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Keith Pawsey-who sadly left us in October



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Charlie Haylock and "The Dig" Saturday 18th November 7.00 for 7.30

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Clubs and Societies

The Art Club

Meets in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

All abilities welcome, £4.00. Come and create something artistic. **Further details: Chris Virgo 788819.**

The Garden Club

November 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Club Social Evening

Visitors welcome £4

More details: Celia Pearson 788494

The Yaxley Needlework and Craft Group

November 1st, 15th and 29th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall

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More details: Celia Tel 788754 or email: celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk

The Four Seasons Ladies' Group

November 21st at 2 p.m. In the Village Hall

Celia Armstrong: "The History of the Christmas Cracker" Guest welcome: £4 plus £1 for refreshment

> Further details: Rita Hunt 0776 7143287 email: ritahunt100@hotmail.com

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 <u>mnwhizz@yahoo.co.uk</u>



The Parish Council



Next Council Meeting 6th December

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

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South Hartismere Benefice November 2023

Remembrance

We are now entering a month filled with remembrance, starting with All Saints Day on the 1st of November, All Souls Day on the 2nd, Remember, Remember the 5th of November (Bonfire Night) then Remembrance Day on the 11th followed by Remembrance Sunday on the 12th.

A time to think about and reflect on all those special people that are no longer with us. Reflecting on the times we have had with those people is often painful and sad, as that person is not with us anymore, but we do get comfort from our memories of them. All the happy times we spent, the funny things they said or did, things they taught us, special days together, the light they brought into our lives. We especially remember those who lost their lives or have been injured in war. To have a moment of time to be thankful to them, to think about the families that have been left behind to grieve. To light a candle in their memory.

November is a hard month, the trees and gardens are becoming bare as leaves, berries and seeds fall to the ground. The winds get stronger and colder, the frosts come and start killing off plants in the garden. Summer warmth becomes a memory and Spring is a long way off. Birds have flown south for the winter and animals are hibernating. The clocks have just gone back, the days get shorter and shorter as the month goes on. We should also take this as our chance to think about resting at the end of the day, to relax, to reflect, to recuperate. To be still.

Psalm 46 v10 says "Be still and know that I am God."

Being still is one of the hardest things for us to do. Even if we sit down, we are still going through the long list of things we need to do, or haven't done. We just need to give ourselves permission to be still to let go of anything unnecessary - easier said than done, I know.

There are Acts of Remembrance at many of the Churches in the Benefice on the 12th of November.

Emma Morris

Schools and Families Minister

News from the Parishes: Welcome to: William Blake baptised at Gislingham

Congratulations: to Henry Ellis and Megan Cogman; Steven Benns and Dawn LeGros on their marriages at Thorndon Frederick Vaudrey and Rebecca Hatwell on their marriage at Thornham Magna

In Loving memory:

Beatrice Farrow (Wetheringsett); Nicholas Barron (Mellis); Janice Barker (Gislingham); Norah Cracknell (Wetheringsett); Audrey Ward (Thwaite) and David Attwood (Thorndon)





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FOUR SEASONS

Thank you to all members for being so understanding about October's meeting bring cancelled. You will be pleased to know Pip Wright has been rebooked for April next year.

Our speaker for November 21st is our friend Celia Armstrong and her talk is entitled 'The History of the Christmas Cracker'. This includes a demonstration followed by, having a go at making one yourself. A prize for the best effort! All materials will be supplied, guests welcome at £4 plus £1 for refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you all at 2pm, the village hall, Yaxley, IP23 8BX



21st November 2p.m. Yaxley Village Hall

YAXLEY GARDEN CLUB Thursday, 2nd November 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

This month is a little special as we have no speaker but instead a "Club Evening"

This is an opportunity to talk about our gardens - the pleasures and problems - to share tips and ask for advice - and generally get to know each other all a little better. Members are invited to bring along plants for exchange, or pots or anything else you no longer want that someone else might find useful.

It occurs to me this would be an ideal time to welcome new members—so if you have been thinking about joining, don't wait any longer, come and meet us!

There may even be cakes

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Obituary

A tribute to Keith Pawsey

I think it goes without saying that the surviving past and the present members of Yaxley's Parish Council mourn the death of Keith, whilst at the same time remember his steadfast, long serving commitment to serve the best interests of Yaxley's villagers.

Keith served as chairman of Yaxley Parish council for more years than I can recall. Not the easiest of voluntary appointments, overseeing debate between the other eight council members and always listening intently to the comments forthcoming during the public forum.

Keith's commitment along with the Parish clerk was instrumental in balancing the council precept budget over many years, thus maintaining a healthy reserve that could weather times of unexpected expenditure without going into the 'red'.

It wasn't until the onset of ill health that Keith reluctantly stepped down as Chairman of the council, although remaining a regular contributor in his ongoing position as a fellow councillor. Even as his health began to further decline, Keith took an active interest, on many occasions helped to the regular six weekly meetings by his supportive family. On those occasions he couldn't attend, Keith still had "his finger on the pulse," and always available on the end of the telephone to offer advice to the Parish Clerk on matters which only years of experience could provide an answer.

Personally, my first contact with Keith was shortly after I had moved to Yaxley 31 years ago. He was in a business partnership with his then father-in-law, Peter Woods. Keith

regularly drove their heavy goods vehicle used for agricultural haulage. I think older members of the community will recall buying potatoes that he and Peter grew, either collecting the half hundredweight bags from a barn behind Keith's family home, or from Peter's wife, Peggy, from where they lived near 'The Old Ipswich Road'.

Oh, and I almost forgot, real Christmas trees during the run up to the festive season.

During a time that I had a period of forced unemployment, I have pleasant memories of helping out the family along with some other villagers by collecting and bagging the freshly harvested potatoes. Good times.

Keith Pawsey ... A hard act to follow.

John Hawes

Thank you to everyone who supported the village Harvest Supper!

It was an extremely successful and enjoyable evening and a healthy \pounds 276 was raised to help towards the repairs of the village church.

Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time, hard work and suffered sleepless nights to make it such a great event.

Thank You to those who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised £110, a cheque for which has been sent on to the charity

Pauline.

The Yaxley Book Shelf Vol 21

By Andrew Martínelli....

November brings a mini-series of *All The Light We Cannot See*, from Anthony Doerr, to Netflix. The book is a gem, so hopefully the series will do it justice!

The City Underground

by Michael Russell

A return to familiar themes of my reading! World War 2, Dublin Special Branch, spies and intrigue. The return of Stefan Gillespie, a Special Branch detective at work amidst the challenges of staying neutral, whilst being bombed and spied upon.

'A superb, atmospheric thriller'

The Secret Speech

by Tom Rob Smith

Set in 1950's Soviet Union this is a thriller and a half. On the trail of secret information a policeman risks all to save himself and his family. Stalin has gone, replaced by Khrushchev and it seems that improvements may come, but not all is as it seems. Fascinating history.

From a Guest

Forever Home

by Graham Norton

If you were expecting the usual sharp wit of Graham Norton then this is not evident in this book. Set in rural Ireland this is a tale of family relationships and the associated village gossip. A disappearance, hidden history and mystery. A twist, and the unexpected truth is revealed.

From your Editor

Unruly

by David Mitchell

This is non-fiction, a review of the monarchs of England from King Arthur (who didn't exist) to Queen Elizabeth I (who did). However, it's not a dry compilation of exploits and dates, rather musings on the nature of kingship and the English character and many other asides. If you like David Mitchell's humour, you will love this (I did). But be aware that it contains some bad language and a good deal of irreverence.

A fílm

Hampstead

starring Diane Keaton and Brendan Gleeson

Those dreadful property developer people! A joy of a film, set in Hampstead and a tale of life off the grid and a fight to preserve that. A most enjoyable and welcome distraction.

From Muríel Austín,: a show

The Pantaloons

This month I went to see a production by 'The Pantaloons' at the Corn Hall in Diss. They are a small, professional company who specialise in taking classical plays and adapting them with a comedy twist and adding little musical interludes. This play was based on 'The Comedy of Errors'. They are incredibly talented and very funny and I would highly recommend looking out for future productions. They primarily perform at small venues, some being outdoors, engaging with the audience beautifully. See their website for more info.

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Авбу



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1 Egg

Mix the above together and roll out. Line a 7 inch flan ring. Slice an apple into the flan.

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Pour over the flan.

Bake at 170 degrees (160 degrees fan) or gas mark 5 for about 20 minutes.

ENJOY WARM OR COLD

Recipe from Colette Frew

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Wednesday 15th November 10.30am-11.30am Then every third Wednesday of the month thereafter

All welcome

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Goodbye October(Figures from 20 Sept to 20 Oct).

I would say it has been a fairly wet and warm month. The average daytime high temperature has been 18.7 deg C (highest 23.5 deg C) and average night-time temperature 10.6 deg C (lowest -0.1 deg C).

There have been 12 rainy days in the last 30, with a total of 183 mm of rain. However, I am writing this on 20th October and there has already been 44 mm in the last 24 hours and it's still raining!

Anybody else with weather-related data they are willing to share on a regular basis? Please let me know: <u>tony1andabby2@hotmail.com</u>

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DR DAN POULTER MP

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I write this, just days after our Prime Minster made it clear that we cannot meet our climate commitments by penalising the disadvantaged or by imposing eye-watering financial burdens on people living in rural counties like Suffolk.

Let's be clear, I believe that climate change is real. Evidence indicates that there is a man-made component to the warming of the planet. As Earth's custodians, we have a duty to act, but we must do so in a pragmatic and proportionate way, bringing people with us as we take action.

This country should be proud of current achievements. Britain is a world leader in the target of reaching Net Zero by 2050. UK carbon emissions are now at their lowest level per head of the population since 1859. We have reduced carbon emissions faster than any other large economy, especially since 2010 under our current Conservative Government.

Most families in Suffolk simply cannot afford to spend an extra £5,000 to transition to an electric car. The Government is therefore easing the transition to electric vehicles from 2030 to 2035, in line with countries similar to ours. After 2035 petrol and diesel cars will still be able to be bought and sold second-hand. It will be for the consumer, not the Government to choose when to change to an electric vehicle. Delaying until 2035 also allows time for the charging-point infrastructure to grow and electric car battery ranges to increase in line with the needs of car users, particularly those living in Suffolk and other rural counties.

The Government has also made sensible changes to rules around new boilers. Around one in four homes in much of the central Suffolk area are off grid and/or have oil powered central heating. Previous proposals to mandate the installation of heat pumps from 2026 for homes that required new boilers would have cost off-grid Suffolk households between £15,000 and £40,000. This was simply unaffordable for many off-grid households.

Much more time will now be given to all households to make the change to heat pumps.

Homes will no longer have to rip out existing boilers and heating systems and many households are now exempt from having to do so at all, due to reasons of practicality and/or affordability. However, should households wish to make the switch to heat pumps, the Boiler Upgrade Scheme grants will be increased to £7,500 per household, encouraging more homes to install heat pumps when they come to replace their existing boilers.

From amidst our often-polarised debates around climate change, has emerged a pragmatic and realistic Government plan to both improve our energy security and to reduce our carbon emissions. If we want to bring people with us on this important energy journey, the future must be about consent, not imposition, honesty, not obfuscation, and pragmatism, not ideology.

Let's celebrate our successes and be proud to be a world leader in reaching net zero, but let's also ensure future energy policies continue to be more mindful of reducing energy costs to rural households and to poorer homes.





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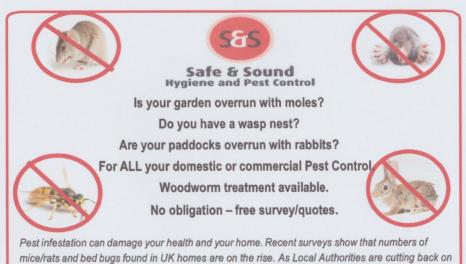
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A family has moved into the house next door and is being a nuisance, yelling late at night over a loud television and leaving bin bags strewn over the front of the house. I don't want to antagonise them in case they become threatening. What can I do?

Anti social behaviour (ASB) can have a big impact on someone's quality of life, so we can understand how frustrating this situation must be.

You could try to resolve problems by speaking with your neighbour, if it's safe to do so. Explain the effect their behaviour is having and ask them to stop. If the problem continues, keep a record of incidents, which will come in handy if you decide to take the matter further.

If your neighbour has a landlord, you can ask your neighbour's landlord to speak to them on your behalf. If your neighbour lives in social housing, their landlord should have a policy for dealing with antisocial behaviour.

If you've tried everything but the problem persists, ask for an "Anti Social Behaviour Case Review". You can do this by reporting the issue to the council, the police or a social housing provider. It means these agencies have to work together to find a solution, if the ASB meets the threshold. These agencies have powers to deal with ASB, in ways such as:

- Civil injunctions
- Criminal behaviour orders
- Public space protection orders
- Community protection notices
- Dispersal powers
- Closure powers

More information on how ASB case reviews, including how to request a case review, the threshold for it being dealt with and the process for it being dealt with can be found on www.gov.uk/guidance/anti-social-behaviour-asb-case-review-also-known-as-the-community-trigger

If you are not online, or you need more help with this, please get in touch and we can give you more information.

If your neighbour becomes violent, you should call the police on 999.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.





On Saturday September 30th we had a very successful fun quiz night. £100 was raised to support the running costs of the Hall. A good time was had by all with lots of laughs. It was good to see many new faces, both from Yaxley and slightly further afield. All our quizzes will be inclusive for all knowledge bases with a big emphasis on having fun. These are not just for serious `boffins'!

Yoga sessions are being run in the Hall which is an ideal venue because the Hall is well away from the road and in a peaceful setting. Susie has mentioned that there may be a couple of places available at her evening session on a **Tuesday from 6.30 to 8.30**. If you are interested, please contact Susie direct at susiewonforyoga@gmail.com.

Winter Table Tennis sessions are now being run by Richard Pursehouse so if you are interested in joining him a couple of times a month at early evening sessions, why not send him an e-mail to find out more details on purserich7@gmail.com

Other events coming up at the village hall: 17th November—Pop-Up Bar 18th November—Another Evening with Charlie Haylock 9th December—Christmas Bingo

Lastly, whoever placed the cute pumpkins outside the Village Hall – thank you, they look lovely!

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