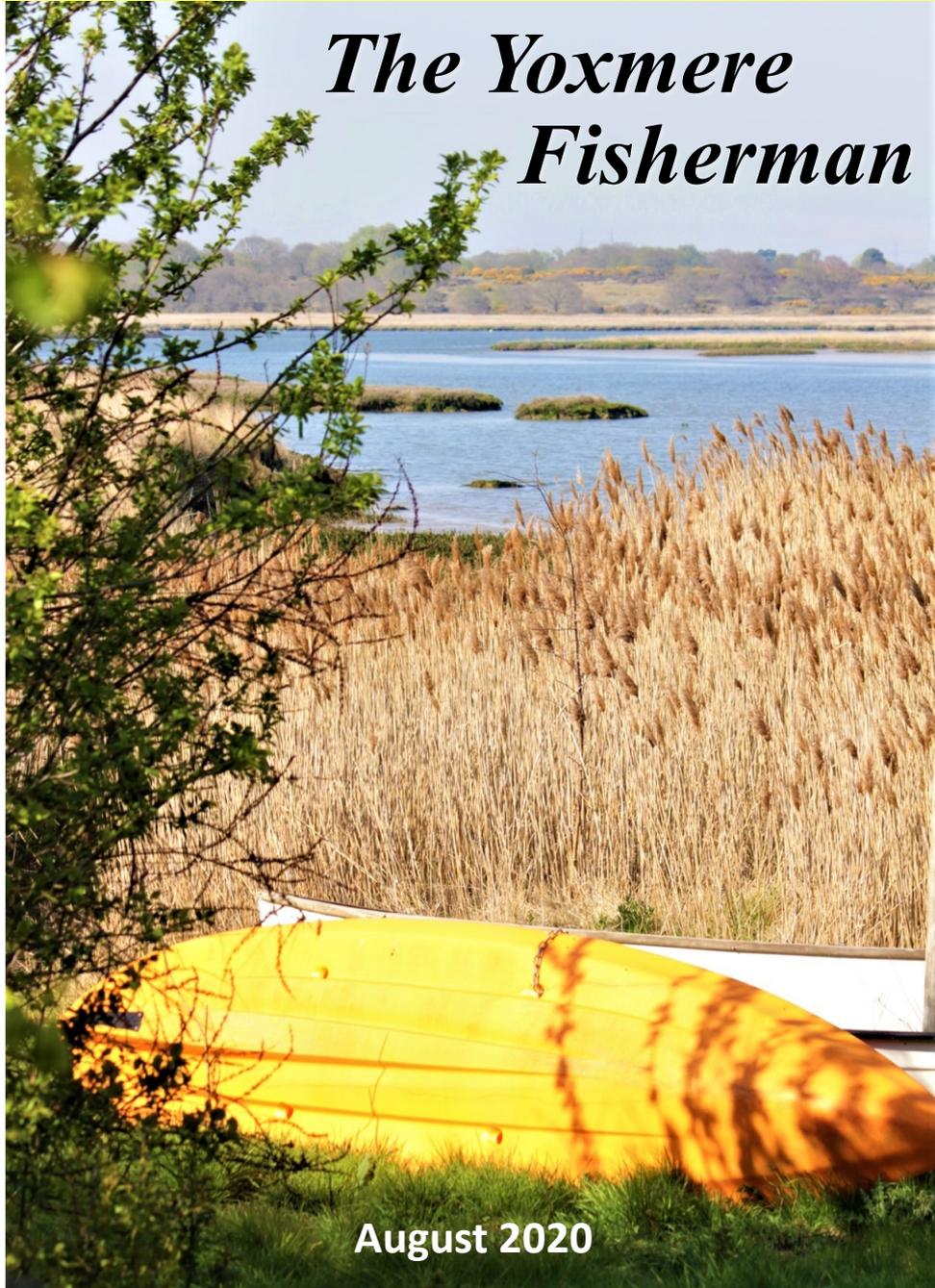


NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BENEFICE

# *The Yoxmere Fisherman*



August 2020

*Church services - see Page 2*





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30th	Green	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-end	Matthew 16:21-end

### From the Registers

#### Funerals:

Ralf Sitch on Monday 29th June. A graveside service was held at Eastbridge Cemetery.

John Prescott aged 85 on Tuesday 30th June. A graveside service and burial was held at Holy Trinity Church, Middleton.

Michael Allan March Stennett aged 73 on Tuesday 30th June at the Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium.

Paul Newson aged 83 years on Tuesday 7th July. A graveside service and burial was held at All Saints' Churchyard, Darsham.

Phyllis Mary Bumstead on 21st June at the Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium.

Reverend Richard John Ginn aged 68 on Wednesday 8th July. A graveside service and burial was held at St Peter's Church, Westleton

### WORSHIP AT HOME -

For those who are shielding or for whom it is difficult to get to church

**TV** Sundays BBC 1 10.00am **Sunday Morning Live**, exploring ethical and religious issues of the day

1.15pm **Songs of Praise**

**Radio** Sundays Radio 4 at 8.10am **Sunday Worship**

**Online** Daily prayer with our diocesan bishops on their Facebook page

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Above: Party balloons for Pentecost - the Church's birthday - at family@church in Yoxford three years ago, which was started by Revd Susan Bates. More memories on Page 8 of family@church as we look forward to being able to meet again.



Left: Flowers from a much loved garden at a time when gardening has been a life-saver for many

Below: Cria (young alpacas) at Moat Farm in Theberton, born in June this year. They are super-cute and you can go and see them. Details on Page 23.





## Rector's Ramblings

I found a great blog recently called Sketchplanations. Each week the writer, Jono Hey, puts some interesting concept or idea into a really good sketch or diagram, and writes a paragraph or two of explanation. One of his posts was about hope. According to the American psychologist Charles R. Snyder we need three things to have hope:

- \* a goal — a future state of things that we want
- \* pathways — you need to be able to see a step by step way to get there
- \* willpower — you need to have the belief that you can get there, and the determination to succeed.

Without any one of these, hope fades quickly.

St Paul famously talks about faith, hope and love, and then goes on to talk about love, in a passage that you may well have heard during a wedding (1 Corinthians 13). So hope is definitely a thing Christians are supposed to feel, but we don't talk about it half so much as faith or love. It has become the poor cousin of those other qualities.

My sense of Christian hope ignited some years ago when I came to understand that the events that the gospels described weren't just about a passport to heaven, but a transformation of this world. I came to understand that:

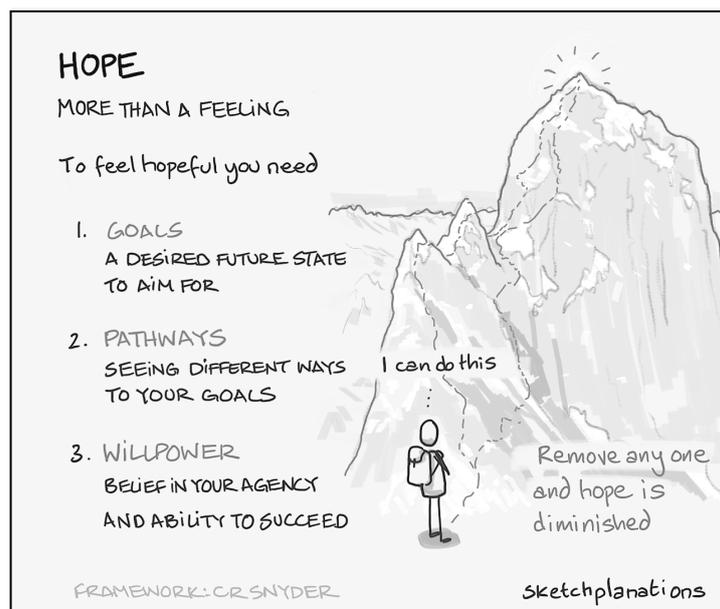
- \* The "kingdom of God" wasn't just an image of heaven, but also a way that the world could work.
- \* The events of the first holy week had begun a slow chain reaction both to stop evil pretending it was really good, and also to normalise new ideas of what goodness looked like.
- \* This great goal is something to which you and I can genuinely make a difference.

There isn't space here to unpack all that we might mean about the kingdom of God, nor what I mean about this chain reaction, but I

could cite two examples that may help. Firstly, there is no record of humility ever being recognised as a virtue prior to the life of Jesus. That idea arrived with him. Prior to that, the direct opposite, pride, was considered a good quality (and we still often treat it as one). Secondly, racism, colonialism, nationalism and all the other ways in which one person or group asserts their superiority over another has been a problem since the dawn of civilisation, and it still is. But now, more than ever before, it is *seen* to be a problem, and less and less defensible. This change isn't only the work of Christians, but it couldn't have happened without the recognition that humility is a virtue, because racism, colonialism and nationalism come from pride, and Jesus worked from a place of humility, of servant-heartedness.

When we are secure in our hope, we can be confident to serve others, to lift others up to our own level, as heirs of the living God. We have a goal: Heaven on Earth, we have a pathway: Jesus' life, and we can have the willpower, strengthened by our communities, to make that happen.

Blessings, Revd Tim



You can find more of Jono Hey's Sketchplanations at [www.sketchplanations.com/](http://www.sketchplanations.com/)

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Happy memories of family@church



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What has the Mothers' Union got in common with Heineken beer?

When asked what I think the Mothers' Unions' USP (unique selling point) is, I say, we are the charity that reaches places other charities cannot reach.

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Mothers' Union does not have to fly in personnel because we are already there, living and working alongside those in need.

In the past, part of our overseas work centred upon relief work to help those suffering from the effects of natural disasters such as famine and floods. However, over the past few years that has changed and the focus now is on building community resilience.

In remote areas where flooding is an ever-present danger during the rainy season, women and children would often be swept away by flood waters and villages overwhelmed by swollen rivers.

A Mothers' Union resilience initiative used the fire drill format that is present in all UK public buildings, to enable communities to prepare a strategy to protect the most vulnerable in their communities from the annual flooding. In one diocese in Africa, local Mothers' Union members facilitated training in resilience to floods which involved the whole community. The community found a location on nearby high ground for the assembly point where everyone would go once the flood alarm had been raised. Men would form a chain across any rising water and the babies and children would be passed along the chain so that none of them were swept away. The women moved across in front of the chain of men so that they could be caught if they lost their footing in the fast running waters. This drill would be practised and when the rains next came and the village was in danger the alarm sounded, the men formed the chain, everyone headed for safe high ground and nobody drowned.

The next time you see Mothers' Union are holding a fund-raising event please support this vital work; better still, consider joining our organisation. Check us out on [www.musuffolk.org.uk](http://www.musuffolk.org.uk) or phone me on 01728 660280.

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We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back into school in September, and into their "normal" classes, following the latest guidance from the Department of Education when getting the schools ready.

Our primary focus will be to support the development of independent learning skills again in our pupils, some of whom will not have attended school for six months.

We are designing a curriculum that focuses on pastoral care, mental health and getting pupils learn-ready, with a tighter focus on developing "real-life" literacy, oracy and numeracy skills throughout the curriculum.



### Teaching assistant wins top award

The Yox Valley Partnership of Schools was utterly delighted that a member of the team, Mr Jack Walton, was recently awarded Teaching Assistance Apprentice of the year from the East Coast College where he gained his recent qualifications.

Jack has been working at our hub of schools for the past three years and we can truly say he is an asset to our team.

He is a committed, hardworking member of staff who goes above and beyond with ideas of his own.

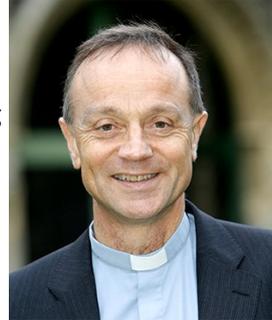
Academy head, Gail Jerman said, "Jack has a natural rapport with all the children he works with. During these recent challenging circumstances Jack has willingly undertaken recommended Continued Professional Development opportunities and has been supporting the teaching staff remotely with monitoring and marking on our virtual classroom platforms. The children enjoyed communicating virtually with Mr W!"

Mr Walton said, "First and foremost- WOW! What an amazing achievement this is. To say I'm privileged is a complete understatement. It is fantastic to know that all the hard work over the last two years was worthwhile. I have worked with some of the most amazing people in the sector, both in and out of the Yox Valley Partnership, and had the pleasure to work with Southwold, Middleton, Yoxford and Peasehall Primary Schools. The non-stop support, laughter, hard work and (at times) tears have all been worth it. Thank you to the amazing teams at Yox Valley Partnership of Schools, The Consortium Trust and East Coast College for your continued guidance, help and support."

**Sermon given at St Peter's Yoxford at the service of thanksgiving for completed building work, 27.10.19**

**Bishop Mike Harrison**

A harsh critic might say, "Why are you bothering with celebrating reordering an old chapel in an old building – what's that got to do with following Jesus?" Well, all churches and chapels can teach us something about following Jesus by how they are set up. Let me give you a whistle-stop tour to explain...starting with a story.....



... of Alan Jones, a young priest going through a hard time and in danger of losing his faith, who was given a sabbatical of three months, and spent it visiting ancient monasteries in upper Egypt. At one point a bus dropped him off in the middle of a desert. Just on the horizon he could see the monastery, so in the heat of the day he started walking towards it. As he got nearer he saw a door open and someone come out and start heading towards him. It was a monk carrying a tray, with iced water and figs. When the monk reached him, Alan said "Brother, you don't know me or that I was coming, did you?" to which the monk replied "Oh no, brother, but we always treat strangers as angels here, just in case". Such hospitality rekindled Alan's own faith and he went on to be Dean of San Francisco Cathedral. Hebrews 13.2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for some have entertained angels thereby."

Hospitality can change people, hugely. So opening a space at the back of St Peter's where hospitality can be practised is something to celebrate; an opportunity to share in God's hospitality towards us in Christ, which involves expansive generosity, boundary-crossing inclusion and surprising grace.

Now beyond the space at the back, what's one of the first things you see on entry? Just beyond the radiant faces of welcomers - the font. This says something. After all, we live in a world where we're often told, subtly and not so subtly, that we don't measure up, we aren't adequate; for example in shopping centres there are pictures of beautiful people wearing beautiful things living beautiful lives and there's an implicit whisper underneath – that's not you....but it could be...and if only you buy this or that you will be saved from your pear shaped figure, pimply face or problem relationships. It's a scam - we know it is - but if our worth isn't rooted elsewhere we will be sold a lie. How do we resist those whispers saying we're unworthy? Well, churches are built in a way that tells us on entry we ARE worthy, we do belong. The font - Baptism – where God shouts down the whispers saying "You are my beloved,

do not question your worth, I am besotted with you and more than the best of parents, I desire you to be with me and for you to grow in me into your true joy.”

In some churches there’s a stoup in the porch where you can put holy water on your forehead on entry – it’s a reminder of who we are to God: you think you’re unworthy, but just splash this cold water in your face and realise the truth! Touch the font when you come in – understand that God’s love is more solid than that stone and your value is solidly founded on that, no matter your size or shape..

So we move down the aisle – and what do we notice? Well, the people. There are some funny characters in churches, aren’t there? Such as Miss Walmsley from my last church who, after seeing some questionable behaviour from choir members, offered to join choir practices to ensure reverence, order and discipline (ROD for short). She was tough, but the Miss Walmsleys are part of God’s gift to us. What does God give us to help us grow in love? Not people just like us, not really nice types, but one another. One minister I know says he tells his children that one reason we go to church is to learn to love people we don’t really like that much – people we find odd, irritating or who grate on our nerves; like the lady where I was a curate who used to come to church late and as I was preaching once sat down on the front row and gave her five-year-old a bag of crisps to eat. There is a reason Jesus founded a church as a collection of diverse people, not least for us to find His face in one another and so grow in His love.

This is what Church is for in part, for us to grow in God’s love. And it’s demanding. So we might hear our first reading from the Old Testament and what do we notice? Does God give His people free iPads, or chocolates and flowers, or sherry and fruit cake? No, He gives life, He gives presence, He gives promises that are unbreakable. It is love, a love seeking our growth to all we can be, just as the best of parents would seek. John’s Gospel sums it up by saying God so loved the world that He sent...what? The Great British Bake Off? Britain’s Got Talent? Wifi? No, He so loved the world that He sent His only Son - love as a personal relationship, inviting us to receive and be shaped by Jesus’ way of being.

You might say, “Oh dear, I’m not very good at receiving God’s love” and you might get depressed about false starts, half-hearted faithfulness. Well, at this point church reminds us to look at God, not ourselves. When we sit in church there’s no mirror, there’s a cross - the cross where Jesus, despite our shortcomings, offers us forgiveness and a new life beyond every kind of failure of ours. Whether or not the disciples kept their promises, God keeps his promises to them and to us.

And we get up from our seats for communion. A famous philosopher, Alastair MacIntyre, says "I can only know who I am and what I am to do if I know what story I am a part of." The Church's communion prayer recounts the story of which we are part – that of God's love and faithfulness in Jesus. It's this story we need to *feed on* and in communion we do so, taking Jesus, not as a magic wafer to make us glow in the dark, but to grow more and more into His way. A priest was asked "Why do we go to communion so often?" He said, "Because by Monday we have forgotten who we are." By Monday we need to be reminded that we're God's children called to grow in Jesus and our primary food for doing so is Jesus, in word and action.

Without the Church we simply wouldn't be aware of the story of God's love for us. All of us can trace our faith back to the Church; without it we would not have the practices which communicate God's passion for us and His desire for us to come home to Him. And the architecture of a church reinforces these truths. The re-ordering of the chapel we celebrate today underlines the value we give to Church. We give thanks for all those who have founded this church and who built Cockfield chapel, on whose shoulders we now perch, and we rejoice in the God whose love inspires us not just to celebrate, but to sustain a house for His truths, to grow lives hospitable to Jesus and His way, and to offer hospitality in His name.

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## WASHABLE FACE COVERINGS

I've been keeping busy making face masks for anyone who would like one. They comprise two layers of poly cotton fabric sandwiching a layer of a non-woven fabric. They have elastic ear loops and a wire piece over the nose.

I'm not asking for payment, but a donation to charity would be appreciated. I have chosen the St Elizabeth Hospice as my main charity. Details of how to make a donation are included when I send out the masks.

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**Maureen Gillanders**

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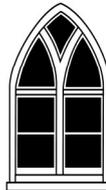
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### Darsham Parish Council

The July council meeting was held using Zoom.

The subject of speeding through the village was again discussed as was parking near the top of Fox Lane. Both problems to be addressed.

It was also noticed that some dog walkers were not picking up their dog poo and using the bins provided. This is noticeable around the village and even in the orchard where young children now play. Dog owners are reminded that it is not only against the law but extremely antisocial not to pick up what their dogs deposit.

It was recommended that a plaque honouring Bessie Shackley, former WAAF at Darsham Radar Station, and all those who served there should be fixed externally at the village hall. Jim Dumochelle, whose father served at the radar station, has kindly offered to fund such a plaque. Bessie passed away recently, aged 93.

The parish council agreed to fund the installation and running costs of WiFi at the village hall for the next eighteen months, when the situation will be reviewed.

**Robin Leggate**

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## Dunwich

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### **UPDATE FROM STOP SIZEWELL C (AKA TEAGS)**

Stop Sizewell C is currently reviewing the hundreds of documents submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by EDF as part of its application for Sizewell C. We aim to have a clear overview of the key issues by the end of August. September 30th is the deadline for registering with the Planning Inspectorate as interested parties in the Sizewell C application and we hope as many of you as possible will do this. *(Note that there is no need to take action on this before mid-late September.)*

**Save the Date!** To support you in registering as interested parties - which will involve sharing a summary of your concerns - we have booked **Saturday 5th September for briefings on the core issues**. Social distancing permitting, we will aim to conduct some of these briefings face to face in Theberton Church, but we will also host some sessions online for those who prefer not to attend a public event. Please put this date in your diary and keep an eye on our website [www.stopsizewellc.org](http://www.stopsizewellc.org), and Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/stopsizewellc](https://www.facebook.com/stopsizewellc) for exact details and timings.

We would also like to hear from anyone who is struggling to access EDF's documents online, and has - for whatever reason - been unable to take up EDF's arrangement for offline access. We are very concerned that coronavirus restrictions may be disadvantaging affected people, so evidence of this is very important. Please email us on [info@stopsizewellc.org](mailto:info@stopsizewellc.org) to share your experience or if you have any questions about the application or the information above.

**Alison Downes**

*See also Page 29 for a personal view on this issue*

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## Peasehall

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### Church Opening

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*You are very welcome to come into church but please, for your own safety and the safety of others, adhere to the advice given on the notices inside the church regarding hand sanitising, seating, social distancing etc.*

**Our services for August** are as follows; all begin at 11.00am.

Sunday 9th, Morning Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 16th, Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 23rd, Morning Worship (Informal), jointly with our Methodist friends.

Sunday 30th, Holy Communion (CW), celebrated by our new Rector, Tim Rogers  
*In line with current advice hand sanitising, seating, social distancing etc. will be adhered to during the services.*

Also, under current restrictions, we are not allowed to sing during the service or to serve coffee after it.

*At the time of writing, masks and gloves are optional and please feel free to wear them if you wish. However, government advice may change at short notice and should this happen the rules in force at the time will apply to our services.*

**Michael Trovell**

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## Sibton

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### Diana Allen

In late July Diana, who has been a faithful helper at family@church, and has done so much to support Sibton Church over the years, went to live at Beech House in Halesworth. She had been unwell for some time, but until lockdown continued to be so good at making people feel welcome, and willing to help in any way she could.

Please remember Diana in your prayers. She is finding leaving her lovely home and garden very painful. My prayer is that she will feel the love and support of her Saviour Jesus, and that His presence will help her settle into her new home.

Due to Covid it isn't possible to visit Diana for the time being, and although her nephew Richard has had a phone installed for her, he has asked that we give Diana time to settle in before ringing her. She will be especially missed by the family@church family.

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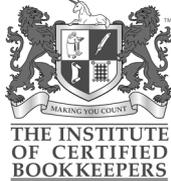


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## Westleton

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### 100 club Winners for July:

1st - Marilyn and Vic Stephens; 2nd - Angela Wilson

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### Barrel Fair

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold this year's Westleton Barrel Fair due to the pandemic but we are already planning next year's event, always assuming it will be possible to hold it. Next August will be here before we know it and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Barrel Fair then. Further information will be made available as and when.

**Elaine Blencowe**



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## Yoxford

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Most of Suffolk Libraries are now open to use the "Select & Collect" system at the door (with each library having slight adjustments to the opening hours....please check before you travel), and reservations can now be placed too. If you had reservations that were available on our shelves before we closed, they have been transferred to Leiston Library and Helen will be telephoning you to let you know that you can collect them. Leiston Library is open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9.30am - 2pm for collections and returns (no events, computer or printing facilities or room hire).

If you would like to use another library, please check its details on <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times>

For those of you that may still be shielding or are unable to get to another library, we are hoping to offer a home delivery system in August or September. Books will be selected by staff and will be a general small selection (eg. six crime or historical, etc...) or books that you have reserved. We will arrange to deliver once a week and drop them on your doorstep and collect any returns that you may have left out for us. If you are interested in this service, please email me.

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**Liz Gleave, Saxmundham Library**



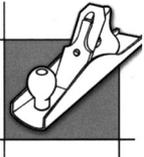
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## **SIZEWELL C: THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM?**

Most people will by now have received EDF's summer newsletter, summarising its plans for Sizewell going before the Planning Inspectorate. But what about the elephant in the room? The new reactors, with their very long lead time, may be too big, too late.



To be financially viable, two reactors (C & D) need to be built together. The very large scale of the building works, the amount of time it will take, the costs of mitigating its impact etc. will be huge. It will be many years before the project itself is carbon neutral. Since this type of nuclear reactor was adopted, newer solutions have evolved. These could soon offer cheaper, reliable energy, while creating many more job opportunities.

What about the economic impact on an area with an already well established mixed economy, relatively low unemployment (with further potential for jobs growth, post Covid)? Some large scale suppliers in the East of England may benefit, but small local businesses with a focus on leisure and tourism, light industry or sectors of growing importance such as care provision for our ageing population, stand to lose out.

Local residents will be penalised economically in several ways: by a rise in the cost of housing in a more competitive market and an increase in council tax to fund new infrastructures such as road maintenance. Furthermore, along with every other household in the country, we will have to pay back Sizewell's investors through a levy on electricity bills.

A new consideration is that of Coronavirus on the lives of residents and workers alike. How will Sizewell C & D sit within Suffolk Coastal's longer-term strategy for minimising the spread of infections like Covid19? What will be the efficacy of keeping large numbers of workers on a relatively small site, if there are future spikes? Furthermore, how is our ageing and vulnerable population supposed to "stay safe" when there will be a greater risk of cross-infection as local employees move between the site and their homes?

The Suffolk Coastal region has undergone a huge transformation since the first power stations were built. Post Covid19, this area should be all the more appealing, giving the economy a further boost. How will building works over nine to twelve years, with multiple sites, road works, vehicle movements, noise, dust clouds and substantial light pollution affect this environment? Sizewell C & D will not be able to hide up a tree.

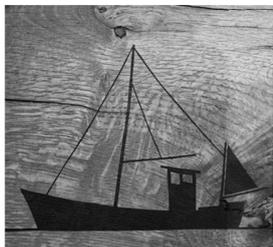
Doesn't size matter when it comes to creating thousands of new jobs? During the nine to twelve year "build bubble", most of the skilled workers will be imported from elsewhere, including Hinkley Point. Once completed, Sizewell C & D will need a relatively small workforce to operate. Any benefit of new jobs therefore needs to be weighed up against the impact of rising housing costs and stagnation in the existing mix of employment opportunities as EDF draws from our limited local employment pool. Yes, some new jobs will be created, but how about building truly sustainable employment? This could include better career paths for young people in the health and care sectors or in other growth areas like leisure, tourism, new technologies and environmental initiatives, as well as the traditional rural and light industrial sectors.

Indeed, in an area with one of the lowest levels of unemployment in the country, to what extent might Sizewell pose a threat as much as an opportunity? Small businesses will struggle to deliver services if they cannot compete for employees. Local householders could also lose out on care provision and other essential support services.

In terms of road space, how do we reconcile the sizeable needs of thousands of temporary workers with those of the community? Even with the new B1122 bypass, the A12 will be more clogged with lorries and double-decker buses transporting people from the park-and-ride areas. Inevitably, other road users will use back roads to avoid this, leaving smaller coastal roads even more prone to speeding vehicles. Congestion hot spots will affect locals needing to travel to work, study, health appointments, etc. Furthermore, Sizewell employees staying in residential properties east of the A12 (i.e. from Kessingland down to Woodbridge) will not be required to use the park-and-ride service; instead they can drive direct to the site, meaning more traffic noise within this catchment at all hours.

Nuclear energy is still regarded as being key to helping the UK achieve "Net Zero" carbon emissions. But we need clean energy sooner rather than later. Is building such large power stations still the solution? Advances in renewable energy sources, battery storage and smaller modular nuclear reactors could soon offer affordable, reliable energy from more acceptable origins. When that happens, what will be the future for Sizewell's new reactors, only half way to completion, if investor confidence falters? Before endorsing such a huge scheme, should we not think carefully about the risk of it ending up a disruptive and costly white elephant?

**Lucy Daniels**



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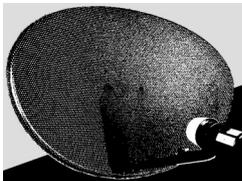
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Inevitably, there will come a time in the autumn when even the most devoted music lover would not wish to stand outdoors to hear us play – but it is still likely that safety concerns will prevent the use of public venues such as the church.

We have therefore come up with the idea of "Southwold Soirées" – small informal concerts in our and other friends' homes for audiences of six, eight, ten... as many as allowed. Space will naturally be limited in such settings, but there is no reason why we shouldn't perform several times in quick succession, if there is demand. (None of us is playing anywhere else, after all...)

We are going to keep a close eye on how policy regarding social gatherings develops over the coming weeks and will make further announcements accordingly. But up close, personal concert settings are really thrilling, and this idea might just give us all a chance to carry on enjoying live music-



making after the weather drives us indoors.

Feel free to email as above if you want to discuss anything further or just to be kept informed.

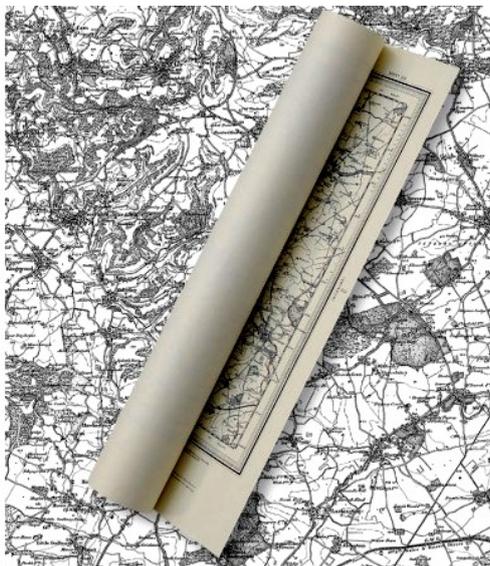
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**Nathan Williamson**

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You can read more about these spare maps at <http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/maps/spare/>, where they are also listed. Please contact me (initially by email) if you are interested and/or have any questions. I would be grateful, too, if you forwarded this offer on to any of your associates, members, committees or other organisations — or indeed dealers — who you think might be interested in these historical documents. As a group, we would be most happy for this offer to be circulated as widely as possible, especially into Norfolk as there are so many maps from there.



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