



October 2023

After the warmth of recent weeks, the rain is back and, last week, while Council met, the evening was noticeably darker. Warm jumpers and hot chocolate nights beckon! ☕🔥

Village Matters

Still with a lot of help from our volunteers... continuing from last month's edition, from the many volunteers who give their time to help the village, this month, Council would like to acknowledge and thank the other members of Ally Hackwell's village fund raising team. They're a formidable bunch who are selfless in the time they give. From jumble to craft to book to bric a brac sales they work together brilliantly; organising, cleaning, sorting and selling. When you next see **Jenny Dye, Barbara King, Carol Leonard, Panda Potter, Janet Tibbit** and **Hazel Wheeler**, do say thanks. Council couldn't have made so much progress on the village hall without them. 😊👓

Can you hear the echo, echo? Not any more... talking of the village hall, pop in to the large hall and have a listen! Sound absorbing panelling has now been fitted, which has transformed the acoustics. Watch this space for news of ways to enjoy some fabulous evenings...

Will you join us? As we head into Winter, there will be a number of village projects which Council would appreciate your help with if you can spare some time. We'll soon have 2000 bulbs to plant, street signage to clean, hedges to trim and traffic speed to monitor. More information to follow. Please contact the Clerk if you can join the Voluntary Team. 🌸🏠

In other news, and you may already have noticed this, your Parish Council is pleased to share that, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has now installed its sign at the Cemetery gates to show that Yoxford Cemetery holds four war graves. If you are interested in finding out more about how the

CWGC commemorates the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars, have a look at its website: <http://www.cwgc.org/>

Sizewell C. Following their attendance at September's Parish Council meeting, The Community Relations Team for Sizewell C have declined Council's invitation to attend another. However, they have invited anyone who wants to discuss the project to visit the office in Leiston: Sizewell C Information Office, 48-50 High Street, Leiston IP16 4EW. Open for visits without appointment 9:30am – 5pm (weekdays), closed lunchtimes 12:30pm – 1:30pm.

Slow down, they drive too fast... Council continues to receive concerns from residents about speeding traffic through the village. Parish Councillors share these worries and remain committed to doing all they can to make the roads as safe as possible. Work with SCC Highways continues and at its most recent meeting, Council passed a motion to request that Suffolk County Council reviews its speed policy and supports a reduction to 20mph limit throughout Yoxford. The letter will be available for you to read on the village website. Do take a look and also sign the village petition here:

<https://www.yoxford.org.uk/20mph/>

Police Connect. Reports of theft are continuing. Council has contacted the local Police team for guidance and advice on how best to secure our homes. This will be published as soon as it's received. Until then, doublecheck that everything is locked up.

Village Hall dates for your diary:

Pub Night October 27 th	6-11pm
Pub Night November 24 th	6-11pm
Jumble Sale December 9 th	Time tbc
Pub Night December 29 th	6-11pm

Contact the Parish Council via Trudy, Parish Clerk at: parishclerkyoxford@gmail.com or 07767987691