



# Yaxley Messenger

*April 2023*



*Watercolour  
by  
Chris Virgo*

CV  
2022

# **East Anglian Traditional Music Trust**

Have you ever wondered about what went on in East Anglia before the delights of the screen captured us? East Anglian Traditional Music Trust (a charity) hold some keys to the past in our area.

**Sunday 2nd of April**  
**between 2 and 4 pm**  
**Yaxley Village Hall**  
**Old Ipswich Road**  
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**We invite you to join us for 2 hours of  
entertainment.**

**Entry to the event is free.**

We will show you how to work jig dolls, you can watch Suffolk/Norfolk step dancers, and an energetic broom dance, hear tales told in dialect, listen to or join in with our talented musicians and singers.

We look forward to seeing you at our event and hope that it wets your appetites to learn more about East Anglian Traditions and Music.

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**Suffolk IP14 1BE**

# Easter Bingo

**Saturday 8th April**  
**Yaxley Village Hall**

**7.00 p.m. with “eyes down”  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Bring your own nibbles and drinks**  
**Everyone welcome**



**Prizes  
Galore!**



**YAXLEY VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY, 22ND APRIL  
7.00 P.M. FOR 7.30 P.M.**

**Entrance £2.50 per head**

**Quizmaster: Richard Pursehouse**

**Everyone welcome—teams can be formed on the night**

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles**

# *Looking Ahead*

## **Coronation**

Please could people bring along vases of flowers to spread around the church—remembering that King Charles likes garden flowers.

There are vases in the church which can be used, but you need to bring your own water. (We are not too mean to give you some, there just isn't any supply to the church.)



We would like the flowers in time for the **6th May**. The church will be open on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May.

A banner for 'family FUN day'. The word 'family' is in red, 'FUN' is in blue, and 'day' is in green. In the background, there is a silhouette of a family (two adults and a child) and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags in shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, red, and purple.

**family  
FUN  
day**

**Saturday, 1st July**

**Come along and get involved**

# Clubs and Societies

## *The Art Club*

Meets in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

**April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th**

All abilities welcome, £4.00. Come and create something artistic.

**Further details: Chris Virgo 788819.**

## *The Garden Club* (see page 14)

**April 6th at 7.30 p.m.**

In the Village Hall

**Ian Seager** will give a talk on **Drought Tolerant Plants**

Visitors Welcome: £5 to include light refreshments

**More details: Celia 788494**

## *The Yaxley Needlework and Craft Group*

**April 5th and 19th**

**at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Share skills, complete projects—with tea and chat £2.50

Do come along and join us.

**More details: Celia Tel 788754 or email: [celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk)**

## *The Four Seasons Ladies' Group*

**April 18th at 2 p.m.**

In the Village Hall

**Sally Sparrow "The Art of Felting"**

**More details: Celia Pearson 788494**

## *Yaxley and Mellis Reading Group*

**Enjoy reading? Want to discuss books with others?**

**Fourth Thursday afternoon of the month**

**Further details: Marie Needham 07904 121215 [mnwhizz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mnwhizz@yahoo.co.uk)**



## *The Parish Council*

Next Council Meeting **5th April**



The agenda/notices are on the Parish Noticeboard five days prior to the meeting

**The Parish Clerk** may be contacted by phone on 01379 783203 or 07958 623897 between 9.00 am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Please leave a voicemail message if there is no reply and the Clerk will return your call as soon as possible. Contact may also be made by email:- philip.c.freeman@btinternet.com or by letter to: Philip Freeman, 2 Mellis Road, Thrandeston, Diss, IP21 4BU  
If there is an emergency then please phone 07958 623897  
Website: <http://yaxley.onesuffolk.net>

**Councillors:** N Young (Chairman) I Luff K Pawsey Roy Hall  
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# St. Mary's Church

**South Hartismere Benefice  
April 2023**

## **Easter**

I am sure we have all heard about the Taj Mahal - it was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his wife and it has been declared one of the new 7 wonders of the world. We have all read about its beauty and maybe also heard from friends who have visited and seen for themselves, and of course who can forget the iconic picture of Princess Diana sitting all alone by the reflection pool just outside the tomb. So, although we had heard about the blindingly bright white marble and how it changes colour as it reflects the sun-light at different times of the day, my wife and I needed to visit and to see and touch this for ourselves. So, many years ago, we visited the Taj Mahal at sunset one Easter Saturday and returned very early the next morning on Easter day, just before dawn to witness the sunrise.

This April in our church calendar, we celebrate the Easter story of the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The bible tells us about the events that took place on that Easter morning, 3 days after his crucifixion on Good Friday. We can read about Mary Magdalene, and how she was alone in the garden weeping in search of Jesus; what a picture that would have made - indeed there are many beautiful paintings of this. We hear too about how the angels appeared in shining bright white clothes and we read about those who rushed to the tomb and witnessed first-hand the risen Lord who appeared to them. Finally, we hear about those who doubted and wanted to go and see for themselves and so we read the story of doubting Thomas who only believed once he had seen and touched the scars in Jesus' hands and feet. The phrase 'doubting Thomas' is one that is still used regularly to this day.

So, coming back to the Taj Mahal on that Easter Sunday morning when I visited... some people had left it too late and as they came rushing in they shouted are we too late? Has the sun risen? To which I replied, He has risen indeed, alleluia.

Wishing you all a joyful Eastertime.

***Tim Rowe,***

Churchwarden and Lay Elder





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on Saturday 6th May from 10-00am

## **Accommodation required in Mellis or Yaxley**

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### **Ukrainian mothers, each with a child under 10**

Two double or two twin rooms required by end June, when their first year in the UK with current sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme comes to an end

Accommodation could be in one property or two nearby as one mother does not yet drive

### **Both mothers are employed locally, full time**

The children are in Yaxley Preschool and Eye Primary School

Fair rent payable, if sponsorship under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme is not desired

### **References available**

**Telephone Paul** (current sponsor) on **07976 538982** for further details

# *The Yaxley Book Shelf Vol 14*

*By Andrew Martinelli....*

Some of the usual themes, and a response to requests!

## *Paddy Mayne*

**by Hamish Ross**

Following the SAS Rogue Heroes book and TV series I was intrigued to learn more about the man portrayed so vividly. A fascinating insight into all that went before the exploits in the desert, the reasons why he achieved so much. With a real insight into Paddy Mayne it was strange conclusion that he was denied an award that so many felt he had easily earned.

## *Area 51*

**by Annie Jacobsen**

You've heard of Area 51? This apparently is the reality. Much less about aliens and more about the testing of weapons and experimental aircraft, with technology that needed to be hidden in a remote desert as it was developed. Connections to the space programme and understanding some borrowed technology, this also leads into the development of drones that we are now familiar with. Interesting.

**Back by popular request**

## *Bradshaw's Descriptive Railway Hand -Book of Great Britain and Ireland*

**(1863 version!)**

Some further examples of places that have changed so much:

### **Cambridge**

A telegraph station. On approaching the town, whether by rail or otherwise, the first object that meets the eye is the magnificent Chapel of King's College its lofty turrets being seen at the distance of some miles. The population, 26,361, including above 7000 persons attached to the University...

## **Sudbury**

Formerly it was a place of much greater importance than at present. It was one of the first places at which Edward III settled the Flemings, whom he invited to England to instruct his subjects in the woollen manufacture.

## **Norwich**

An old cathedral town. Population, 74,891. Norwich is agreeably situated on the banks of the Wensum, at a short distance from its junction with the Yare.

(I'm honestly not reading the whole book! )

*From guest contributors:*

## **Dubliners**

**by James Joyce**

Somewhat of a classic, this is a journey in old Dublin through the eyes of people. If you know Dublin then you'll recognise the journey and see those familiar places in a different light. A very interesting tale.

## **The sound of laughter, the autobiography**

**of Peter Kay**

A great holiday read and a challenge not to laugh out loud while sitting on the beach!

" I ran on stage, grabbed the microphone off Dave and said 'why is it every time you go to a wedding reception all you see for the first hour is kids doing this on the dancefloor?' And then running across the huge wooden stage, I dropped to my knees and slid the rest of the way on the floor. I was right; it was just what the audience needed".

And the rest is history.

*Share your favourite/ latest books with us—just a few words on each will do*

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*Abby*

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**On behalf of St Mary the Virgin church, we would like to give heartfelt thanks to Pauline Smith for her many years of organising fundraising events for the church, and for her encouragement to others to help her make them happen. She will very much be involved in the future plans for fundraising, but has taken a step back.**



**Pauline was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the Soup Lunch. Thank you to all who supported this event, which raised £ 174 towards church repairs**

**The church is now looking for more volunteers to help with fundraising events to maintain our beautiful village building. Even a few hours a year can help. Support could include baking a cake, donating raffle prizes, serving tea, making soup, setting up tables and chairs or decorating the church. If you feel you could help with any of these, please e-mail [friendsofyaxleychurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofyaxleychurch@gmail.com).**

**Thank you in advance. All help will be gratefully received.**





## **Coronation weekend**

St. Mary the Virgin church Yaxley would like to invite you to celebrate the occasion of the coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May between 2-4pm, in the grounds of the church.

We will be holding a tea party with an opportunity to learn about the history of the church, and understand the current challenges in relation to the building.

We ask that you bring a plate of food which can be shared among other villagers. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available for a donation.

In order to make the church even more beautiful, we would like as many of the villagers as possible to donate a floral display "Fit for a King". This could be anything from a small posy to a larger arrangement. Please could they be brought up to the church on Friday 5th May, when volunteers will be available to receive them between 10am and 4pm.

For any further information, please e-mail:  
[friendsofyaxleychurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofyaxleychurch@gmail.com)





**Check our Facebook page for opening times and events**

## **The Cherry Tree**

**OLD NORWICH ROAD, YAXLEY, EYE IP23 8BH**  
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**Do you want more opportunities to be active locally?**



**Fit Villages are working with  
Yaxley and surrounding areas to set up and  
deliver a new physical activity project!**

If you live in Yaxley or a surrounding village, tell us what kind of activity you would like to participate in by completing our short survey before 21st April 2023

**[www.activesuffolk.org/forms/view/yaxley](http://www.activesuffolk.org/forms/view/yaxley)**

# ***‘Fit Villages’ comes to Yaxley!***

With Spring on its way, what better time to launch an exciting opportunity for Yaxley?

Fit Villages is a well-established and popular project that brings our community together to socialise, have fun and become more active. The project is supported by Suffolk County Council and helps villages in rural locations to set up fun activity sessions for adults aged over 55. Previously popular activities have included chair-based exercise, yoga, Pilates, keep fit, dance and low impact circuits, but we are open to new ideas and welcome your suggestions.

We need your input to identify the sort of physical activity session that would be of interest to you, what day would be most suitable and what time would be preferable.

Project officers then help to source quality local instructors, provide funding towards instructor costs, village hall hire fees, equipment costs, launching the activities, and providing refreshments.

Activities are subsidised for the first 8 weeks, after which 96% of projects become sustainable on their own and continue to run long term.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY!**

- 1. What activity/activities you would like to see run in the village?**
- 2. Please complete the survey.**

**You will find the survey in this month's Messenger.**

**Either complete a short online questionnaire using the link in the Fit Villages advert, or complete the paper copy (with SAE) enclosed with this month's magazine.**



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# VOTER ID

**From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.**

This will apply to

- Local elections;
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections;
- UK parliamentary by-elections;
- Recall petitions
- From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

Accepted voter ID includes:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**.

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Supply your news/village events by **15th of the month please** to **Abby Brett** at Willow Lodge, Old Ipswich Road, Yaxley, IP23 8BX  
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As the company hasn't responded to your calls or emails, is there a shop or office you can visit or write to, to get an update on your order or request a refund? If that isn't possible, the next steps depend on whether it's a limited company (it will have ltd or plc after its title) or if it's a sole trader (someone who runs their own business) or partnership.

If it's a limited company, you'll need to get details of the administrator or receiver - the person dealing with settling the trader's debts. The names of those administrators will usually be on the website of the company that's gone bust. You should register your claim as a creditor on the GOV.UK website. Fill out the form with details of what you're owed and send it to the administrator dealing with the trader's debts. Unfortunately, there's only a small chance you'll receive any money back because you'll be last in a long list of creditors who need to be paid.

If you paid by credit card, you could also try getting your money back with a Section 75 claim to your card provider or bank. Full details about both these types of claims can be found on the Citizens Advice website. If the seller was a sole trader or partnership and not a limited company, pursuing a Section 75 is your best option.

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# Village Hall News

**The Village Hall Committee would like to let you know what we are planning for the coming year.**

## *Sunday, 2nd April from 2 to 4pm*

The East Anglian Traditional Music Trust has booked the Hall for an afternoon of song and dance – everyone is invited as long as space allows!

## *Saturday, 8th April - Easter Bingo - 7 for 7.30 pm*

Entrance: As many bingo books as you would like to buy. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Prizes galore!!

## *Saturday, 22nd April - Quiz Night - 7 for 7.30 pm*

Entrance: £2.50 per head. Quizmaster: Richard Pursehouse. Everyone welcome – teams can be formed on the night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles

## *Saturday, 1st July - Family Fun Day - 11.30 to 4.00 pm*

Lots being planned but more stalls and involvement needed – watch this space

## *Sunday, 16th July—Strawberry Tea*

This year the Strawberry Tea will be in the Village Hall

**And: Save the date for:**

**Saturday, 28th October – Children's Halloween Party**

**Saturday, 18th November - Another evening with Charlie Haylock** talking about his involvement with “The Dig” – tickets will be available.

More is being planned throughout the year.

If you have any ideas about running an event or a club or any other suggestions you would like to make, please call Ian or Celia on 01379 788754 or by email to [celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk).

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