

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER READING



In early December volunteers from the Parish Council placed the bird boxes, including for little owl/larger birds and bats, also roosting pockets, brushwood tree nesters, and dewdrop bee biomes in the Theberton and Eastbridge field areas ready for the spring nesting. Hedgehog houses were also tucked away in the undergrowth. This project was made possible through a grant given by the Suffolk Coast and Heaths ANOB Community and Conservation fund.



Belated Birthday wishes to Tony Baskett who turned 90 years of age on 15th November 2020. Tony who lives at Church Farm retired in 2016 after nearly 60 years from being an active member of the Parish Council

**Maurice Harper** It is with great sadness that we learned about the death of Maurice (or Mecie as he used to be known to many) who contracted Covid 19 in hospital after being admitted for a kidney operation at the beginning of January.

He led a happy and carefree life in retirement sunning himself in his front garden or chopping up pallets and was always there for a chat and a focal point for village news.

He exercised regularly walking around the village dropping in to check up on older residents and was a font of knowledge about peoples' personal histories which is now lost forever. He could often be seen doing pull-ups on the playing field.

His main job was making packaging at Garretts in Leiston but he also worked on local farms into his retirement. Our sympathies to his sons Jonathan and Nick.

His cremation takes place at Seven Hills Crematorium on 3rd February at 1:00.

**Leiston, Saxmundham & District Citizens Advice:** we have become aware that some families are struggling to provide all the children in their households with laptops to enable them to work remotely. In order to boost supplies the IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme is collecting second hand, unwanted laptops which they are having checked by a tech expert at Alde Valley to check they are suitable before being distributed. The laptops will be shared out between schools. The only requirement is that the laptops need to be able to run Zoom so need a working camera and microphone. Tablets are also suitable. Laptops can be dropped at the Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham IP171BW between 10-3. If this is difficult for you then please let us know so that we can see if alternative arrangements can be made.

**Local primary schools:** Middleton, Yoxford & Peasenhall and Southwold ([yoxvalleypartnership.org.uk](http://yoxvalleypartnership.org.uk)) have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local communities over the past few weeks, and we are delighted, that because of this, we have been able to purchase many additional tablets to support families with their home learning. Miss Jerman, Academy Head, would like to publicly thank the following organisations for their financial support: • Yoxford Parish Council • Peasenhall United Charities • Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council • Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council (including 2 personal donations from members of the Middleton public) • Middleton cum Fordley Community Council • Walberswick Land Charity Grant • Dunwich Trust.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** Joan sends a big thank you to everyone who participated in decorating the church with our festive Christmas Trees. It felt extra special, after a very difficult year, to have a Christmas Tree lit up outside the church for the first time; thanks to Nick and Hilary Ward and Colin Harper. Let's hope that next Christmas we can enjoy our Festival Weekend and Bazaar once again.

## Theberton Woods Thinning Operations 2022.

Forestry England manages woodlands as a timber, recreation and conservation resource. This management is important for the economy, people's health and wellbeing and the natural and historic environment. The 28ha Theberton Wood in Suffolk is a relatively small woodland, but with a significant timber resource that requires management, limited informal recreation and a range of locally important conservation features. Forestry England intend to thin the woodland during 2022. This thinning work will involve the harvesting of approximately 1 in 5 to 1 in 8 (20 to 12.5%) trees throughout the wood. This work is important and necessary for the health of the woodland and the timber produced contributes to the local economy and enables Forestry England to pay for conservation and maintenance works within its woodlands. Thinning will open up the tree canopy, allowing light to the woodland floor which will promote ground flora, understory regrowth and importantly allow a new generation of tree seedlings and saplings to establish. Thinning will create a more diverse woodland structure, better for wildlife, with more trees establishing for the future. Forestry England recognises the importance of wildlife within its woodlands. Records for Theberton show that it is important for amphibians and reptiles, including great-crested newts. A large range of woodland butterfly species including purple emperor and white admiral are found in the wood. A good range of breeding birds such as nightingale and warblers and plants such as greater butterfly orchid are also to be found.

Along with the phased removal of conifers from the woodland, to restore its semi-ancient characteristics, Forestry England has installed bat boxes and carried out a dormouse survey jointly with Suffolk Wildlife Trust in 2018 and facilitated great-crested newt survey training with Suffolk Amphibian and Reptile Group in recognition of Theberton Woods importance for wildlife. It has also worked with Butterfly Conservation volunteers to maintain the purple emperor population during previous forestry operations. In advance of carrying out any forestry operations, Forestry England conducts an Operational Site Assessment to identify the constraints, opportunities and any other relevant information associated with the operation. Forestry England holds information on protected wildlife species and habitats on its GIS database. This information is gathered from a range of sources including county biological records centres, staff and third parties, where available and updated as required (see map). In order to carry out the thinning operations successfully during 2022 several supporting operations are required, some of which will maintain and further enhance the wildlife value of the woodland. Future thinning work is proposed on an approximately ten-year cycle. Please contact [enquires.eastfd@forestryengland.uk](mailto:enquires.eastfd@forestryengland.uk) for further information on forestry operations in Theberton Wood.

### Theberton and Eastbridge Good Neighbours

Hopefully the message is loud and clear, if you or someone you know needs a Good Neighbour - CALL US!

Telephone numbers to call

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**Stop Sizewell C update:** EDF has now submitted revised proposals to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which include more use of trains and a second, temporary Beach Landing Facility plus 13 other changes. PINS will decide whether or not to accept these revisions for examination after the Preliminary Meeting, which will be pushed to March/April. We will keep you informed of next steps, but this delay means Sizewell C cannot realistically get planning consent until March/April 2022.

Meanwhile the new Business Secretary, Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, has let it be known he is well aware of concerns in Suffolk about Sizewell C. Thank you to everyone who wrote to him via [enquiries@beis.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@beis.gov.uk) to ask him to visit.

An invitation to our AGM, Monday 15 February 7-8pm

If you would like to attend the online AGM of TEAGS Ltd, the legal entity that runs Stop Sizewell C, please email [info@stopsizewellc.org](mailto:info@stopsizewellc.org). The AGM will include a short presentation of our Annual Report covering the period since our registration (25 November 2019) to the end of our financial year (31 December 2020)