

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

The Yoxmere Fisherman

MAY 2023



CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Sunday 7th

10.00am Westleton

11.30am Theberton

Sunday 14th

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

09.30am Yoxford

11.00am Darsham

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Middleton

11.00am Peasenhall

Sunday 21st

09.00am Yoxford

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Peasenhall

18.00pm Middleton

5th Sunday of Easter

Benefice service
Holy Communion with
Coronation Prayers

Taizé and Coronation
Prayers

6th Sunday of Easter

Taizé
croissants@church
Informal worship
Holy Communion

"Songs of Praise &
Celebration of Spring"
Holy Communion
Morning Praise
Morning Prayer- BCP

7th Sunday of Easter

Breakfast -
09.30 family@church

Morning Praise
Holy Communion

Morning Worship
Holy Communion- BCP

Jubilate Evensong

Sunday 28th

09.30am Theberton

09.30am Westleton

09.30am Yoxford

11.00am Darsham

11.00am Dunwich

11.00am Middleton

11.00am Peasenhall

18.00pm Sibton

JUNE 2023

Sunday 4th

10.00am Yoxford

Speaker - Daisy Mansfield from the Leprosy Society

Every Wednesday – unless stated

10.00am Westleton

PENTECOST

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Morning Praise

Holy Communion

Morning Praise

Holy Communion

Morning Worship
- at the Methodists

Evensong

TRINITY SUNDAY

Benefice service with
Holy Communion

Holy Communion



MAY 2023 LECTIONARY

7th May

Easter 5 - White

Acts 7. 55-60

1 Peter 2. 2-10

John 14. 1-14

14th May

Easter 6 - White

Acts 17. 22-31

1 Peter 3. 13-22

John 14. 15-21

21st May

Easter 7- White

Acts 1. 6-14

1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5.

6-11

John 17. 1-11

28th May

PENTECOST - red

Acts 2. 1-21

1 Corinthians 12.

3b-13

John 20. 19-23

Thanks to Carole Homersham for the cover photograph this month.

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The other day I walked past the window of an art shop and stopped, looking at the paintings through the window. One of the paintings was a very simple still life. A red onion, sliced in half. A small painting, the onion was about life sized. It was realistically painted, seemingly shiny and glistening, as the inside of a freshly cut onion would be.



I am no expert in art. I don't really know Vermeer from van Eyck. I am not sophisticated. But I like still life paintings. I admire realism in art, art that hides its brush strokes, that just looks like the thing it copies. I have always admired the skill required to catch the effect of light in water, the folds and textures of cloth, the play of light and shadow and shine.

Still life paintings - bowls of fruit and the like - I am told, are usually a celebration of simple pleasures, or sometimes a reflection on the ephemerality of these pleasures. We enjoy eating, it is one of life's simple pleasures, and we paint the thing that pleases us.

As I stood before the shop window in the early evening I was struck by the ordinariness of the subject. It was just an onion. There are onions, not to mention a bowl of fruit, in the kitchen, and I do not stop and gaze at them - I'm sure you don't either! But once the artist paints it, drawing attention to that onion by paint and the time given to the effort, it becomes beautiful. That onion is now different by the attention we have paid to it.

It was early evening, the shop was closed. I walked on. It got me thinking - how much in life is beautiful, but goes unnoticed because no one has drawn attention to it? How much is remarkable, yet goes unremarked? If I were to pay more attention in the everyday, what would I see?

As Spring flowers bloom and fade and trees and hedges green, I hope I will find more moments to notice the delightful amid the distractions of life. And I hope when I do, I will remember to give thanks. Even if it's only an onion!

Tim.

FROM THE REGISTERS – APRIL 2023

Wedding Blessing

Ali and Simon Carter: The blessing took place of the marriage in St Peter's Church, Yoxford, on Saturday March 25th.

Funerals

Archie Patrick William Poulter; aged 81 years. On Friday, 31st March. The funeral service took place in St Michael's Church, Peasenhall. A cremation followed at Seven Hills, Ipswich.

Jean Snell; aged 94 years. On Tuesday 4th April, Jean Snell's ashes were interred in the existing grave of her late husband at Peasenhall Churchyard.

Reverend John Graham Edwin Kemp; aged 93 years. On Wednesday 12th April. The funeral service took place in Holy Trinity Church, Middleton. A burial in the graveyard followed.

Audrey Joan Baggott; aged 92 years. On Friday April 14th. The funeral service took place in St Peter's Church, Yoxford. A burial in Yoxford cemetery followed.

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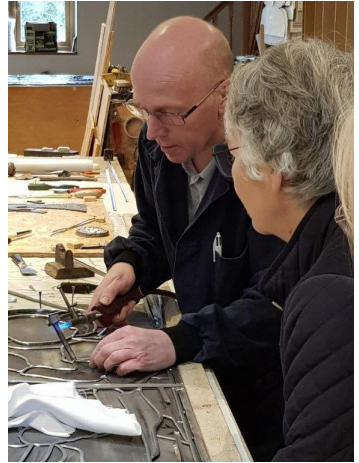
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Visit to the Devlin Plummer workshops to see restoration work on Theberton church's east window



Rainbow at Greyfriars Dunwich



Easter sunrise service on Dunwich beach

THEOLOGY CORNER



Since I was a kid I've enjoyed the legends of King Arthur, the once and future king: first as children's books, and later in some of the early tellings by Chrétien de Troyes and Thomas Malory. The films have generally been a bit disappointing, with the exception of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, which is, of course, brilliant.

Amongst many great scenes, I love the confrontation between the new king, Arthur, and the anarcho-syndicalist peasants who make it clear that they didn't vote for him, and that, "Strange women lying in ponds

distributing swords is no basis for a system of government!"

This month the church celebrates Ascension and then Pentecost. After Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day, he continued to appear to his disciples and others for forty days before ascending to heaven from the Mount of Olives. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples (Acts 2), empowering them firstly to speak to the crowd gathered in Jerusalem in languages they could understand and then enabling them to continue Jesus' healing ministry and other miracles in the power of the Spirit.

The church has long associated Jesus with kingship and taken the ascension as the time that Jesus went up to the throne of heaven to begin his reign (his "session" as it is sometimes described). Where does this theme of kingship come from, and what does it mean for Christians? The theme dates back to the reign of King David. In 2 Samuel Chapter 7, God makes a covenant with David that his offspring would be on the throne for ever and his kingdom would always increase. This was at first taken as assurance that the kingdom of Judah would stand for all time. After the Babylonian exile it needed to be understood differently - a king from the family of David would return, restoring rule in Israel. This expected king was known as the Messiah, the anointed one. Jews today still await the Messiah. Christians believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the promised king.

The messianic expectation was important because kings in those days were important. The strength of a country depended significantly upon the ability of the king. The king would lead his army into war, the king was responsible for defending the realm. The king set the example to his people and the law by which the people lived. A good

king protected the freedom of his people. He was (in David's image) the shepherd of his people.

How does this work then, if Jesus is in heaven, not on earth? - We are still subject to earthly rule!

This conflict of loyalty immediately became apparent in the first century of Christian faith. Christians living in the Roman Empire (which covered all the countries around the Mediterranean) declared that "Jesus is Lord", and by doing so, they distinctly implied that Caesar was not. Roman society demanded worship of the Emperor. Christians refused this and dissented from other aspects of Roman life - they chose a different king and a different law, and this led at times to significant persecution under Claudius and Nero amongst others.

We might say that the early Christians backed both sides of the debate in Monty Python and the Holy Grail! Yes, Jesus was king by divine right, as Paul and others pointedly assert. But also he was their king by choice. Jesus' kingship is not imposed, but freely chosen. Choose this king and you have chosen your shepherd, protector and provider. You have chosen his peace over the Pax Romana, the peace of Roman domination and suppression of dissent.

The hymn "I vow to thee my country" captures that sense of another kingdom beyond our earthly kingdom very beautifully:

*And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.*

Pentecost blessings, Tim.

The Revd John Kemp established this feature in the Fisherman and contributed articles for several years. He passed away in March, which is a sad loss to the magazine and to the benefice. An appreciation of John can be found on Page 19.

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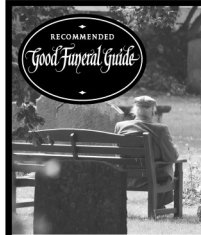
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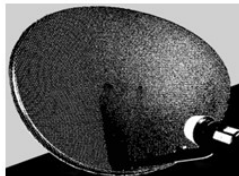
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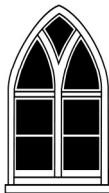
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DARSHAM

DARSHAM CHURCH

Darsham Worship

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Friday Prayers

These are held at 9.30 in the church.

Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th May

The coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall from 10.00 to 11.30.

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the April meeting of the Parish Council, it was reported that a total of 30 people volunteered for the annual litter pick on the 2nd April. This is a record by a long way. Despite the shortage of equipment provided by Norse, much litter was collected. The council is to consider purchasing gloves, litter pickers, bag hoops and high-vis jackets in time for next year's litter pick.

As the chairman will no longer be a councillor by the time of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 16th May, any queries on this or offers to provide

some canapés should be addressed to Diane Taylor (07812 604512).

Robin Leggate and Keith Rolfe are stepping down from the council at the next election. Both were thanked for their long service on the council and Keith also for his sterling work over the years in bringing our new village hall project to fruition.

As there were only eight residents who put their names up for election on the 4th May, they are elected without the need (or cost) of a poll.

DARSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

1st April 2023

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our spring show; despite the awful weather, it was a great turn out with 23 exhibitors providing 108 entries.

The overall winner and the winner of The Nina Alexander cup for section 1 (Flowers/plants) with 22 points was Suzanne Bloomfield.

The winner of The Nina Alexander cup for section

2 (Domestic) with 9 points was Diane Taylor. Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Jackie Dutton for winning Best in Show for her vase of spring flowers.

Summer show 15th July 2023. Details will be on the Darsham village website in due course.

Jill Fergusson

Show secretary

DARSHAM 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

1st Prize: £100 Mrs S. Perkins 2nd Prize: £50 Mr M. Hemmingway 3rd Prize: Miss D. Smith

DARSHAM

DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

A new footpath has been constructed within the Village Hall garden area linking the exterior footpath in Cheyney Green to the interior of the car park without having to open the double gates.

- A new fence has been ordered for the north boundary of the Village Green linking the existing fence and the start of the tree line. Once this has been erected, we will look to landscape the area behind the fence.
- The new shed has been erected, replacing the old one blown away by a storm last year.
- The pétanque court has undergone a major refurbishment to improve the playing surface.

- Research has started into the possible installation of solar panels at the Village Hall.
- Playground - The Village Hall Committee is in the process of deciding the options for the playground sizing, taking into account limitations brought about by planning guidelines and budget. The Sec 106 funding will not, by itself, meet the substantial costs of the site preparation and the playground itself and additional fund raising may be necessary. Quotations are currently being sought from three suppliers for the various options available, to ensure we have realistic expectations. The Village Hall Committee continues to work with the Playground Working Group. Please address any queries to darshamweb@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON AT DARSHAM VILLAGE HALL

MAY 2023 CLASSES & CLUBS

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 1pm - Sequence Dancing. (Contact Carol 01986 784642)

Thursdays, 9.30 to 10.30am - Pilates.
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Thursdays, 11 am to 12noon - Seated Exercise.
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CLUBS

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League match v Kelsale. Tuesday 21st Mar at 7pm. (Contact Heather Shipp on 01728 668251)

Table Tennis - Thursdays, 7pm to 9pm. (Contact Alan Holland on 01728 668451)

Dash Astro - Sunday 7th & Sunday 21st May at 7pm. (See website: <https://www.dash-astro.co.uk/>)

Crafty Club - Monday 1st May at 9.30am.
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Darsham Dames - Thursday 11th May at 2pm.
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Pétanque - Every Tuesday at 6pm
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EVENTS AND MEETINGS

KING'S CORONATION LUNCH

Monday 8th May, 12.30pm at the Village Hall

**Visit: www.darsham.onesuffolk.net
for details**

District Elections - Thur 4th May

King's Coronation Lunch - Mon 8th May
12.30pm

Coffee Morning - Sat 13th May, 10am

Annual Village Meeting (Parish Council) -
Tues 16th May 6pm

Earthdance - Soulful Sunday -
Sun 28th May 10am

Film Nights have finished now for the summer

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Darsham Walking Market - Sunday 11th June

Darsham Village Fete - Saturday 5th August

DUNWICH

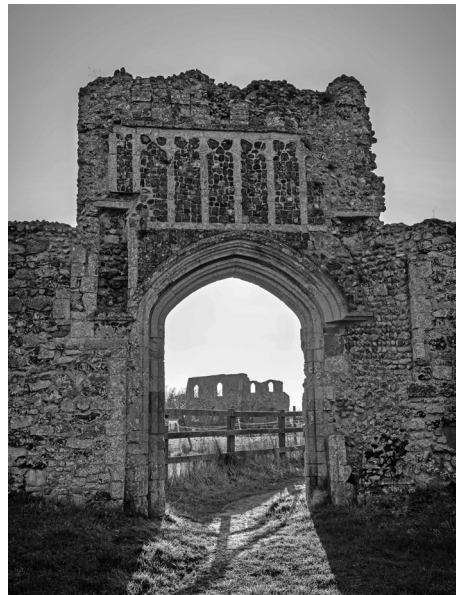
GREYFRIARS MONASTERY AT DUNWICH

Within 50 years of the death of St Francis of Assisi in 1226, monasteries had been established by his order all over western Europe, including three in Suffolk. A small group of friars came to Dunwich sometime before 1272, and built a house close to the harbour, then one of the busiest and most prosperous in the country. A great storm in the winter of 1286/7 destroyed that structure and a new grant of land, on high ground at the western edge of the town, enabled the friars to start building the monastery whose remains we see today. It would take another 150 years or so before the structure was completed, using flint and many larger pieces of stone from all over western Europe and the Baltic; these are thought to have arrived simply as ballast on trading ships and left at the port when cargo was loaded. The surviving remains are almost certainly part of the refectory building, on the south side of the central cloister. Opposite, on the north side, was the monastery church whose foundations survive below ground; archaeology suggests the church, comprising nave and chancel, was 58m long – for comparison, Blythburgh Church is just 39m long – and must have dominated the medieval town. The monks surrounded their monastery with a retaining wall, parts of which survive in their original form – the impressive main gateways, for example, and sections of the eastern wall, built in a local honey-coloured cragstone. Most of

the walls have needed repair over the centuries, often reusing fine stone architectural details from older buildings, so the wall is dotted with pieces of window tracery, column drums and even an old gargoyle.

The monastery lost its religious purpose at the Dissolution in 1538, and became a quarry, town hall, jail, farm buildings and picturesque ruin, but is still visited by Franciscan groups from time to time.

Since 2013, Greyfriars and the adjacent woodland have been owned by Dunwich Greyfriars Trust, a village organisation that relies on volunteers for much of its work. For more information and details on how to help or to join the trust, see the website <http://www.dunwichgreyfriars.org.uk/> or better still come and visit. The site is always open and access is easy.



DUNWICH



Dunwich Museum is now open daily between 11.30am and 4.30pm. Come and visit us and learn more about the story of the lost city.

Applications are invited for tables at the Dunwich Summer Sale. We will be hosting local crafts as well as collectables and bric-a-brac tables on June 1st at the Dunwich Reading Room and field.

We are also inviting artists to submit art works for consideration for our Summer Art Show which will run from the 4th to the 7th of August in the Reading Room. Works can be for sale or simply for exhibition, and a small fee will be charged per painting and commission will be taken on sales. Please submit sample jpgs of your work to Sarah by June 30th.

Please send applications for both events to Sarah at chronicles@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

The Chronicles of Greyfriars partnership will be continuing through the summer and will be hosting a series of Environmental Art Workshops in the Reading Room and at Greyfriars on the following days:

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Saturday 10th June
Saturday 15th July
Thursday 10th August
Saturday 12th August
Wednesday 16th August

Free, all ages welcome. Please email artbranches@icloud.com to find out more and book a place on one of these workshops.

DUNWICH HEATH

Well, wasn't Easter a blast! The good weather brought out plenty of families to take part in the Easter trail, and it was great to see so many youngsters getting into the activities and engaging with nature. Our first participants in the early morning birdsong walks were treated to a chorus of wildlife and the ranger walk had a whole host of sights and sounds to see and hear in our beautiful place. In terms of other happenings, on the conservation front as mentioned previously, all the major works on site are finished, but we are starting to gain a picture of the state of nature on site thanks to the surveys that our ranger is undertaking. We should know soon whether the heather has recovered from the baking it got last year too... Fingers crossed!

Looking at what's on and coming up, we've got our ranger walks (9th) and early morning birdsong walks (3rd & 17th) continuing, plus our first mini-ranger walk (21st) and nightjar walk (25th). The nightjar walk, in particular, is a fascinating wander in search of one of Britain's most elusive and bizarre

birds, a sight not to be missed! More details and booking options are on our website. Other than that, a wander round the heath in the sunshine, now everything is green and lush, is a wonderful and relaxing proposition, watching the branches of the trees sway in the breeze or the heather ripple with the wind... Bliss!

Lastly, if you have some spare hours in your week and are looking to do something productive with them, why not come and volunteer as part of our team? There are opportunities in visitor welcome, chatting to everyone who comes on site, in the tea-room helping customers and keeping the tea and cake flowing, or in the conservation team, helping care for this beautiful place. If you are interested do pop in and chat to one of the team or get in touch on dunwichheath@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Dan Payne

Visitor Experience Officer
National Trust, Dunwich Heath
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

MIDDLETON

HOLY TRINITY, MIDDLETON

In Memory of John Kemp

On Wednesday 12th April, in Holy Trinity, we said our fond farewell to John.

Joy was surrounded by family and many friends for the beautiful service which was taken by Revd Christine Brooks, Revd Christine Redgrave and our Rector Tim. Andrew and Tricia provided the lovely music. Chosen flowers by the family were arranged by ladies of our flower rota, and for John the weather held good with sunshine pouring into the church, despite the awful forecast.

John was a special friend to Holy Trinity, Middleton and our Benefice. His wisdom, knowledge, guidance and above all love and friendship were greatly appreciated, together with his musical talents played out on our organ over many years. A true gentleman who together with Joy gave so much in so many ways.

He will be missed greatly but leaves many happy memories of times spent with us here in Middleton.

Rita Pateman.

Church Warden

On behalf of our PCC

CHORAL EVENSONG AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MIDDLETON

Sunday May 21 st at 6pm

Sung by Jubilate

The Suffolk based choir Jubilate, led by Martyn Bagnall, will be making a welcome return to Middleton church for Choral Evensong. Jubilate was formed to take evensong music into churches across Suffolk which do not have their own choir and this is their third visit to Middleton. The lovely acoustic in Holy Trinity makes it an especially moving and unique event. Please do join us. Refreshments will follow the service.



HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on Tuesday 9 May at 2.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome

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MIDDLETON

MIDDLETON WI NEWS

At our March meeting, Victoria Hayden came to talk to us about pilates, a form of exercise that was developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century. He was a sickly child with various ailments such as asthma and rickets and decided to try to make himself well by using exercise combining bits of dance, martial arts, yoga, gymnastics and ballet. He designed a complete body system, a balance of mind, body and spirit. This system helps body conditioning, strength, muscle tone, joints and flexibility. Joseph Pilates lived to be 83!

Victoria said that pilates, which she has been teaching for 16 years, would help practitioners with core strength, alignment of spine and awareness of breath. For women, combined with a diet containing foods high in calcium and Vitamin D, these exercises help bone density.

Having told us the benefits, Victoria then suggested that as a group we might try a movement ourselves: pelvic floor work. The instruction was to either sit or stand, relax the shoulders but clench the right muscles below and breathe at the same time. The

“powerhouse” version was to do this and also hold in the stomach. Concentration was definitely needed! To show us a few more moves, Victoria asked Lynda and Pat, who have been doing pilates for a while, to demonstrate on the floor mats. Lying on their backs they showed us spine curls, hip rolls and climbing a tree. Standing they did a side bend and a diamond press. All these movements were slow and mostly small. Pilates is to mobilise through movement. To end we all tried to balance on one leg, a stable ankle is needed for that. Victoria assured us that pilates can be for everyone, from beginners to advanced. For those members who were strangers to pilates it was very useful to learn exactly what this form of exercise is all about. We thanked Victoria for her enthusiastic, informative talk.

The May meeting will be at the Village Hall on the 17th at 7:15pm. Richard Allenby-Pratt, professional photographer, will give a talk “The Suffolk Project”. All are welcome.

Lynne Venn

Middleton Open Gardens 3rd and 4th June

Looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to our annual open gardens in Middleton; natural, formal, cottage, wildlife, courtyard, and gardens in progress, with people coming back time and again to see the development through to completion.

<http://www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk/>

Major fundraiser for Holy Trinity church & donations this year to the FIND (Families in Need), who offer a lifeline to people in East Suffolk who are experiencing poverty and despair and the Middleton village green project

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Saturday 27th May, 10am - 4pm

A wide selection of vegetable and bedding plants will be available including - tomatoes, chilli peppers, alyssum, cosmos, nasturtium, sunflowers, lobelia, petunias, salvia, marigolds, dahlias, sweet peas and much much more.

A tasty collection of bakes will be available to buy and we will be serving teas and coffees too.

All donations will go to Nicky's Foundation and our livelihood skills project. This project is supporting young people with disabilities, displaced by the ongoing civil war in SW Cameroon, to gain entrepreneurial skills.

We hope to see you there!

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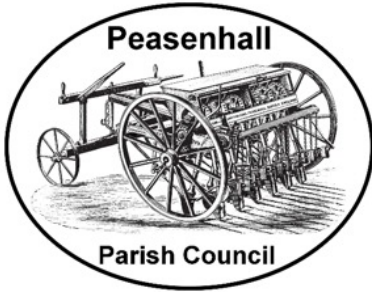
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PEASENHALL

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL



The Annual Parish Meeting
will take place on
Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm
in the Assembly Hall.

Refreshments from 6.45pm.

All welcome.

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL AGM

Monday 22nd May at 7pm followed by our usual committee meeting at 7:30

All are welcome to come along. We are only a small group so if there are any residents who feel they would like to join us, please do come along! Extra help and ideas for events are always welcomed.

BINGO AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Friday 28th April; May 12th; May 26th

SOUNDS SAXY AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

We're delighted to welcome the Sounds Saxy group to Peasehall on Saturday 13th May for a stunning evening of music. These four talented musicians will play for us in this lovely setting, demonstrating the amazing versatility of the saxophone, from sultry jazz to stirring orchestral pieces. All four variants of this fascinating instrument will be there, and you'll have the

chance to see and hear the development and history of this marvel of the woodwind section.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, tickets are £15, and you can reserve yours on peasehallassemblyhall@gmail.com or on 01728 660339. Do join us for an evening of magic!

SIBTON

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S SIBTON



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 29th April at 3.00pm:
Zephyr Baroque Concert. (PLEASE NOTE THIS CONCERT IS BEING HELD ON **SATURDAY** AT 3.00PM). Tickets are on sale at the Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store, and on EVENTBRITE. The music played often has a light touch but can be languorous and moving in turn - played on period instruments: recorders - Liz Alexander; baroque bassoon - Karen Bainbridge; and harpsichord - Geraldine Taylor. Tea will follow the performance.

May 27th, 28th & 29th, 10.30am – 4.30pm: Sibton's Annual Book Sale Weekend: Everything for sale is good quality second-hand items: second-hand books - fiction and non-fiction (local history is a speciality, and there are often other rarities); children's books and toys; plants; bric-a-brac; LPs, DVDs and CDs. All items individually priced; refreshments available, admission free and ample parking.

June 18th at 3.30pm: A concert by Suffolk Strings. Tickets will be on sale from the Weavers Tea Room and Peasenhall General Store before the event. This informal occasion with tea to follow has become a very popular and enjoyable annual event showcasing interesting music in a variety of styles, with music often arranged specially by Peter Bumstead who is the orchestra's conductor.

The events programme continues through the summer with a large-scale event being organised in July, and more planned events to be publicised later in the year.

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THEBERTON

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Coronation celebration service will be held in St Peter's Church Theberton on Sunday 7th May at 11.30am.

If the weather is good we will be outside. Following this there is a village get together in celebration for the new king at 12 noon in Jubilee Hall.

St. Peter's electoral roll is being reviewed.

If you would like your name added please contact Sally Ilett 02728 832666 or email sally@mootalpacas.co.uk

Being on the list entitles you to vote on church matters and attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This year's APCM is to be held on the 30th May 2023 in St Peter's Church.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION

A small group from the church visited the workshops of the Devlin Plummer team which is restoring the 100-year-old Victorian stained glass window from the east end of the church. It was a memorable visit as we were able to witness restoration work

first hand and admire the wonderful painted glass images up close. No machinery is used in the restoration - all the work is done by hand. Some of the missing stained glass pieces have been remade to match the originals. Damaged glass has been repaired to maintain the original look of the stained glass.

The group was able to see the stages of progress: careful removal of the glass from the old original leadwork; careful placing of the stained glass into a new lead framework laid on a negative image (brass rubbing) of the original design so that the new version exactly matches the original; soldering together of the leadworks; application of an combination of traditional putty (blacking, red lead, linseed oil etc.) to make the assembled stained glass panels water proof; and finally cleaning and polishing. We were told that the work should be completed within about a month and the fitting into the east window would only take two days.

THEBERTON & EASTBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDAY

Saturday 17th June, 12 noon - 4pm, at the Village Hall, Theberton,

More details to follow in next month's edition

WESTLETON

PAULINE MORRIS – R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of our mum, Pauline Morris.

She and our dad have had a property in Westleton since the 1970s. They enjoyed the village activities, the Barrel Fair, walking over the heathland, swimming at Dunwich, crabbing at Walberswick and the concerts at Snape Maltings.

We as children have spent many happy times there, and now our children and grandchildren have

stayed and love this part of Suffolk.

Our parents were regular worshippers at St Peter's Church. Our mum's wish was to join her husband John in the peaceful churchyard at Westleton. This happened on 18th April.

Thank you to everyone in the village for sharing their love of Suffolk with us.

Richard, Beverly and Philippa

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Symphony No 93 in D Major Hob. 1:93 -
Joseph Haydn

Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat major Opus 11
- Richard Strauss

Symphony No 4 in B flat major Opus 60 -
Ludwig van Beethoven

Admission by programme, £12 at the door
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Any changes to concert arrangements will be
posted on our website, www.tco.org.uk.

RAISING FUNDS FOR WESTLETON GARDENERS' MEETINGS

Jean and Ivor Murrell will be holding a sale
of plants and a coffee morning at their home
at Windmill Hill, The Hill, Westleton, IP17
3AW on Saturday June 10th, from 10.30 am
to 1.00 pm. All will be most welcome!

The costs involved in hiring speakers and
the village hall have increased and the
Westleton Gardeners' Group needs to raise
some funds to continue offering its excellent
events, so please come and support us.

WESTLETON

WESTLETON VILLAGE HALL

We will be showing the **King's Coronation** live in the hall on Saturday 6th May from 10:30am (the ceremony starts at 11 am). Come and join us for some specially made coronation cake and fizz (or non-alcoholic soft drink or hot drink) for £5 per person, to enjoy whilst watching this nationally significant event together.

The film for Saturday 6th May's **Film Night** is *Charade*, a 1963 American romantic comedy mystery film. Tickets are £5 and available from the Hall's Foyer, the Westleton Stores or on the door on the night. Refreshments will be available from 7pm and in the interval.

Ivor Murrell has selected two dozen of his **published and unpublished poems** for display with associated images in the Foyer from 1st May – 21st May. Copies of two books of his poetry will be available to buy, with half the purchase price going to village hall funds. Pop in to view - weekdays, 10am - 12noon.

We are continuing to have **fun Bingo** monthly in the Foyer! The next session will be 2.30 - 4.30pm Thursday 18th May. All welcome, no experience or booking in advance required. £5 each to play for small cash prizes, all equipment provided.

Refreshments will be available.

The **Westleton Camera Club** is holding an exhibition in the main hall on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May. Please see separate entry for more information.

Consultation Room: Monday 2nd May we have Linda Freeman **hairdressing** 10am – 12noon. Contact her to book on 07765 971774. Thursday 18th May 9am at 4.30pm we have **Footcare** with Susan from No Bad Feet. To book call her on 07497 371073. We also have a pet and human registered **Physiotherapist** Emma Strachan fortnightly (variable days). For further information contact her on 07821 055404. **Reflexology** is back on Saturday 27th May 9.30am – 1.30pm. Contact Juliet Overton: 07930 341901 www.julietoverton.co.uk

To see our latest timetable of activities, events and groups please see our website: www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk and do join us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also pick up a copy of the monthly "What's On" in the Foyer. The Foyer is open 10am - 12noon every weekday for light refreshments, information and chat with our friendly volunteers.

WESTLETON COMMON EVENT MAY 2023

There will be a Nature Walk on SATURDAY May 20th, 10.30am - 12 noon (approx)

You may be lucky enough to hear nightingales on this walk! Please meet near the main Common Noticeboard, at the top of Mill St down a short track on the right.

WESTLETON CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

At Westleton Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 27th & 28th May

10.00 am - 4.00pm each day. Free Entry

WESTLETON 100 CLUB

April winners are: 1st prize - Mrs T J Thomson 2nd prize – Carol Herrman

WESTLETON

WESTLETON SPEED WATCH TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Can you help stop traffic speeding through Westleton?

The Suffolk Constabulary has given Westleton a new speed radar gun – but we currently cannot use it as the Westleton Speed Watch Team does not have enough volunteers! Can you spare a couple

of hours a month to help reduce the number of cars speeding through the village? If so, please contact Andrew Turner on a.andrew.turner@btinternet.com or 01728 648 330 asap

More team members = slower traffic and a safer village!

WESTLETON WELLBEING WOMBLERS

Friday 5th May at 7am: Westleton Early Birder. Meet at the Common Car Park on Mill Street. A gentle walk of 2.2 miles taking up to 90 minutes to hear the sounds of spring. No dogs please.

Thursday 18th May at 2.30pm: Westleton Heath Nature Reserve and Westleton Common. Meet at the Westleton Heath Car Park on the Dunwich Road. 4-mile walk taking 90 minutes.

Wednesday 7th June at 4.30pm: Middleton

Footpaths. Meet at the Middleton Bell. 2.8 mile walk on quiet lanes and footpaths taking 75 minutes

Wednesday 21st June at 7pm: Dunwich Greyfriars Wood meet at the Beach Car Park. 3 mile walk lasting 90 minutes. For more information go to: www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk

For more walks in May take a look at the Suffolk Walking Festival, which runs from 13th to 28th May. www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

WESTLETON RESIDENTS' BOULES COMPETITION 2023

This informal competition for Westleton Residents will again take place from June to September. The simple rules of the competition are as follows:

- 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.
- The competition will commence on Saturday 3rd June and all games, with the exception of the final, shall be concluded by the end of the day on Sunday 3rd September.
- Results to be notified to Tom Ash at westletonboules@gmail.com by the winning team.
- It is intended that the final - to determine the 2023 champions - will be played on the afternoon of Sunday 10th September. This will be held with the end-of-competition social event.

- All games to be played on the boules pitches at the Westleton Community Field.
- Each match shall be played in accordance with the "Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque". These can be found at https://www.petanque-england.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Official_Rules_Petanque-Eng.pdf

The competition may be played in two or more leagues depending on the number of teams wishing to play this year.

No fees are involved.

If you wish to take part, please let me know by **Sunday 28th 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).

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Meet-Up Tuesday Group – Tuesdays, 11 am – 12 noon

Meet-Up Lunch Group - last Tuesday of every month

Outreach Post Office – Wednesdays, 9.30am – 12 noon

Art Classes – Thursdays, 2pm – 4pm

Mobile Fish and Chip Van – Thursdays, 5pm – 7.30pm

Youth Club for 11 – 18 year olds – Thursdays, 6pm to 8pm.

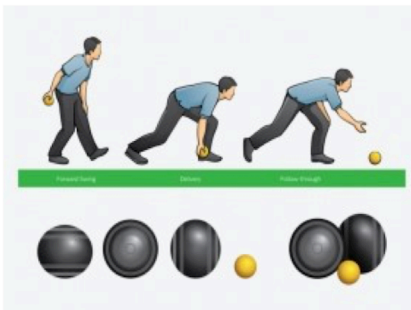
Parish Council - first Thursday of the month - 7pm - 9pm

Boules/Pétanque Pistes - available for community use, no need to book.

Tennis Courts - to book, contact Laura Greenberg on 01728 668053.

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

YOXFORD BOWLS CLUB



Do you fancy trying your hand at lawn bowls? Our season runs from late April 2023 until September. The bowls rink is just around the corner in Yoxford, opposite the Village Hall.

If you would like to have a go, please ring either Margie (668570) or David (648225) for more information. Bowls are available for you to use. Also have a look at our website - www.yoxfordbowlsclub.com

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STOP SIZEWELL C

It's been confirmed that a Final Investment Decision will not be made on the project until next year, 2024. Despite this we are very sad to see some advance works being carried out. While some of this is to create new wildlife habitats (which in most cases would not be needed without Sizewell C) there is damaging work going on to create a new access to the main site, which we feel should not be happening before a Final Investment Decision. We encourage readers to check the official works tracker site www.szcworkstracker.co.uk and contact the Sizewell C office in Leiston with your concerns, info@sizewellc.com or 0800 197 6102.

Meanwhile we've a host of events coming up.

- 4 May, local elections. Don't forget to vote for anti-Sizewell C candidates! If you get this magazine in time, come to our Hustings on

Friday 28 April, 6.30pm, Aldeburgh Church, held jointly with SEAS.

- 4 May, Aviva AGM at Norwich City Football Ground (from 9.30am), Contact us on info@stopsizewellc.org if you can come.
- 14 May, Sizewell C site walk, 2pm departure from the Eel's Foot Eastbridge. Distance 5 miles, duration 3 - 3.5 miles. Be aware there are significant changes.
- 3 June, "Siren" walk (10-12am, departing Kenton Hills car park) and workshop (2-4pm, Theberton Village Hall). Two artists will lead a unique combination of walk and workshop to explore what it means to be the warning voice for future generations. Booking required. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/events/1102179521174528> or email info@stopsizewellc.org.

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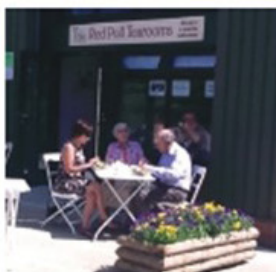
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