

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER READING



### Message from Joanne Thain | Leiston Change Manager

East Suffolk Council: *Theberton and Eastbridge are invited to 'let the light in' during the run up to Christmas - and beyond!*

- *Create a light display in your window or outside your home and be part of a trail of light through our villages during the darkest months of the year.*
- *You can be as creative as you like, from a few LED tealights or a string of fairy lights in a window to a big display outside - and it's not just for Christmas, we want to see lights of all sorts. It doesn't need to be expensive – you can use whatever you already have.*
- *Choose energy-efficient LED lights wherever possible.*
  - *Keep your lights off during daylight hours and make sure you switch them off when you go to bed.*
  - *Please don't use candles as these can be a fire hazard if left unattended - LED candles are a much safer option.*
- *We would love to see your lights - share a photo on social media using #letthelightin\_es and remember to tag us in so we can share.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at St Peter's Church. Please note both the 4pm and the 6pm are now FULL. If you wish to go on the reserve list please contact Tina 01728 830237 or [tina.neal@sky.com](mailto:tina.neal@sky.com)



**Update on Christmas Tree festival:** Everyone is on board to do their trees this year, which is amazing. The church is allowed to open on Sunday mornings 9-12 and Wednesday afternoons 12-3pm so trees could be decorated at those times from now through December.



**Stop Sizewell C** took their message directly to Whitehall earlier this month, with a bold projection on the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.



**Update from Stop Sizewell C:** On 18 November EDF launched yet more consultations on its Sizewell C proposals. This last consultation period lasts until 18 December. Everyone is warmly invited to participate in an online briefing about the new proposals on Monday 7 December at 6pm. We will update you on what the key issues are and provide guidance on how to respond. You can register via our website [www.stopsizewellc.org/what-you-can-do/](http://www.stopsizewellc.org/what-you-can-do/). On this same page we will also share a written briefing and guidance note. EDF is attempting to make its proposals - especially lorry numbers - more palatable, but some of the plans, e.g. on rail and sea use, are not yet definitely possible, After 18 December, EDF will finalise its proposals and submit them to the Planning Inspectorate in mid-January. The exact timing of the remainder of the planning process is not entirely clear but we estimate the Secretary of State's decision could be delayed by around 3 months, to early 2022.

In the meantime, you may have seen media speculation that the government was poised to give a green light to Sizewell C. As we write, Sizewell C has had no green light, although the Prime Minister's 10 Point Plan for a green industrial revolution on 18 November and the National Infrastructure Strategy restated the government's commitment to nuclear power, subject to value for money. By the time you read this, it is possible the Energy White Paper will have been published and more information revealed, but we want to emphasise that Sizewell C is NOT a done deal. It is still subject to planning consent, and there remain considerable obstacles putting any financing arrangements in place, potentially requiring legislation, so there is still everything to fight for. There are lots of ways people can get involved. Our website and social media feeds are full of videos to share and petitions to sign. See [www.stopsizewellc.org/action/](http://www.stopsizewellc.org/action/).

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Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal for The Royal British Legion and for those of you who organised and those who attended the Remembrance Service. An impressive £437 was raised by the Poppy sales this year.



The Parish Council is applying for **Quiet Lane** status on eight of the parish roads. The main purposes of Quiet Lanes, a county wide project, is that they offer a safer environment for non-motorised travellers and can help to protect our rural environment. They are not intended to be used as a traffic calming measure.

General criteria for Quiet Lanes are that they are single track lanes (i.e. with passing places and no line markings) typically carrying less than 1,000 vehicle movements per day with average speeds of less than 35 mph and ideally below 30 mph.

The scheme has adopted the phrase 'Expect and Respect' – urging people to expect Quiet Lanes to be used by a variety of people, animals and transport modes including walking, cycling and horse riding and to respect the rights of all users.

Suffolk County Council has allocated £235,000 of funding into Quiet Lanes Suffolk to support more active forms of travel. Further details are available at

[www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk](http://www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk).



**From Citizen Advice Bureau:** We write to inform you that during the new lockdown measures, Leiston and Saxmundham District - Citizens Advice will continue to remain open to take calls (10-2 Mon,Tues,Thurs,Fri on 01728 832193) and emails on [supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk) from clients in need. Given the approach of winter, we also would like to confirm that we have funds available to help families affected by Covid who need support with energy bills or school uniforms for Secondary Schools.

**Pink Orange meal kits - are back!**

<https://www.pinkorange.co.uk/>  
Register Now for the December School Holidays. Quite simply, they pack and distribute free ingredient kits over the school holidays to households that would normally have free school meals in term time (however, we understand it's not limited to that criteria) Our thanks go to everyone that donate items and deliver this project.

And finally...a few words this month in fond memory of the late **Pam Pehkonen** (see Yoxmere Fisherman for the full tribute from Judith.) "Our memory of Mrs Pehkonen is of a truly kind, gentle lady" (Tracie & Andie). "Her presence will be missed terribly, my one lasting memory is of her smiling face waiting to greet you at church services." (Joan). "So positive and zesty with a very twinkly face – Pam always appeared ready for some action and an adventure" (Laura) "Pam Pehkonen will always be remembered for her cheerful, tackle-anything approach, she was a real trooper encouraging everyone to have a go too. An extremely clever knitter of intricate, colourful bespoke garments. I do not think she used a pattern, it was all in her head." (Sally)