

News from Yoxford Parish Council

October 2024

Have you embraced Autumn yet? Nature's colours are turning and I smell woodsmoke when I walk in the village. It's so beautiful isn't it? Keep warm everyone. If the cold weather ahead is a worry for you, please get in touch. We will treat your contact with respect and sensitivity and may be able to help.

Village Matters

Parish Council Business:

At October's meeting, it was confirmed that the newly ordered **traffic measures** (mentioned in last month's newsletter) are scheduled to be completed by Suffolk County Council by January 2025.

As part of the Suffolk Climate Action Team '**Keep the Heat**', if you'd like your property surveyed (free of charge), please contact the Clerk who'll add you to the list and be in touch once further information is available. Cllrs. Roper and Walford will be undertaking the surveys.

The PC is exploring options to improve the **cemetery**. Quotes will be gathered for a survey of suitability for a wild flower garden as well as for the siting of one or two additional benches to support visitors to sit awhile and just be. To develop an earth kind and green(er) policy, Councillors also approved a no plastic approach and so, from January 2025, new burials will only be permitted biodegradable/compostable flower and plant arrangements. From June 2025, all plastic/non-compostable/non biodegradable arrangements are to be removed.

Work has begun to ensure that the Parish Council's **riparian responsibilities** are discharged fully. Liaisons and work have begun with other landowners to ensure that the River Yox is cleared. The wet weather seems to have returned this month and so it's important that everyone works together to ensure that flood risks are minimised as much as possible. Householders who live riverside have their part to play too by ensuring their surface water drains are clear.

Christmas? It's never too early to talk about **Christmas**...there are plans afoot to gather around the tree, sing and make merry.....more information is coming soon. 🌲

The Parish Council is coming to you! From January, Council will trial a three monthly surgery where **Councillors will be available to meet with residents** on a one to one or small group basis. A schedule is being put together but it's hoped that this will give you the chance to ask your Council for information and/or support on any topic that's important to you. More information next month.

Yoxford Village Hall

Join us for our organised monthly events:

- **October 18th: Film Club Swede Caroline. Doors open 6.30pm**

With the confirmed and very exciting news that The Kings Head will re-open on October 25th, the Sole Trustee will cancel its pub night to support the return of this fabulous pub. **Its own village Community Pub Night will return on November 29th.**

SAVE THE DATE **New Year's Eve 2024**

Yoxford Village Hall is VERY excited to announce that it will host *the* event to end 2024

YoxRocks New Year's Eve Party



live music from Picturehouse



And everything you need to see in the New Year...licensed bar, food, friends, laughter, dancing....Yoxford Village Hall is the only place to be...

This will be a ticketed event. More details coming soon...

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