



March 2024

This week, spirits lifted upon seeing the smiling daffodils, grape hyacinths peeking through verges and wee lambs dancing. Shall we agree that spring is definitely springing and not mention the 'r' word?!

Village Matters

Update following the floods since

October 2023: Work continues in the village to minimise risk of future flooding. You may have seen the reappearance of the white railings now that Suffolk County Council has cleared the gully along the A12. East Suffolk Council completed a road sweep and so the village is beginning to look clearer.

Village green areas: The Parish Council has awarded this coming season's grass-cutting contract to SCL Landscapes and looks forward to working with this new team to shape the village's green spaces for the benefit of everyone. 

Volunteering Matters: You'll see our fabulous village volunteers out and about yet again this coming weekend. If you're able to join the Team, please let the Parish Clerk know or just turn up at the Village Hall at **10am** on any of the following dates:

March 16th & 17th: Litter pick & road clean
April 20th & 21st: tasks to be finalised

Sizewell C: The yellow notification signs of the Sizewell project are hard to ignore and, significant works are beginning next week, March 18th with the resurfacing of sections of Yoxford Rd, the B1122, towards Middleton & Leiston. The work is due to be completed by April 14th. Council has been informed that the majority of work will occur at night when the road will be closed (from 7pm to 6am). Escorted access for residents and business will be available at all times. Diversion signs will be in place. A letter from Sizewell which details this work will be posted on the Parish Council's noticeboard and online.

Due to these works, some residents will now have been contacted by Sizewell regarding its Noise Mitigation Scheme. Residents affected parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com or 07767987691

by noise from the road works will be able to apply for measures to reduce impact. **The Parish Council is available to support anyone with an application.**

Sizewell has set up a 'Works Tracker' online where we'll be able to keep up to date with all its work. Find the Tracker here:

<https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/>

For Sizewell C updates on the village website, see here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/sizewell-c-updates/>

In addition, the Parish Council offers its support to anyone who needs it. *In the first instance, get in touch with Trudy, the Parish Clerk.*

Post Office Outreach Service: Following notice of a huge reduction of its service to one hour per week from a van in the VH carpark, the Parish Council has written to Dr Therese Coffey and Kevin Hollinrake asking them to bring pressure on the Post Office to revoke the decision. You can see the letter here: <https://www.yoxford.org.uk/>

Contribute to the Post Office Consultation here. The more responses the Post Office receives, the greater the hope that it will be persuaded to revoke its decision:

<https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/saxmundham-outreach-ip17-1df-053130/>

Village Hall events:

- **March 15th:** Film Night *One Life*
- **March 23rd:** Car Boot Sale 9am-1pm
- **March 29th:** Pub Night 6-11pm
- **April 6th:** Yox Rocks Music Night with local covers band, **Picturehouse**. Doors open 7.30pm
- **April 13th:** Quiz Night 7pm
- **April 26th:** Pub Night 6-11pm
- **May 10th:** Wildlife Talk with renowned Photographer & Ecologist, **Harry Reade** 7pm (£5 entry)
- **May 17th:** Film Night Anatomy of a Fall
- **May 31st:** Pub Night 6-11pm

The Hall's licensed bar will be open for all evening events.