13th April 2021, aged 93 years. The service took place in All Saints' Church Darsham, followed by a burial in the graveyard.



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## **family@church**

**Yoxford Church,  
Sunday 16th May,  
9.00 for 9.30**

After three months of suspending worship in church we are all back, including our monthly family service at Yoxford. Last month we focussed on the story of the Road to Emmaus

— it was amazing that people who knew Jesus well didn't seem to recognise him even as he walked with him, but when they stopped to eat and he broke bread, that's when they knew him. Jesus was known by his actions. How are we known?

This month our service falls in the period between Ascension and Pentecost. This time gives us a chance to focus on Jesus' last words before ascending to heaven, and reminds us how the early church burst into life, with people coming—in their thousands—to believe that Jesus was the son of God, and that they could have a new and better relationship with God through him. Come along for a family friendly service, with drama, craft and outdoor COVID-safe singing!



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## Unless you become like little children...



When I wrote about the twelve apostles not being simple Galilean fishermen, I expected someone might well take me to task, reminding me that Jesus said unless we became as little children, we couldn't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Surely little children are simple in the sense of being unsophisticated and lacking in knowledge, aren't they? No one did take me to task, but I suspect that the thought crossed some minds....

Of course, little children lack knowledge and are unsophisticated. That is their charm. But this is not the point Jesus is making. When we make a comparison between two things, we are not claiming that they are alike in every respect. We are drawing attention to particular characteristics, or - more usually - one particular characteristic. What is the characteristic of little children that Jesus is referring to? Surely, it is their awareness of their dependence. They rely on their parents or other adults and live in simple trust. In the words of the New Testament scholar, Joachim Jeremias, they learn to say "Abba" = Father/Daddy, (or more often "Imma" = Mummy). "When *you* pray, say 'Abba'," Jesus taught us. We are to live aware of our dependence on God and putting our trust simply in him. That is most certainly not to say that we are to revert to being like children in all respects! Nor is it to abdicate from our responsibilities or from being responsible for our lives. Most certainly not. There is an essential difference between being childlike and being childish. It is to be hoped that, with St Paul, we who are adults can say that when we became an adult we "put away childish things" (even if, alas, we sometimes lapse!). As adults we have to accept responsibility for our lives i.e. we, and no one else, are answerable, even if we have to operate within the limits of nature and nurture. We have to accept our obligations to others and acknowledge our interdependence in relation to our fellow humans.

Because little children know that they are dependent, they are uncomplicated and, in that sense, "simple". We have to be like them in that respect too. We are to be simple. "Simple" is not an easy word to

define here. It certainly doesn't mean that we are to be simplistic or naïve. It does mean that we have to get rid of a lot of clutter in our minds and hearts in order to be straightforward and open to others. I always think simplicity is not unlike being pure in heart i.e having a single focus on God, so that we aren't pulled in all directions at once. Of course, simplicity in this sense is a gift. As the Shaker song has it :

Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
'till by turning, turning we come round right.

“Turning” is precisely what the Greek word “metanoieite” - always translated in the Bible as “repent” - implies. Unfortunately, the translation “repent” narrows its meaning. It doesn't mean just being sorry. It literally means “Change your mind!” Turn round and see the world differently. Get a different perspective, a different mindset. This is what we must do if we are to be simple and childlike. But - 'Tis a gift! All we have to do is be still and open ourselves to God and we shall receive it. For most of us, this is a life's work - or more!

**John Kemp**

*Note: Regarding the translation of "metanoia" as repentance, Robertson calls it "a linguistic and theological tragedy." As for John the Baptist's call to "repent" as a translation of the Greek "metanoieite", Robertson quotes Broadus as saying that this is "the worst translation in the New Testament". Repent means "to be sorry"....*



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**Rose and her community working to clear the weeds and rubbish from the Itukisya dam - Adam Finch/ Christian Aid**

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the rains are totally unreliable, and when they do come, relief for Rose is often short lived. There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from her home. But it's not wide enough or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly. What's more, the rains are much heavier than they should be, putting Rose's community at risk of flooding.

Rose strives to provide for her grandchildren who live with her. In times of drought, she sets out on a long and dangerous journey every morning to collect water for her family, walking on an empty stomach. She is over 60 years old and simply won't have the strength to fetch water from further afield for much longer.

With a reliable source of water, people like Rose would be free from long, painful journeys and they would be able to protect themselves from the dangers of coronavirus. Your gifts could help communities build better earth dams to harvest more water; sow drought-tolerant crops that grow even with the fewest of drops; or set up an advocacy group to demand change at the highest level and put a stop to this climate crisis.

You can find further information here:

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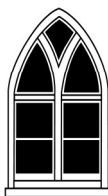
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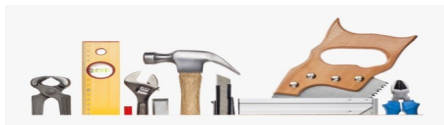
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For more information go to [www.vaccinaid.org](http://www.vaccinaid.org) to donate or begin fundraising. For those of us who are lucky enough to have had our Covid-19 vaccinations, this gives us a practical way to give thanks and help others.

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## Health Walks

*If you're keen to get out walking again but would like company and/or trained leaders to guide you, watch this space. A few people are now trained and waiting for the go-ahead to proceed with a variety of planned, risk-assessed local walks in our beautiful countryside, and all at no cost. There will be more information soon, along with plenty of advertising for our walks via the Yoxmere Fisherman and the Westleton Village Hall when it reopens.*

*These free walks are part of Health Walks - OneLife Suffolk and will offer the opportunity to socialise safely whilst being open to one and all. See more information at the website:*

<https://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/services/health-walks/>

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# Darsham

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## Easter

Thank you to the flower arrangers who made the church look beautiful for Easter, so welcome after the lockdown.

*(See photos.)*

## Worship

Sunday Worship in the church has restarted.

Service details are shown on the church

notice board. The church will also be open on Sundays and Wednesdays for individual prayer.

## Friday Prayers

These have restarted in church but continue to be available online to all in our benefice. Should you wish to be added to the circulation list, please email Roger on [rsmith377@outlook.com](mailto:rsmith377@outlook.com) or Maureen on [maureen.voxmereclergy@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.voxmereclergy@gmail.com).



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## Darsham (cont.)

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### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting:**

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If you are on the Civil Parish Electoral Roll you are eligible to vote in the election of churchwardens and if on the church Electoral Roll you are eligible to elect members of the Parochial Church Council.

#### **Darsham Churchyard Spring Tidy**

Thank you to those who have already made a start. If you have an hour or two to spare please help to keep the churchyard tidy.

Contact John (**668712**) or Roger (**667037**) for information.

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### **Darsham Parish Council**

The April meeting of Darsham PC was held once more using Zoom on 13th April. After 6th May it will no longer be lawful to hold virtual meetings and we will revert to using the village hall, which it is hoped will open in May.

A cheque for £1750.00 was authorised to help pay for the new WiFi at the village hall.

The planning application for a house next to 3 Ivy Cottages was opposed on grounds of unsuitability of design and being too close to the boundary as well as overlooking neighbouring properties.

After some work on behalf of the council, it was decided that there would not be enough benefit to the village in pursuing the “Quiet Lanes” project for Fox Lane, Low Road and Brussels Green.

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held via Zoom on 4th May. At this meeting a date for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held in the village hall, will be decided.

**Robin Leggate**

#### **Darsham Village Hall 100 Club for March**

1st (£100): Mrs. D. Taylor, 2nd (£50): Mrs. J. Linden,  
3rd (£25): Mrs. J. King



# Dunwich

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## **St James Church, Dunwich Celebration Weekend 31st July & 1st August**

The churches in our benefice have opened up from lockdown and we are now holding socially distanced services. This has brought joy to all who have been denied the spiritual and social benefits of churchgoing during the pandemic.

As we cannot hold our usual flower festival in May we are planning a celebratory weekend on 31st July and 1st August and invite all to join us for tea, cake and open church. There will be jam, cake and bookstalls too.

Please put this date in your diary.

**Christine Palmer, Churchwarden**

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### ***EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE***



*An Easter sunrise service was held in the churchyard of St James by the Easter garden and surrounded by daffodils and primroses. The stalwart few who came (including some very young ones) were rewarded with a beautiful morning filled with bird song to which they added their voices singing the well-known hymns with much gusto.*

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# Middleton

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## **CELEBRATING EASTER IN HOLY TRINITY**

While many of us have appreciated the home comforts of Zoom church from the sofa, mug of coffee to hand, through these dark, winter months, it was with gentle joy that those of us who felt able gathered once more in Holy Trinity on Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The service was well supported and, while we are still not allowed to sing inside, Trish provided music for us on the organ. Brian spoke with deep insight and there was a heartfelt hope that those who did not yet feel ready to join us in person were, even so, with us in spirit. Then, at the end of the service, filled with fresh heart, we walked out into the sunshine and to the sight and sound of spring lambs with their mums in the churchyard. Cause enough to raise our voices together in song - soon, we hope...

...Soon enough - after Morning Praise at Holy Trinity on Sunday 11 April, Revd Tim led his little flock out into the churchyard at the close of the service where we sang a hymn together - noisily accompanied by the four legged variety!

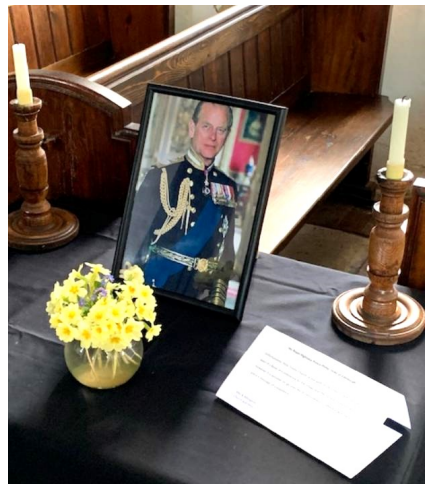
## **HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Middleton APCM will be held on Tuesday 18 May at 7.45 by Zoom — the link is below and all are welcome. Please contact me on [ajt.opom@gmail.com](mailto:ajt.opom@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

**Amanda Taylor**

## **REMEMBERING PRINCE PHILIP**

As the church is unable to open its Book of Condolence at the moment, the PCC has placed a prayer into the St Edmundsbury Book of Condolences. If you would like to see it please go to the Book of Condolences and Prayer Wall on the Diocesan website: <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/news/remembering-hrh-prince-philip-the-duke-of-edinburgh.php>



## Middleton (cont.)

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### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MIDDLETON RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND**

Holy Trinity Church has received a financial boost from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help fund vital repairs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lifeline grants from the Culture Recovery Fund are designed to protect heritage sites and ensure that jobs and access to culture and heritage in local communities are protected during the months ahead.

Holy Trinity Middleton has been awarded £25,000 towards the cost of essential construction work to stabilise the chancel buttress and stop further movement. The grant comes at a crucial point because, if left longer, damage to the much-loved church may have been more extensive and would then have been much more difficult to repair.

Grants are being allocated to cherished heritage sites like Holy Trinity, across the country to cover urgently needed maintenance and repairs. This vital funding comes from a part of the Culture Recovery Fund called the Heritage Stimulus Fund and is administered on behalf of the government by Historic England.

As well as rescuing precious heritage buildings in need, the injection of cash will protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors working in the sector.

**Duncan Wilson, Historic England Chief Executive said:** "Historic places across the country are being supported by the Government's grants awarded under the Culture Recovery Fund. This funding is a lifeline which is kick-starting essential repairs and maintenance at many of our most precious historic sites, so they can begin to recover from the damaging effects of COVID-19.

"It is also providing employment for skilled craft workers who help keep historic places alive and the wheels of the heritage sector turning. Our shared heritage is an anchor for us all in these challenging times and this funding will help to ensure it remains part of our collective future."

**Paul Taylor**



# Middleton (cont.)

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## Middleton WI

At our March meeting which once again was on Zoom, Michael Rines gave us a talk on the Bombardment of Scarborough 1914. He has a personal interest in this story because his mother lived through it. At the time Scarborough was a popular seaside resort and spa. People flocked there to take the natural spring waters and to bathe in the sea, which had become a fashionable thing to do. A twelfth-century castle stood on top of the cliff overlooking the town below - which had terraces of houses and businesses, a bandstand, a harbour, and the 365-bed Grand Hotel, the biggest in the world in 1914.

On 16th December 1914 the war was only four months old and until then hadn't really affected the UK population, so on that morning people were going about their usual business. About 8am, six German battleships emerged from the mist; three headed to Whitby and Hartlepool and three steamed towards Scarborough. The last time Scarborough had been attacked was in the time of Oliver Cromwell. For thirty minutes, the ships blasted the town, with 500 shells hitting the castle, the Grand Hotel, shops, houses, and the school.

Michael played us a recording of his mother talking about that time. She was eight years old in 1914. She remembers going afterwards to look at the extensive damage in the town, and upon seeing the bombed school said that if the attack had happened an hour later she would have been in that school! It was not so lucky for other residents: seventeen were killed and eighty were injured. No one is altogether sure why the Germans attacked Scarborough that day but it caused outrage in the UK and encouraged many men to enlist to fight in the war against the Germans. We thanked Michael for giving us an interesting, fact-filled talk.

**Lynne Venn**

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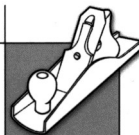
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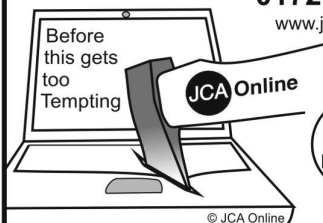
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# Theberton

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## **THATCH REPAIRS AT ST PETER'S THEBERTON**

Theberton church was last re-thatched many years ago and the wind and weather have taken their toll.

Our thatcher recommended dressing the surface again to tighten up the reed and fill small holes that had appeared. As there are bats in the church we needed a survey to be done by the bat conservation trust and this was delayed by twelve months due to COVID.

Finally we got approval, and in April 2021 the scaffolding went up and the work was completed in dry but cold conditions in a little over a week. Nicholas Whatling, son of Paul Whatling who repaired the ridge twelve years ago, was impressed by the original thatching workmanship as well as the quality of the reed which had been grown locally at Walberswick.

He commented that to do such a job again would take years of planning to grow sufficient reed. The alternative would be to use eastern European material. One note of caution is that whilst the scaffolding was up, Ecclesiastical Insurance refused to cover the lead roof so the PCC had a few worrying nights!

The thatch is now good for the rest of the current churchwardens' tenure.

**Simon Ilett**



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## Theberton (cont.)



*Top left and right:* Photos from Theberton Church on Good Friday, when a service of Stations of the Cross was held, conducted by Tina Neal.



*Left:* A feathered family has again taken up residence in this post box, and it's strictly no entry for letters at present. (Then again, the birds might be partial to some snail mail.)

# Westleton

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## **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

will be held in the church on  
Tuesday 18th May at 10.00am

Social distancing and wearing of face coverings  
must be observed in church as usual.

## **WESTLETON SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE 2021**

- \* Collect free seeds and instructions outside Westleton Village Hall foyer during coffee time until 22nd May.
- \* Write your name and contact details on the list provided there.
- \* Plant seeds  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep and keep soil moist – watch for slugs!

Below: Last year's winner – grown by Ken and Frances Berry.



**Catherine Ash**



# Westleton (cont.)

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## Westleton Common News

Despite cold nights in April we have enjoyed some warm days, and swathes of blossoming blackthorn, which has welcomed the first few nightingales. The gorse is mostly looking drab in comparison, having suffered from the bitter weather earlier in the year - but don't despair - a few years ago, the same happened when we were hit by the "Beast from the East" and the gorse eventually recovered, as it surely will again.

**Nature Walks** recommence this month.

The first walk will be held on **Saturday May 22nd**, starting at **10.30 am**.

Meet up near the main common noticeboard (at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right) for a gentle stroll round the common led by David Rous, finishing at about **12 noon**.

**All welcome - no booking necessary, and it's free!**

**Juliet Bullimore**





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## WESTLETON RESIDENTS' BOULES COMPETITION 2021

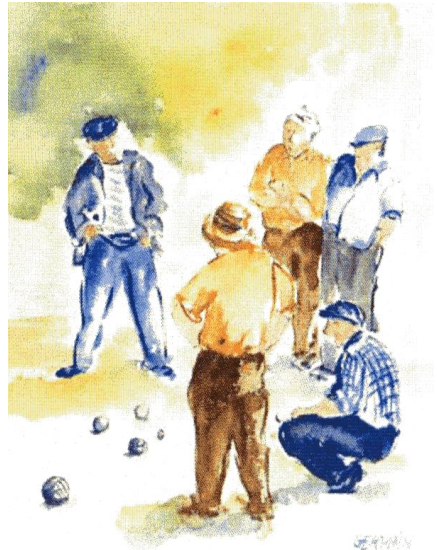
This informal competition within the village will again take place from June to September, now that some of the restrictions necessary to reduce the spread of Covid 19 have been eased.

The simple rules of the competition are as follows.

1. Competing teams consist of 2 or 3 players for each match, but can be selected from a pre registered pool of up to 4. This is to make it easier to find mutually convenient times to play a match.
2. The competition will commence on Tuesday 1st June and all games, with the exception of the final, shall be concluded by the end of the day on Tuesday 31st August.
3. Results to be notified to Tom Ash at [westletonboules@gmail.com](mailto:westletonboules@gmail.com) by the winning team.
4. It is intended that the Final to determine the 2021 Champions will be played on the afternoon of Sunday 5th September. This will be held with the end of competition social event, Covid restrictions permitting.
5. All games to be played on the boules pitches at the Westleton Community Field.
6. Each match shall be played in accordance with the "Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque". These can be found at [http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/Information/Rules-ENG\\_2017.pdf](http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/Information/Rules-ENG_2017.pdf)
7. Each match shall be played in accordance with the "Play Safe Guidelines" issued by Pétanque England. The current guidelines are available at <https://www.petanque-england.uk/>
8. The competition may be played in two or more leagues due the late start of the 2021 tournament but will depend on the number of teams wishing to play this year.

If you wish to take part please let me know by Monday 18th May at the latest. I need team name (e.g. Hopefuls), team captain with email, tel. no. and squad members' names (2, 3 or 4). No fees are involved.

Entries please to Tom Ash at [westletonboules@gmail.com](mailto:westletonboules@gmail.com)



# Westleton (cont.)

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## Westleton Village Hall: What's on in May.

The Hall is a COVID secure venue and everyone is welcome to come along for socially distanced coffee outside the Foyer. Drop in or do book with the centre manager if you prefer, Monday to Friday 10am to 12 noon. There are also a few permitted activities going on including:

Tuesdays are Toddler Toddle—contact [nikkiandjames@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkiandjames@hotmail.com) to book. Starts around 10am from the Foyer. Saturday there is Dance for Children—contact [bevjarvis1@outlook.com](mailto:bevjarvis1@outlook.com) to book.

Starting on Thursday 20th May Qi Gong is back—contact [gigong.wenhaston@outlook.com](mailto:gigong.wenhaston@outlook.com) for details, and also Pilates with Harriet [nbdempilates@gmail.com](mailto:nbdempilates@gmail.com) at 19.00 to 20.00.

Friday 28th May we have a Hall for All talk with a local actor on Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre. Doors open 19.00. Booking essential. Tickets from the foyer.

New to the Hall is Sunday Brunch with Michelle from 10am – 12 noon on Sunday 30th, and in June we're starting Cooking for Kids, Nia Dance, Chair Exercises, Stretch and Strengthen.

For more information, please contact Annie [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk), join us on Facebook or check out our website [www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk).

## Village Hall AGM

The AGM this year will be held in the hall. Because of limits on the number of people we can accommodate, it is essential that anyone wishing to participate should contact Annie Groves on **01728 648354** or email [centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk) for further details, and they must wear a face covering to comply with Covid restrictions.

All people who live in Westleton and all who use the hall are encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to ensure that we are running the hall as you wish, and to let us know of other things we should be doing. We hope many of you will join us.

Most organisations or groups based in Westleton that use the hall can nominate a trustee to represent their group. There are no such nominated trustees at the present time although the gardeners are also represented by the archivist (ex officio trustee), and we would like to encourage groups to nominate a trustee if they wish. We currently have three appointed trustees and three elected trustees; and have vacancies for up to two more trustees to be elected by the public, providing they are aged sixteen or over. Nominations should be made to Fiona Ireland (**01728 649016**) or Annie Groves by 10:00 pm on 26th May 2021.



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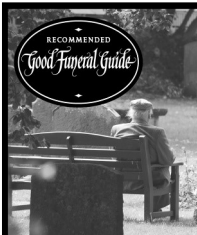
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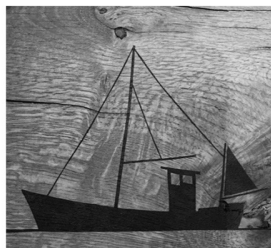
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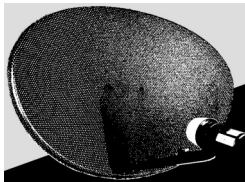
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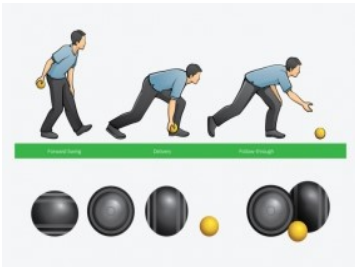
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### MONDAY MORNINGS IN YOXFORD

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At the same time, if you're passing or need something to read then pop into the hallway of the hall as we have a MASSIVE BOOK SALE. There are hundreds on offer. All we ask is a donation, and funds go towards the upkeep of the hall.

## Update from Stop Sizewell C

The Sizewell C examination is now under way and we are encouraging all interested parties to engage as far as possible - especially to speak at a series of open-floor hearings (18 - 21 May inclusive) and submit written representations (by 2 June). There is more information online at [www.stopsizewellc.org/dco](http://www.stopsizewellc.org/dco), but we warmly invite you to join our Zoom briefings:

1. 4 May at 6pm, to talk about the open floor hearings (deadline to register is 12 May)
2. 18 May at 6pm, to talk about written representations

Drop an email to [info@stopsizewellc.org](mailto:info@stopsizewellc.org) and we will send you an invitation.

With the County Council elections fast approaching, we thought the electorate would like to know the candidates' views on Sizewell C. We've created a spreadsheet of replies, which is being regularly updated and can be viewed here: [www.bit.ly/SCCElection](http://www.bit.ly/SCCElection)

As lockdown continues to lift, we are starting to plan more activities. We may resume our guided walks around the Sizewell construction site, and later in the year Charlie "The Dig" Haylock will do a fundraising event for us (dates to be announced). We are also making plans to revamp our posters and banners, so please let us know if you would like to have one.

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**Alison Downes**



**Ralph Fiennes (left) and his dialect coach, Charlie Haylock**

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the conga takes turns with a grapevine.

Our waltz has a laugh circling the kitchen,  
dipping and diving the shrubbery,  
sashaying with a brush on the path.

A verse is stalking the undergrowth  
strumming the notes for a harmony,  
the rhymes skip time with the washing line.

The blackbird warbles from the roof.  
A dove struts in the yard waving a twig,  
twirling a rhythm for the purring cat.

Boughs swing to the scat of sparrows,  
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your songs round the corners.

Christine Dickinson

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## "Parish Registers – A Walk Through History" – Les Mitchinson

Monday, 19th April 2021 at 7.30 pm on Zoom

Les Mitchinson is a professional genealogist and the Director of Education at the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury. Before establishing a successful family history research and education business from his home in Petersfield, Hampshire, Les spent a full career in the Royal Navy. Now living within easy reach of the Portsmouth History Centre, Hampshire Archives and the National Archives, Kew, he finds all aspects of family history engaging, but singles out military records as his favourite area of research.

A knowledgeable and highly entertaining speaker, who has appeared on the U.S. version of *Who Do You Think You Are?* Les will deliver a talk titled "Parish Registers – A Walk Through History" to the group's meeting on Monday 17th May.

As experienced family historians will know, parish registers have the potential to take your research back to Tudor England. This fascinating talk walks the audience through the plague, the English Civil War and much, much more. This is definitely one to get in your diary!

This Zoom based event is free to members, but is also available to non-members at a cost of £3. If you wish to "attend" please register via our website <https://avsfhg.org.uk/events/book/> and you will be sent joining instructions. Don't leave it too late – places are filling up fast!

However, at a cost of £6 for a full year's membership, why not consider signing up with this growing band of family history enthusiasts now?

**Monday 21st June at 7.30 pm Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 19th July at 7.30 pm 'Celebrating Suffolk Women' – Sarah Doig**

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