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COMMUNITY NEWS

Editorial

Not all angels have wings

The story of the Good Samaritan (everyone knows that one) implicitly asks a question: 'Would you have done the same thing?' There are two answers. The fool's answer is – 'Of course'; the wise man says, I'll tell you when it happens. In the summer months, we had a situation that seemingly defied any kind of solution. A new version of the story goes like this: an old idiot took two fiery young Labradors twenty miles out of territory to visit friends and left them for a moment in their garden. Hole in the fence – gone! And, only a few of miles off the A12, running like hell in open country with no idea where they were. Now, you don't have to be a dog lover to imagine that nightmare scenario. By the time everyone realised what had happened, the escapologists were well out of earshot. So what do you do? Phone the Cops, who politely say we don't do dogs any more, call the coastguard? The coastguard!

Think about it. Two supremely fit canines, effectively dumped in the middle of nowhere without any mental compass and an insatiable appetite to explore and have fun. Anxious is not the word. Then, after a couple of desperate hours of walking, whistling, running and shouting, not to mention numerous calls to local farmers, etc. . . . a ringing tone on the mobile. 'I've just turned off the A12 and met two dogs with this phone number on their tags. They're in the back of the car, exhausted and rather smelly but still smiling. I am on my way to make a presentation at a conference in Framlingham but don't worry, I've re-arranged my slot; told them it's an emergency. Now, where are you?' After some skilful orienteering, the recalcitrants were eventually reunited with their fretting owners.

Sally, who neither gave her full name or her address, nor accepted any kind of recompense, hurried off to her important meeting, just happy to have flown by at the right moment. Now, what kind of Samaritan is that? Probably an angel. When you encounter such acts of totally unselfish compassion, not only is it a humbling experience but speaks a louder message than all the choirs of New Jerusalem. Love your neighbours as yourself, and that includes their dogs! Would I have done the same thing? I'll tell you when it happens.

JB

*PS: No dogs were punished in the compilation of this editorial.
(But they might be if they try it again!)*

Diary dates

Saturday October 3

Denham Friends treasure hunt

Sunday October 4

Harvest Festival - Syleham Church

Hoxne Church harvest lunch - St Edmund's Hall

Saturday October 10

Save the Children Hoxne walk and poverty lunch - Park Farm, Hoxne

Harvest Ceilidh - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Denham autumn sale - Denham Village Hall

Hoxne Music Festival quiz night - St Edmund's Hall

Sunday October 11

Harvest Festival - Hoxne Parish Church

Wingfield car treasure hunt

Saturday October 17

Craft Fair and Mini Market -

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Wednesday October 21

Wingfield Local History Group - first meeting

Saturday October 24

Coffee morning - Hoxne Parish Church

New Reeding Woods open day

AFC Hoxne race night - St Edmund's Hall

Jive Dance - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Friday October 30

Open Space presents Private Lives - St Edmund's Hall

Saturday October 31

Christmas card sale -

Willow Lodge, Heckfield Green

Syleham Harvest Supper -

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday November 7

Save the Children coffee morning -

Dairy Farm, Green Street

Tuesday November 10 and Wednesday 11

Open Space presents Private Lives -

Wingfield Barns

Saturday November 14

Music Festival classical concert -

Hoxne Parish Church

Walkway Band - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday November 21

Hoxne Church Friends family quiz night -

St Edmund's Hall

Saturday November 28

Coffee morning - Hoxne Parish Church

Denham Friends auction of promises -

Red Feather Club, Horham

Saturday December 5

Hoxne Church Christmas Bazaar -

St Edmund's Hall

Saturday December 12

Christmas family party -

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday December 19

Jive Christmas Party -

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Monday December 21

Village Carol Service - Hoxne Parish Church

Monday December 28

Music Festival Christmas Box -

St Edmund's Hall

Thursday December 31

New Year's Eve Party -

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

For church services and times, please page 21.

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■Stradbroke School Re-union is being organised for Saturday October 10.

If you attended the Secondary School between 1960 and 1964 call Alison (Cantwell) on 668251 for further details.

■The annual Craft Fair and Mini Market in aid of St Andrew's Church, Wingfield, is booked for Saturday October 17 in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall.

■St Edmund's Hall bookings clerk is now Andy Bull, The Willows, Eye Rd, Hoxne, tel 01379 668273.

■Car Treasure Hunt. Join in a Car Treasure Hunt around the Wingfield Area. No great distances involved. Crossword-style clues. A prize for the winner. We will meet at 1.30pm on Sunday October 11 at the De la Pole Arms, Wingfield. Finish around 5pm at the pub, for refreshments and comparing notes. In aid of Church funds. £7 per car, so bring the family! Call 384259.

■Sarah Foote is the new Hoxne Parish Council clerk. She can be contacted on 07554 733621.

■The inaugural meeting of the Wingfield Local History Group will take place at 7pm on Wednesday October 21. For further details, please contact Eleanor Goodison on 01379 384181 or at eleanor.goodison@virgin.net.

■Suffolk Wildlife Trust is planning an Owl Night at Redgrave and Lopham Fen on Friday October 9 from 6pm to 8pm. Call 688333 - booking essential.

■*Private Lives*, a delicious comedy by Noel Coward, is to be performed in St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne by the Open Space Theatre Company which, earlier this year, presented *Ghosts* by Henrik Ibsen. Written in the so-called "roaring twenties", *Private Lives* contains some of the funniest, wittiest dialogue ever written.

Amanda and Elyot can't live together and they can't live apart. When they discover they are honeymooning in the same hotel with their new spouses, they not only fall in love all over again, they learn to hate

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each other all over again.

The performance, on Friday, October 30, starts at 7.30 pm and tickets costing £8.50 and £6 (concessions) can be booked in advance by phoning 01379 855101.

Two further performances will be presented at Wingfield Barns, on Tuesday, November 10 and Wednesday, November 11, Box office 01379 384505.

■Denham Village Hall - Saturday October 10. Autumn Sale (clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, cakes etc). 1pm - 4pm. Free admission.

Diary Date: Annual Village Party - Saturday January 9. Details from Pam on 871590 or Rose on 870346.

■The Friends of Hoxne Church are holding a coffee morning in the church on the fourth Saturday of each month. Bring and buy and other stalls. Large car park at rear of church. Call John Chapman on 740821 for details.

■AFC Hoxne is presenting a Race Night on October 24 - page 31 for details.

■**Your contributions are what makes Village Voice so well received in all four villages - but please note our copy date of the 8th of the month before publication to ensure the newsletter is published on time. Will all contributors please submit copy as soon as they can.**

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Plug check was costly distraction

Police are warning of the dangers of distraction burglary following an incident in Eye. Between 10am and midday on September 1, a male called at the house of an elderly woman in Lowgate Street.

She noticed him outside and he showed a white ID card at the window so she told him to come in. The man claimed to be an electrician and told her he needed to check the plugs in the house. He went into every room unaccompanied before leaving. The woman then found cash was missing.

The man is described as white, in

his 40s, around 5 foot 8 inches tall, of large build with short fair hair and was wearing a light blue short sleeved patterned shirt, he also carried a clip board.

Anyone with any information about this incident should call DC Annie Taylor at Stowmarket CID on 01473 613500 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Householders are reminded to keep their homes secure at all times. If a suspicious person calls at your house and you are concerned they are not genuine, do not let them in - and call police.

Colourful start to the new term

It's back to school for everyone at St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne after a beautiful summer break which seemed to fly by!

Class 1 has been redecorated during the holidays with a new coat of paint, new primary coloured wooden chairs and tables. We would like to welcome Maya, Sam and Lewis into Class 1.

Class 2 begin swimming again this term but we've changed venue to Stradbroke pool. In class we will be travelling back in time to investigate the Victorian era.

October will be a busy month for Class 3 with a visit to Shakesphere4kidz at Norwich planned for the 9th to see Macbeth; Year 6 children will be off to Aylmerton on 19-23rd October for a residential trip which promises to be a fun- filled week.

Julie Rogers

■The annual Craft Fair and Mini Market, which raises funds for St Andrew's church in Wingfield, will be held in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on Saturday October 17. The event runs from 10am until 4pm, with refreshments served throughout the day. As usual, a raffle will be drawn at the end of the day and cakes will be available. Come along for some early Christmas ideas, or just for a browse, cup of tea and a chat. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Lively launch for Wingfield club

The first meeting of Wingfield and District Gardening Club took place at the De la Pole Arms. It took the form of a Gardeners' Question Time, but no BBC or panel, just members asking the questions, and members answering. A lively discussion took place, solving several problems.

The club is open to people from any local villages, experienced or absolute beginners. Our October meeting will be on Wednesday 28th at 7.30, at the De la Pole Arms. The guest speaker will be John Harvey, who will give a talk on roses. The November meeting will be on Wednesday 25th at 7.30 at the same venue. Do come and join us, we are a friendly lot! For information, ring 384259 or 384525.

Graham Redelsperger (chairman)

Jane Austen's 'sister' to visit Phoenix

The ladies of the Hoxne Phoenix Group had a busy time in August. We enjoyed a tour of Norwich starting at Surrey House, HQ of Norwich Union (Aviva), looking at buildings designed by George Skipper a local architect; we then held a tea party for Miss Rudling who runs a nursery for orphaned Indian girls. We have helped one of the girls and Miss Rudling came to tell us what life is like in the nursery. We also had an interesting cruise on the River Waveney from Oulton Broad to Great Yarmouth. In October we will have a talk on Edith Cavell, in November Cassandra Austen (Mrs Hart from, Diss) will tell us about her famous sister Jane and in December, Elizabeth Talbot from Gazes will describe her interest in antiques. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the lounge of Hoxne Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome and if there is a talk that interests you and you have no transport please phone me and I will see if we can help.

Doreen Weller, secretary - 01379 668291

Thrifty experience is on the cards

Yet another year has whizzed round and Christmas card sales for Save the Children are again on the agenda starting at Willow Lodge, Heckfield Green on Saturday October 31, 10am - 1pm. Cards will be on sale plus bring and buy as well as a book stall. Relatives of mine are only giving recycled gifts this year so if you also want to help the planet or are feeling a bit thrifty (aren't we all) come and see what we have to offer. Or just come along for a chat with friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you. If you can't make the 31st there will be coffee mornings at Dairy Farm, Hoxne on November 7 at 10am plus another at Sycamore Close, Palgrave on November 19. For other Save the Children events please see page 30.

Jan Murray

Decision time for Hoxne 'slow the flow' scheme

Hoxne Parish Council is reviewing a proposal to alter the junction at the corner of the Eye Road and Low Street at Goldbrook. The purpose being to slow the flow of vehicle movement through it. After years of concerns expressed at Parish Meetings and elsewhere, the Parish Council, supported by Suffolk County Council, initiated action over a long period and is on the verge of agreeing jointly-funded improvements. These improvements could be undertaken this year.

The approaching decision has resulted in second guessing. Will this proposal make the best use of the funds available? Would an alternative scheme such as restricting the carriageway on the bridge near to the Swan have greater impact?

Funds could be lost

What the council must do is to take a decision very soon otherwise access to County funds could be lost and we could miss an important opportunity.

The suggestion has also been made that we should 'wait for the Parish Plan'. The problem we face is that we have access to available funds now and, while the Parish Plan is important in terms of data that it is projected to supply, it will still need interpretation into working policies.

Over decades the Parish Council has considered traffic problems in Hoxne from Abbey Corner to Green Street. Action has always been muted, because these are difficult areas. We have two conservation areas, one is a picture postcard the other is a car park. We also have two village greens – that at Heckfield Green strains to the car parking requirements of a successful school.

The concern about lorry movements is also muted because they are the much needed oil of local business and few of us perceive alternatives about how to deal with them. They come at 5.20am, are large and noisy and shake houses along the way - but some feel that we become used to them.

Bollards versus lorries

The Parish Council put aside money over ten years ago (currently in reserve) to help fund an improvement at Abbey Corner but none could be agreed on. Last year we persuaded the County Council to put in more bollards to defend the house on Abbey Corner which, for almost 20 years, has periodically been hit by lorries. The County tells us we have to accept rubber bollards because we need to be kind to lorries!

The County Council is currently supportive about the funding of limit-

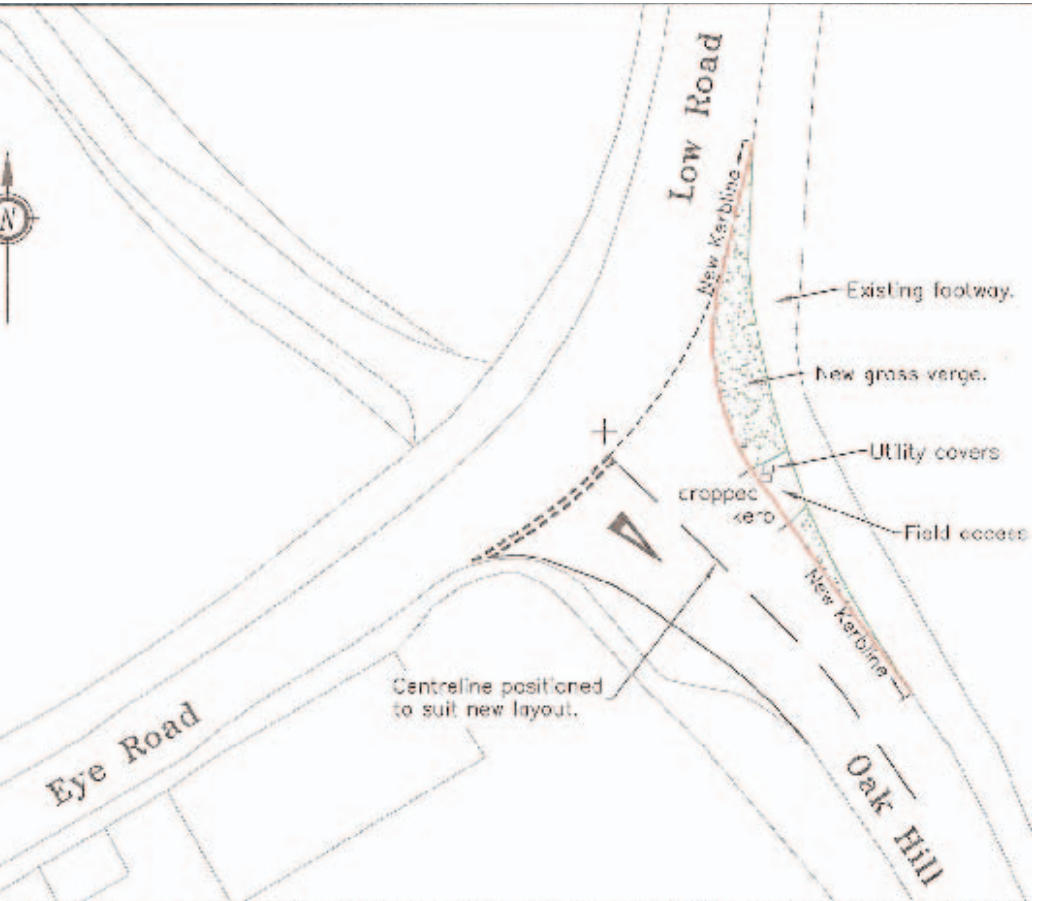
ed improvement in Goldbrook as well as at Cross Street/Abbey Corner and the Parish Council is working with them on this. We now have a window of opportunity and your councillors want to represent your views.

They are your elected representatives and give of their time and energy to try and do the right thing. Their names and telephone numbers are in

the inside front cover of this magazine. Rather than being regarded as 'toothless', they need to know what your views are and then to vote; you need to talk to them.

Watch the notice boards for further information.

Philip Flagg
Chairman, Hoxne Parish Council



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Reeding oaks grow into view

At Pound Lane, Horham, the wood continues to flourish, with some of the oaks finally overtaking the tall grasses and becoming visible. These are the trees that were among the first planted, but they are overshadowed by the concentration of self-set ash that are growing in the planted area adjacent to the Lane. Here the ash saplings grow so close together that there is no space between them. The mature ash tree in Pound Lane is fortunate to have found such a fertile place to set its seeds.

The hot summer and the lack of recent rain have resulted in the water

level in the pond becoming very low, but yellow water-lilies continue to flourish. In the wildflower meadow red clover, ox-eyed daisies predominate, while along the hedge there are plenty of glossy red rosehips to be seen and the Medlar tree has its first crop of fruits this year.

The New Reeding Woods Group Open Day will be on October 24 this year with all our usual entertainments, so please join us then at Pound Lane Wood on the Redlingfield Road, to see how the Community Woodland is flourishing.

Accounts need volunteers

Would you be prepared to help our parish churches by 'examining' their annual accounts? As churches are public bodies, they are required to have their accounts reviewed by someone independent of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) but suitable people are sometimes difficult to find. I am trying to compile a list of people available to do this within our local area. Church accounts do not, in general, need full audit, merely a common-sense check. Anyone who has been in business or been a clerk/treasurer would probably have the necessary knowledge and skills but, of course, discretion and confidentiality are essential. There is advice available from the Charity Commission and the Diocese.

Examination usually takes place February/March of each year. Any arrangement would be directly with the PCC in question; and, in my experience, examiners generally offer their services free but there may well be a tangible 'appreciation'.

If you are interested, please contact me on 01379 669258 or email mary.lewis@tecova.com

Mary Lewis
Hoxne Deanery Organiser
Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

Three in a row for show winner Sally



Rose bowl winner Sally Procner with the trophy she collected for the third successive year for gaining most prize points at Hoxne's annual flower and produce show on September 5. She was presented with the award by the Mayor of Eye, Mrs Nancy Ford (right) with Mr Nigel Bradford, chairman of the Hoxne Garden and Social Club which organises the event. For more pictures from the show visit www.hoxne.net - for details of club activities see page 15 of *Village Voice*.

Wayne's ■gardening tips

October is an excellent time to lay a new lawn from turf or to repair worn patches in old ones. Also in October lift begonias and other half hardy plants. Dahlias, cannas and salvias growing outdoors must be removed to a frost-proof store as soon as foliage is blackened. Protect out-door chrysanthemums.

November - Be quick and you will still find a few handfuls of ripe seeds to collect from hardy annuals. Do the same with the leaves as these make such good compost. Give your outdoor pots protection as otherwise they will crack from frost; use layers of hessian or polythene bubble wrap. Did you know the average plum tree produces around 437 fruits!
Keep gardening.

Wayne Page

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Club grows from strength to strength

Hoxne Garden and Social Club has had a very successful and enjoyable summer and the Rambling Section of the club is also going from strength to strength.

In May we had an excellent visit to Fernatrix Nursery at Stoke Ash to see the work of the partners Steve and Kerry ((Chelsea Flower Show winners for many years) with their plants and ferns and to witness the success of their venture. A very good turnout by members made the evening even more enjoyable. On June 24, our Annual Outing to Otley Hall and lunch followed by a visit to Helmingham Hall, was a 'sell out' with over 50 members attending. We were blessed with a wonderful day weather wise and both venues proved to be interesting and enjoyable.

In July the Garden Party held at Vicarage Farm, Denham (with our thanks to Margaret Green) was well attended with about 70 people joining in the excellent fare and enjoying the very pleasant surroundings.

On September 5 we held our Annual Flower and Produce Show at the Village Hall, opened by Mrs Nancy Ford, Mayor of Eye. This occasion was attended by many people from the village and district and the entries were of a very high standard, very colourful and professional. A great success - and our thanks to so many who gave raffle prizes which were very popular.

Autumn and winter are ahead of us and we have a monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month at

Hoxne Village Hall at 7.30pm with a variety of speakers relating to horticulture, agriculture and social subjects. Our Christmas dinner is to be held at Syleham Village Hall on Friday December 4 - 7pm for 7.30 pm.

The Rambling Section is going well. We have three rambles organised for the fourth Thursday of the month in October, November and February. No rambles take place in December or January. The rambles are based in Debenham, Rumburgh and Saxstead. Our rambles are centered on the village pub. We order our lunch, ramble for two to three hours and return for our lunch at, say 1pm, and the rest lasts until whenever!

Anyone wishing to join the club or participate in the rambles, please get in touch with Nigel Bradford, chairman (668551) or Margaret Richardson, vice-chairman (668615).



Apple Day and Autumn Plant Sale

Take an apple, pear, plum, quince or even nut for identification at the Apple Day to be held at Redgrave and Lopham Fen, near Bressingham, on Sunday 18th October from 10am-4pm.
Entrance: adults £2.00, children £1.
Apples, plants & fruit trees, produce, gifts, games and crafts

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HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Improvements to road junction

The Parish Council has asked Suffolk County Council to investigate further improvements to the junction of Low Street and Oak Hill near Goldbrook Bridge. Concerns have been raised over many years about the speed at which traffic travelling around the corner from Low Street. There are plans to increase the width of the footpath and put in a small grassed area with the aim of reducing traffic speed and making the junction safer. See pages 10 and 11 of *Village Voice*

New clerk

We are please to welcome our new clerk Sarah Foote to Hoxne Parish Council. To contact her by telephone call 07554 733621.

Website

If you have any events you would like to appear on the Hoxne website please contact the Parish Clerk.

Planning applications

At its meeting on the August 10, 2009, the Parish Council considered application number 1895/09, Fir House, Green Street, Hoxne - a proposal for the alteration of an outbuilding and other works to form a residential annex. Councillors unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application which is under consideration by Mid Suffolk DC

Council was advised that an appeal had been lodged against the refusal of the application 1245/09 for the erection of a detached garage/ancillary block at Longfields, Nuttery Vale (We have subsequently been advised by Mid Suffolk DC that this appeal has been dismissed).

On September 7, the Parish Council considered application 2011/09, Abbey Farm, Abbey Hill, Hoxne - conversion of redundant farm buildings to residential use using existing vehicular access. The Parish Council resolved to recommend that Mid Suffolk District Council approve this application.

The attention of parishioners is drawn to Mid Suffolk's own website which gives details of all applications affecting the parish of Hoxne. It may be accessed by using the following link www.midsuffolkdc.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov or www.onesuffolk.co.uk/hoxnePC/

Parish Council Meetings will be October 5, November 2 and December 7 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Philip Flagg, chairman Hoxne Parish Council
Tel: Hoxne 668258 email: philip.flagg@btinternet.com

Pre-school aims for home grown

It seems a long time ago, but we had great fun at our end of term celebration in July when the children took part in a show entitled *Hoxne's Got Talent* with acts as diverse as an escapologist, a horse jumper, a cheerleader team, a rock band (*Daniel and the Dudes* - see picture), dinosaur hunters, a choir, a magic act and even a strongman! We even had our own panel of celebrity judges.

We are looking forward to a new term in Pre-school when we will be thinking about light and dark and celebrating Harvest and Divali.

Our garden is growing well and we are looking forward to a good crop of tomatoes, sprouts and sweet corn in the near future!

We enjoyed making our entries for the village show – *Our Favourite Meals On A Plate* ; well done to Coral and Daniel.

We are trying to encourage healthy, local and seasonal eating this term at Pre-school. If any of you have home-grown produce we could use at our snack time, we would be happy to discuss this, please contact Julie at the Pre-school.



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■ New ticket holders for the Hoxne School Association lottery for the year running from September 2009 to August 2010 are keenly awaited. Please contact Hilary 01379 669108 if you can enter. The lottery is a worthy fundraiser for HSA and the school funds and Class One has recently been the recipient of lovely new chairs with the money raised - so thank you everyone, also the collectors, for your support. Winners for July were: £20-Melanie Banham, £15-Mrs C.Chung, £10-Greta Cattermole. August: £20-T.Feavearyear, £15-Mr and Mrs M Revell and £10-Mr and Mrs Thomson.

Hilary Webb

Association helps with bright start

As a new term begins, Hoxne School Association would like to thank all the members of the local community who have supported fundraising events throughout the last school year.

Events such as a quiz, the School Fair, the annual Clay Pigeon Shoot and the ongoing contribution of the 100 Club have helped to raise funds that have supported some important projects at the school.

These have included transport for trips to Norwich Castle and Oxburgh Hall, new rugby shirts for our winning school team and, most recently, new furniture as part of the refurbishment of Class 1 which took place over the summer break. This has helped to create a bright and colourful learning environment for our youngest pupils.

We look forward to seeing you at events over the coming year, dates and venues to be confirmed in future issues.

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In search of treasure and promises

The Friends of Denham Church has two more events planned between now and the end of the year - a Treasure Hunt Walk on October 3 and the Auction of Promises which will take place on November 28 at the Red Feather Club

The Walk will start from, and finish at, Denham Church starting from 1pm and will be a family affair with children very much in mind. There will be teams of four, with an entry fee of £5 per team, and they will set off at intervals and will have a set of questions to answer and there will be a prize for the team with the winning set of answers.

Tea, cold drinks and cakes will be available to purchase upon your return to Denham Church.

We have distributed flyers for the Auction of Promises to raise awareness but we still very much need

donors of promises but above all we need people to attend and bid for them on the night. It will be held at the Red Feather Club where there will be a licensed bar and a ploughman's supper (with mince pies and cakes) provided within the price of the Auction Catalogue.

Everyone attending will require a catalogue as it will be your entry ticket and will cost £4.50. There will also be a raffle on the night.

In addition to these events you may recall that Catherine Lawrie has been volunteered to join the Reverend David Streeter in abseiling down the Church Tower at Stradbroke and another 'volunteer', Jemma Hindle, will be joining them.

Please support them with your sponsorship or perhaps you would like to join them and if so contact Cath on 668204.

SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr J Leader

District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and County Councillor Guy McGregor both reported to parish councillors on a number of local issues.

Local Government Review – Uncertainty over the future organisation of the county is impacting on staffing and, consequently, on efficiency of services. County and Mid Suffolk District Councils are already working together to improve existing structures in case, as seems likely, the status quo remains.

Waste Disposal – County and District Councils are seeking to reduce landfill: all options are under consideration, including the possibility of an incinerator site at Brome. There would be local consultation on this issue.

Hartismere Hospital – Mrs Gibson-Harries said that plans are moving forward and developers are now being approached to undertake the work.

Health - A pilot system of central 'strategic' heart and stroke treatment is now under way and the County's health scrutiny committee will be monitoring the outcome, including its impact on Ipswich Hospital.

Library - Do remember that the well-stocked mobile library visits Syleham 10am - 10.10am on alternate Fridays (2nd, 16th October and so on). It stops near the junction of Wingfield Road and Weybread Road.

Syleham Parish Plan has now been formally received. The Parish Council will be represented at the action launch on 31st October – see flyer inserts.

Neighbourhood Watch signs are now in place on Weybread Road and by the toll bridge. A reminder of contacts:

Old Watermill area	Ian Marshall 669000
Hoxne Road (Top)	John Howlett 668666
Wingfield Road	Malcolm Flounders 668413
Weybread Road/Coordinator	Gerald Lewis 669258

Parish Accounts have been externally audited, with no issues raised.

Locality Budget - Mr McGregor would be glad to hear of worthwhile local schemes in need of a grant.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 11th November 2009 at 7.30pm.

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Denham – Barbara Irwin, Reading Hall tel: 01379 870500

Syleham – Leonard Minns, Paramoosh, Pink Cottage tel: 01379 669262

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

Times of worship • October - November 2009

October 4

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Syleham 11am Harvest Festival

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

October 11

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am

Harvest Festival/Holy Baptism

October 18

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

October 25

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Village Service

Wingfield 11am Morning Prayer

Denham 3pm Family Service

November 1

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

November 8

Remembrance Sunday

Wingfield 9am Wreath Laying

Hoxne 10.50am Remembrance Service

November 15

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

November 22

Syleham 10am Village Service

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Wingfield 11am Morning Prayer

Denham 3pm Family Service

November 29 / Advent Sunday

Hoxne / Denham

Benefice Service - Hoxne 10am

Syleham / Wingfield

8am Holy Communion - Cratfield / 4pm Advent Carol Service - Wilby

Week-day services with a focus on prayer are held at

Hoxne, second Tuesday at 9.30am; Denham on the third Tuesday at 9.30am;

Wingfield on Mondays at 12noon; Syleham on Tuesdays at 12noon.

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October 2009

Dear Friends

It was the name that did it. I was reduced to giggles whilst reading in church. And you know how catching the giggles are. Soon we shook at every mention of his name. And how unfair! Because King David had singled him out for a very special reason...and one that can be quite unfashionable today – fidelity.

David was fleeing from Jerusalem, probably feeling that he would have an advantage by fighting out in the open countryside. He urged all the foreigners in his army to return to their families.

But this man said no. He had signed up and he would remain faithful to that vow. It reminds me of the marriage vows. Sometimes – and particular when one partner has a very serious illness - that simple but profound vow of faithfulness and fidelity is what it is all about. I am thinking of a friend whose wife has dementia. He is faithful. He is there, despite every difficulty. You too will know people in similar situations. Their example is worth revering, not giggling about.

Oh...and the name of the man which reduced me to giggles? Ittai the Gittite.

**With love,
Fiona**

Revd Fiona Newton (Tel: 01986 798266) is priest-in-charge of Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Syleham, Wilby and Wingfield and Rural Dean of the Hoxne Deanery

Revd Susan Loxton (Tel: 01379 586040) is priest-in-charge of Denham, Fressingfield, Hoxne, Mendham, Metfield, Weybread and Withersdale

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Christmas Midnight

For the first time for several years a Midnight Holy Communion will be held at Hoxne Parish Church on Christmas Eve. The service will be taken by the Revd Susan Loxton and begin at 11.15pm. A family service is being planned for Christmas Day. St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne, is to hold its Carol Service in the church on Monday December 14 at 6.30pm; the following Monday (Dec 21) the Village Carol Service takes place at St Peter and St Paul's at 7.30pm.

New times

Some Sunday service times have changed by 15 minutes at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Hoxne. All services previously timed for 11am will now begin at 11.15am – to allow priests who take earlier services within our group of parishes, sufficient travelling time. The family service, held on the fourth Sunday of each month, will remain at 10am. November's family service will mark St Edmund's Day - our saint. Ideas for making this a special event are welcomed. Call Brian on 669157.

Harvest dates

Hoxne's Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday October 11 at 11.15am at the Parish Church. The service will also include Holy Baptism. The annual harvest lunch is being planned for Sunday October 4 in St Edmund's Hall. To book a place call John Chapman on 740821 or Brian Chester of 669157.

CHURCH NEWS

Tuesday prayers

The Revd Susan Loxton is holding a service of morning prayer at Hoxne Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

Flower rota

Sept 27th & October 4th

Altar - Sarah Buckley.

Porch - Sue Wood.

October 11th & 18th

Harvest Festival.

October 25th & November 1st

Altar - Caroline Ball

Porch - Sarah Foote

November 8th, 15th and 22nd

Altar - Cathie McGregor

Porch - Isabel Draper

November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent and there will be no flowers.

Mothers Union

Hoxne Mothers Union meets on the third Monday of each month at 2pm at Time House Low Street.

Monday - October 19. *'When I'm calling You'* - a DVD of the theatrical production seen at this year's Conference at Croydon.

Monday - November 16. General meeting and reflection on the life of St Edmund. The MU is a charity which raises funds and supports the role of 'mothers' in the United Kingdom and in many parts of the world. If you are interested in this work please contact Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434.

St John, Denham

Family services are a regular event on the fourth Sunday of each month, starting at



3pm. Susan also holds a short service of prayer on the third Tuesday at 9.30am.

St Margaret, Syleham

Fund raising results

The fete was again blessed with a lovely sunny day, all the stalls were busy, the train rides for children were very popular also the activity stalls run by Sweetbriar Nursery. We appreciated very much all the extra help we had. The fabric fund benefited by £900 and the donations for East Anglian Childrens' Hospices raised £51. Thank you so much to all who helped.

Duck day

The church would like to thank the organisers and all who helped on the day, special thanks to the Stowmarket Scouts who loaned the ducks. More than £700 was raised and split between the church fabric fund and Macmillan Nurses. Over 200 people attended.

Harvest Festival

This year our service will take place on October 4 at 11am. Would all flower arranging ladies please note that the

church will be open for you to go in. All fruit and vegetables will be sold after the service - by donation - in the church porch. The money raised, and the collection, will be given to a suitable charity.

Harvest Supper...

...is planned for Saturday October 31 (7pm for 7.30pm) at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Watch out for posters and leaflets.

St Andrew, Wingfield

On 6 September we had a full church for an uplifting service in which a couple married 40 years ago at Wingfield, but who have since moved away, joined the congregation with their family and friends to have their rings blessed.

We are looking forward to a Car Treasure Hunt on 11 October in aid of church funds (details elsewhere in VV) and to the Craft Fair at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on Saturday 17 October.

Repaint appeal

Adam Hay, one of our young bellringers, is appealing for help:

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Since the re-hanging of the Bells in 2000, there are slight signs of rust showing through on the bell frame. This is an indication that the frame is in need of a repaint. Therefore, I am looking for three to five volunteers who are willing to give up their time to help me repaint the frame. The job will be quicker with more people and it is also safer done in numbers but due to the size of the tower we can only have a maximum of six people up there at one time.

If you would like to help and could let me know when you would be available, I would greatly appreciate it.

You can contact me, Adam Hay, either by email at johnhay2005@hotmail.com or by phone on 01379 388066 between 5pm - 7pm weekdays and any time during the weekends. I look forward to hearing from you!

■ The Revd Susan Loxton is organising a five-week Prayer Ministry Course starting on October 15 in the Sancroft hall at Fressingfield. 01379 586040 for details.

■ A group for those who are bereaved will take place at Laxfield Vicarage on Wednesday October 28 - 4pm - 5.15pm.

■ **The churchwardens** have administrative responsibility for our churches and should be contacted about any matters relating to the building or churchyards.
Hoxne: John Ball – 668222 and Brian Chester – 669157.
Denham: Barbara Irwin – 870500.
Syleham: John Leader – 668205 and Leonard Minns – 669262.
Wingfield: John McCracken – 384181 and Michael Harvey – 586355.

Obituaries

Coral Clarke 1934 -2009

The Service of Thanksgiving for Coral Clarke of Hill House, Hoxne, took place in Hoxne church on Monday, 24th August. Coral, who died on the 8th August, two days short of her seventy-fifth birthday, had lived in Hoxne for more than fifty years. Although she never married and her nearest relatives were cousins, nevertheless some 60 family and friends came to bid their farewell to an honest and faithful friend.

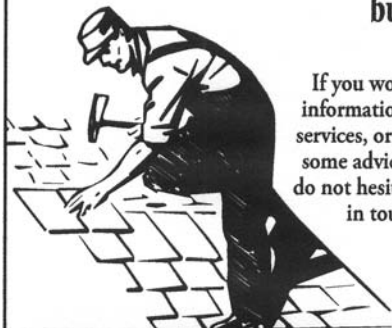
Brigadier John Anderson, a particularly close friend of the family, remembers when Coral and her parents, Melita and Nobby, came to Hoxne in 1958 after Nobby retired from the Royal Navy:

“They were at last given the chance to put down roots. They certainly picked the right place, for this wonderful village of Hoxne has the enviable reputation of welcoming new-comers, and Hill House soon became a warm and welcoming home for their friends. Indeed, Coral’s Dad became such a mainstay of the church that a child was once heard to correct her mother as she was told to behave in God’s House, “It’s not God’s House – it’s Commander Clarke’s House” – a sure sign of full acceptance into the village! Coral managed to ditch her real name, Coralita, and the whole family became very involved in village life.

“Coral – or Cockle to some of her close family - had harboured thoughts of a stage career – and she certainly had the voice for it – but she started working in an antique shop in Diss where she learnt upholstery, and so she set-up her own little workshop at home. In 1983 she started ►►

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breeding Cocker spaniels – the first litter were all named after famous Red Indians, such as Hiawatha, Minnehaha and the like, and perhaps this explained why it often sounded like war-dances were going on in the house. She adored her dogs and became a regular winner at dog shows, and getting her dogs qualified for Crufts was a great victory for her, and one of which she was immensely and rightly proud.

“One abiding memory we will all have of Coral was, and I choose my words carefully here, her outspokenness. She was never one to mince words and I suspect that she had picked up some useful naval slang in the past. Woe betide anyone who parked in front of her garage – even her friends were told in no uncertain terms what she thought of this. Someone once made the mistake of arranging a dog show on a Sunday, but never repeated this near-fatal error after Coral had made her views known, and even more recently a young Doctor erred by suggesting that Coral would not understand certain medical terminology. I am told that he was given a rocket that illustrated Coral’s full understanding of certain medical terms.

“But there was of course a great deal more to Coral than her honesty: she was a great stoic when ill and she never complained; she was an awful driver, but her comments when she reversed into trees or ditches only made you laugh; and she was an incredibly caring woman. And it is for this last characteristic that I think she will be best remembered by all of us who loved her. For, of all Coral’s endearing traits, her strongest suit was the loyalty she showed to her friends, and she was always there when needed, was always someone to turn to. At my Mother’s funer-

al six years ago she spoke movingly of friendship, of how important it was, of how it made life worth living. My family have been blessed to have Coral as a friend, and I suspect that this applies to all who knew her. In Ecclesiasticus it says “Faithful friends are beyond price: No amount can balance their worth” That is how I think of Coral.”



George Charles Fulcher 1925 – 2009

A man for all seasons. Whether it was laying field drains under a sweltering summer sun or pulling and topping sugar beet in near permafrost, George was always up to the task. He didn’t hold with whingeing or creeping off to the Quack for a little backache. There was a lot George didn’t hold with; life was there to be lived to the full, through thick and thin. One of his many sayings was, ‘What’s he moaning about’.

And the seasons of his life were no different. When a man of eighty-four hands in his card, you would expect family and a few surviving friends at the funeral. Hoxne church was packed on Wednesday, the 19th August, with all generations who had known and loved the man for what he was, and he was many things.

In his tribute, David, George’s brother-in-law, gave us an insight into some of those things and the gentle humour with which George approached them:

“George Charles Fulcher, or Dordie to some, was born in Scole in 1925, the son of a blacksmith and the fourth of eight children. The family lived in Oakley and then Brome where George went to school and later to Eye Area School, leaving at ►►

the age of fourteen. He recalled how the head dealt with naughty boys by administering a clip round the ear and sending them off to dig the school gardens, finishing with one of his trademark sayings, "and it never did us any harm!"

"George's working life started on the land, first for Alec Lewis at Oakley and then with Oliver West at Brome. The West's also had land at Pulham and, as a sixteen year old, he would be up at 2.30 in the morning to milk the cows and then biked from Brome to Pulham for more milking. Having worked all day on the farm, he cycled home again only to play a football match in the evening!

"In 1943, when he was 18, he volunteered for the RAF as an air gunner. Unfortunately, his poor night vision dashed his hopes of serving King and Country so it was back to the land, for a time with the War Agricultural Committee. This period in his life fuelled a wonderful repertoire of stories about the Home Guard, the Yanks, the Women's Land Army – the flow was irrepressible.

"After the war, George and his brother, Widgie, worked for the Local Authority on river maintenance and land drainage and in 1953 they were drafted in to help with rescue and repair after the terrible disaster of the East Coast flooding. It was later in that year that George joined the family drainage firm of W A Banham & Sons of Hoxne where he worked for the next forty seven years. Although officially retired at sixty-five, he continued with the firm until he was seventy-five – his knowledge and skill was little short of a company asset.

"George never tired of remembering the halcyon days of his youth – football, cricket, boxing, Diss Picture House, swimming and fishing in the Dove, run-

ning races at the Eye Flower Show, darts and dominoes in Oakley Green Man and Brome Swan – but the single life came to an end in 1954. He was with Fred Demore in the Brome Swan when two girls walked in. They were sisters called Ronnie and Vanda. George's version of the story was that the two boys tossed a coin to decide which sister to take home. Although they married them both, fifty-three years later Ronnie could still laugh when George said he lost the toss!

"George and Ronnie were married in Stuston church on 27th September, 1958, and set up home at Wingfield but within a year they had moved to Hoxne to be closer to his work. Thereafter, George lived the rest of his life with his growing family in Hoxne, in spite of the fact that he always said Brome was his true home, the village of his youth.

"George Fulcher was quite literally the most honest and sober of men. He was never in trouble of any sort and was faithful and true to his family and the community at large. He always did more than his duty and was a special constable for thirty years, collecting a long service medal when he retired from the force. He gave of his time for others without a second thought, especially his children. Great sportsman, prolific gardener, a man of firm principle but also an irresistibly dry humour, George was many things.

Referring to Ronnie's financial acumen, he once said, I must be a well-off man because I've never drawn my pension!

"Although rarely mentioning his faith, he was a God-fearing man who sang in the church choir, pumped the organ and was confirmed into the Church of England, so he would have been comfortable with the finale. His family has lost a figurehead, a loved one and a one-off."

DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

Planning

There were no new or outstanding applications at the time of writing. Grassed Areas (by the footpath near the Old Green Man).

The Parish Council has decided to take no further action regarding the small grassed areas on either side of the path. After full consideration, it was felt that no worthwhile benefit to the community would be obtained from "adopting" the land and this would not be pursued. It was also confirmed that boundary issues were not a matter for the Council.

Community achievement award

The Council was delighted to hear that Mr. James Mutton was to receive a Community Achievement Award from Mid Suffolk District Council in recognition of his work with the Red Feather Club. Thanks in no small part to his personal commitment and enthusiasm this is both a worthy memorial and testament to the momentous events of more than sixty years ago which are beginning to fade from living memory and an active community facility for the future involving all ages.

Notice boards

A new notice board has been installed near the village sign at Shingle Hill. There are now three smaller boards supplementing the main notice board outside the Village Hall. Thanks are due to Mr. Reeves for his skill and hard work in producing the boards.

Hedgerow Survey

A copy of the recently completed survey is lodged with the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Highways

Potholes and other safety repairs continue to be dealt with as a matter of urgency by Suffolk County Council and we are particularly grateful for the responsiveness of the local representatives of the Highways department. Flooding problems in the Redlingfield Road have been discussed with Highways and steps to alleviate the problem will be implemented. However the underlying difficulty is the height of the watercourse in relation to the road, which is still likely to result in some flooding in severe weather conditions.

At the July meeting of the Council our District Councillor Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson-Harries expressed her concern about proposals to withdraw some functions including heart and stroke services from Ipswich Hospital and to concentrate them on centres of excellence at Norwich, Papworth and Basildon. Apart from the concern about travelling for patients and relatives and the dilution of local expertise this did not seem to fit well with Ipswich Hospital's aspiration to Trust status.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th November at 19.30 in the Village Hall.
For further information please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184).**

Hoxne battle back against the 'Army'

AFC Hoxne players are arguably the fittest they have ever been. At the start of the club's eleventh season, supervised by Lee Brown, the pre-season training session went well. A number of friendlies were arranged before the league season began on August 29.

The friendlies were deliberately arranged against higher graded opposition to test our capabilities. We lost 4-2 to Redgrave and 7-2 and 5-2 respectively against the two Scole sides. We then travelled to Haughley on August 18. Haughley was the setting of AFC Hoxne's finest hour, the winning of the primary cup in 2002. On this occasion we lost 0-4. The final pre-season friendly was a first win for

the club, 5-4 by the 2nd X1 at home to Yaxley Cherry Tree. The Ipswich league season began on August 29, the 1st X1 at home to Bramford United had a disappointing start losing by 5 goals to 1. However, at the same time, the 2nd X1 triumphed 2-1 away to Bramford United Reserves, with the match winner, new player/manager Lee Lucraft. Finally we reflect on September 5. The 1st X1 were away to the Salvation Army at Stowmarket. It was a highly eventful game in which we trailed 2-0, 3-1 and 4-3 but finally gained a deserved point in a 4-4 draw. The 2nd X1 had their chances at home to Coddendam Reserves, but lost 2-3.

President Clive Baxter.

Successful year puts club 'on the map'

Another bowls season has come to an end and Hoxne Bowls Club - and some individual players - can look back on a very good year.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Border League team finished runners up in the league, just three points behind the winners. The Upper Waveney League team finished about mid table.

The club was host to a number of league and county semi-finals and finals. Four club members played in the county area team, four players reached the county semi-finals and final play offs and one player travelled to Worthing to compete in the national finals. So, as you can see, we are pleased to have put Hoxne Bowls Club on the bowls map and we look

forward to next year when we all, I am sure, will be looking to improve still more. We would love to see some new members at the club, so if anyone is interested please contact me on 668712, or any club member, and you will be made very welcome.

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WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Planning

1242/09 Saviours Barn, Wingfield Green (Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to one dwelling). Revised proposals for access were received and an owl survey has been completed. The application was undecided at the time of writing

The Green

As anticipated in the previous edition Councillors have undertaken a walk round the Green to bring themselves up to date with current conditions and were due to discuss their findings at the September meeting.

Notices

Notices have now been placed at several points on the perimeter of the Green to draw attention to the relevant byelaws.

Additional notices have also been placed in the village to draw attention to the health hazards posed by dog mess and to the penalties for breaches of the law.

Children's Playground and the Parish Plan

The community need for a play area as identified in the Parish Plan remains a high priority for the Parish Council although further progress will depend on a suitable site becoming available. Overall progress against Parish Plan action targets (particularly those where the Council has a key role to play) is reviewed regularly at meetings of the Council in an effort to ensure that the momentum of the Plan is maintained and refreshed.

Road Safety

Following a recent serious accident the Parish Council is considering what measures can be taken and/or representations made, to improve the safety of roads in the village, including the role of speed limits and improving sight lines.

Wingfield Barns

Villages met representatives of MSDC at a well attended public meeting on site, to discuss the application for a general events licence. Residents' concerns particularly about possible noise levels were explored and assurances given on this and other issues, which would be formally incorporated into the documentation. The meeting was very constructive particularly concerning local involvement and support for and commitment to the project's success was affirmed.

Community Woodland

The Parish Council is being consulted about exciting proposals for new community woodland in the Parish and a report will appear in the next edition.

Next Meeting

*The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be in December
(date to be confirmed).*

For further information: please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184)

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Midwives of Colonial Africa

One of my colleagues in the Uganda administration died last month. With a Cambridge law degree he became my mentor soon after arrival up-country and taught me about court procedure simply by my sitting alongside him in the Protectorate Court, and then letting me hear the case and passing judgement. I was on a steep learning curve.

One Saturday as the most junior District Officer with colleagues away on tour, I was left in charge of the boma. The Native Authority treasurer breezed into my office, removed the chain carrying a large bunch of keys from his top trouser button, threw them on the baize top of my desk, and announced he was resigning and leaving at 1pm when the office closed.

Coping with this situation had not been included in my preparation in law, anthropology, administration, agriculture, forestry, public works, Imperial history, language etc.

I told him that before he left, I must look at the accounts, check the petty cash, the stamps, the contents of his strong room and safe, and then sign a handing over certificate, which I drew up. When the District Commissioner, an old hand, came back from safari on Sunday I reported what had happened, and he seemed content. Four Sundays later, he called at my bungalow just before church and summoned me to the boma, explaining that a large sum of cash was missing.

I shall always remember Treasurer William Onduli, who had disappeared. We discovered that he had perpetrated a very clever fraud. As was usual he

made out the monthly cheques for the DC's signature, but on the big pay cheque he had left three small spaces: one to add "ty" to the word "six"; and two others to add a comma and a zero to the number "6000". He rang the bank and asked them to have ready a much larger amount than normal to meet substantial pay arrears, collected it and scarpered with the cash. The books showed 6,000, and the fraud only came to light later when the monthly bank statements were being reconciled with the accounts.

Eventually Onduli was located by the police. He expressed innocence, and alleged I was responsible. At his trial he said it was an administrative conspiracy. My law mentor took the case and sent Onduli down. The money was never recovered. The bank sent the cheque to London for scrutiny, and experts said that it had been forged in the manner explained and refunded half of the loss, leaving the Protectorate government to bear the other half because my boss had failed to spot that the cheque was spaced. There was no way I could have discovered this clever fraud.

Double-checked cheques

Since then I have written all cheques with joined up writing, no spaces, and crossings through all empty lines.

This took place 60 years ago, but the death of my mentor, aged 89, led to another recollection of the occasion when I was an Assistant Resident in Buganda. The Governor had deported the Kabaka to London because of his

A word from Wingfield

refusal to sign away his Kingdom's 1900 treaty powers to the new unitary state in formation. As he had governed Buganda through its chiefs for some 70 years, I was sceptical about a hasty introduction of Western parliamentary democracy, to deal with Macmillan's "wind of change blowing through Africa" and had said so in my safari report. The Resident told me that I would have to resign if I was unable to accept British government policy of a unitary rather than a federal state which had resulted in the Kabaka's exile. That month the 13 Resident administrators were summoned to Government house to meet Lennox-Boyd, visiting Colonial Secretary. He asked us in turn our views on the deportation.

The first 11 of us sitting in a line fronting the CS indicated their support for continuing exile. After I had said my piece, my old mentor, to my surprise, said: "I agree with Gee". The CS then announced that he had decided that the Kabaka would return. Reason had prevailed over doctrinaire politics, and I didn't have to resign.

Later I was allocated the constitutional schedule in the run-up to independence Westminster model, which did not work, and then Amin stepped in. He too decided to get rid of the Kabaka, followed by 10 years of bloodshed and chaos.

Some 20 years later the national press reported that my mentor, by then a knight and a Colonial Governor, had suddenly resigned following allegations of financial malpractice. The curious tale is related in his autobiography and repeated in his *Times* obit. As chair of Governors at the retirement

of the Head of my son's school that very week, he had to face old boys and parents despite the scandal. Our final meeting was at a Palace garden party. We had not seen anyone we knew among the thousands milling about but just as we were leaving we met my rehabilitated mentor. His life story *The Scent of Eucalyptus* is an interesting read. David (Lord) Owen says in the foreword that his career covered an amazing period in British history. We were fortunate to be the midwives of Colonial Africa.

Finally a word from Wingfield. The licensing of the barns story is still emerging, but we expect local good sense to prevail. There has been an excellent programme there during the summer. Well done Geoff with MSDC backing.

We now have a Curate in the Benefice, Lorraine, who was ordained Deacon in Bury Cathedral in July. With holidays at home, good weather for cyclists, scenic countryside, an excellent pub, well-run B & Bs, a reasonable harvest, and despite the crunch, our economy seems to be on course.

A CD *Village Voice*, *Wingfield* of Wally Webb's Radio Norfolk interviews made 25 years ago captured the memories of a disappearing world of seven people no longer with us. It is on sale in the pub.

I hope we can make a follow-up oral history for our successors before it is too late.

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Energy Boosters

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Iron deficiency, anaemia causes weakness, tiredness and breathlessness. Your doctor can diagnose anaemia with a blood test, and may advise iron supplements. Keep your levels topped up with plenty of iron rich foods like lean red meats, offal, poultry, eggs, pulses and dried fruits.

Caffeine

Don't rely on caffeinated foods and drinks to keep you alert. It's false energy that quickly passes.

Water

Dehydration slows you down, so drink around eight large glasses of fresh water a day.

Balance your blood sugars

The best body fuels are low-glycaemic index carbohydrates like wholemeal bread, brown rice, brown pasta and pulses (beans, lentils). They provide slow sustained increase in blood sugar and therefore energy, rather than the quick short-lived buzz from a sugary snack.

Exercise regularly

Being unfit makes you more prone to tiredness, and also less likely to exercise. It's a vicious circle, so try to break out of it! Exercise also helps you to lose or maintain a healthy body weight and aids stress relief.

Ten foods to boost energy

1 Beef, 2 Oily Fish, 3 Quinoa, 4 Strawberries, 5 Yeast Extract, 6 Walnuts, 7 Wholemeal Bread, 8 Red Kidney Beans, 9 Raisins, 10 Bananas.

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- Carpet Bowls. The club plays in both the Norfolk and Waveney Leagues New members, from complete beginners to the more experienced players are very welcome. Mondays - 7pm.
(Contact Malcolm Revell 668371 or a member of the Sports and Social Club Committee for further details
- Jive Classes. Lively and friendly. Tuesdays. 8pm – 10 p.m. £1 per session.
- Pool. New players always welcome. Contact Billy Revell 668506.

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Names from the past...

**In this article, Stephen Govier explores
village place names, fields and woodlands**

It is interesting to look at the geography of our villages and the names given to roads, fields and areas of woodland. I have been examining some early 16th and 17th century maps of Hoxne before the first Ordnance Survey maps of Great Britain were being made from 1783-1853. Although the origins of the Ordnance Survey go back to 1747, when Lieutenant-Colonel David Watson proposed that the Scottish Highlands should be mapped to keep tighter control of the Clans after the Jacobite rising of 1745.

Estate and tithe maps give us an indication of who owned and rented land and often reveal field names and acreage. An estate map was drawn up by a surveyor or cartographer, so that the lord of the manor or owner of the estate could readily see who was renting his land. This did not always include the right to fell trees, fish in a stream or river or hunt game. Over the years common woodland and pasture used by villagers, cottagers and peasants was enclosed by, the lord of the manor or a wealthy farmer, so villagers and cottagers found it harder to collect fire wood and graze their animals on common land.

The tithe map was drawn up for the parish so land ownership and use of land could be assessed so that a tenth part of a person's annual income

could be contributed as tax, along with supporting the church and clergy (although clerics usually had a glebe house and lands).

The first series of Ordnance Survey, 25 inch maps were produced from 1854-1880. The 6-inch Ordnance Survey maps were being made from 1846-1899. Today satellite mapping and aerial photography give us two and three dimensional maps of high definition.

If we travel along Green Street, Hoxne past Church Meadow we find Nine Oaks junction - a triangular piece of land planted with nine oak trees, most of which still survive. The oak is a tree in the genus *quercus* and has around 400 species and is divided into two subgenera. Oak trees were also planted for timber often along field boundaries and lanes as can be seen at Fisher's Lane which runs from the junction towards the Waveney.

Along the River Waveney and River Dove we have Admiral's Carr; this I believe was named after Rear Admiral Charles Cunningham (1755-1834), who lived at Oaklawn House. The other contender would have been Admiral William Cornwallis (1744-1819) who was MP for Eye from 1790-1806 and whose family owned the Brome Hall and Oakley Estates up until the 1820s. Alder Carr is an area of wet land by the river which sup- ►►

ports shrubs and trees. The alder (alnus) belongs to the birch family (betulaceae) and has round catkins as flowers. The black alder (alnus glutinosa) is most common in Hoxne and the surrounding area. Last September on my travels in the village I came across a spindleberry tree (euonymus Europaeus) which has poisonous clusters of orange berries encased within pink covers. I was surprised to see this attractive plant which readily attracts insects and birds, but is poisonous to humans. Its wood was used for making spindles and knitting needles.

Holly Oak has age and height

On the Chickering Road near to White House Farm is a Holm Oak, Evergreen Oak or Holly Oak (quercus ilex) which comes from the Mediterranean, this is an attractive tree of some age and height. As far as I can make out the name Chickering was used by various families in Norfolk and Suffolk during the 15th century and later in North America.

Near to Pound Meadow between the Goldbrook Bridge and the Swan Bridge is an area commonly known as the Carncer. This was a rough area of wooded land backing onto Oakley Park. Older residents may be aware of or remember the Dark Walk, the Rose Walk, the Flint Bank and Lodge Hill. Within the old Hoxne Park, field names included Christmas Pightle, The Sprige and Swan's Meadow.

During the 18th and 19th century properties were given names like Waterloo House after the famous battle of Waterloo (16th-18th June 1815)

in which Sir Edward Kerrison (1776-1853) took part in 1813 he was a colonel of the 7th Hussars. He had his horse shot from under him and was wounded. In January 1815 he had been honoured with the title of KB (Knight Bachelor) and was later promoted to KCH (Knight Commander) an order of chivalry instituted by the Prince Regent (George IV) in 1815. Waterloo House became Cross Street Post Office and was later operated by Charlie Coleman and his family.

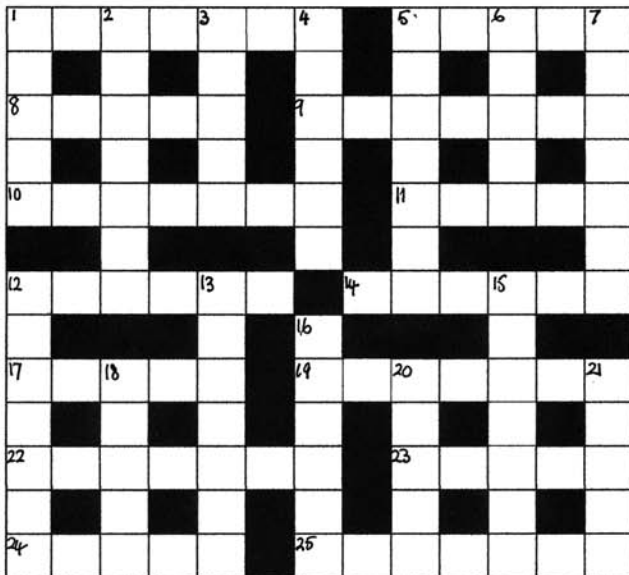
At St Edmund's (Park House) - which was built on the pleasure grounds of Oakley Park, by Harry Palgrave Raven, the son of the eminent campanologist John James Raven of Fressingfield - stood a stone memorial with a bronze plaque, which recorded the chargers owned by General Kerrison during the Napoleonic Wars. Kerrison's portrait with one of his chargers and his batman hangs at Eye Town Hall.

Over the past few years, I am glad to say that I have planted hundreds of trees in the Hoxne area including one of my favourites the hornbeam (carpinus betulus) which has lovely soft foliage and winged catkins as seed. It was very sad to see the hedges ripped out, the ditches and ponds filled in and woodlands cut down during the 1960s and 1970s. This changed the landscape of our villages forever, so by looking at maps we can see how the land and its uses have changed over the years.

Sadly local names of fields, roads and woodlands are not always recorded, like Button's Corner in Denham, Girling's Meadows in Syleham and

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 72

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 71 went to Dawn Lodge of Cross Street, Hoxne. The solution appears below.



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Run dept. another way – how wise (7)
- 5 Explosive find by beachcomber (5)
- 8 Very much as we are born (5)
- 9 Almighty row (7)
- 10 Vie to meet cop (7)
- 11 Build an upright (5)
- 12 Neat source of creatures (6)
- 14 Outsize victim of this bird (6)
- 17 Rock bottom (5)
- 19 Rang Lew to settle dispute (7)
- 22 Nutritious shade of colour (7)
- 23 Heard order to capture oceans (5)
- 24 Hot drink Doctor of Divinity found in plaything (5)
- 25 Speak quickly (7)

- 1 Not the button for corporal Jones (5)
- 2 Met punk in a mess (7)
- 3 Invest in token duet (5)
- 4 The aim must be to hit this (6)
- 5 Nothing succeeds like it (7)
- 6 Banish from French island (5)
- 7 Better odds than in 21 down (7)
- 12 Mix the ingredients of a tall story (7)
- 13 Nearly confused about 100 – daylight robbery (7)
- 15 Music that puzzled Maigret (7)
- 16 Insufficient for the baker? (6)
- 18 Courted somebody old fashioned (5)
- 20 Fabulous story teller (5)
- 21 What odds on a dead heat? (5)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 71



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