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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Editorial

*The past holding the present...*

Friends outside Hoxne laugh that every vaguely historical tale I tell finds its way back to Hoxne. They complain that Hoxne is not the centre of the world. Maybe that's going too far, but Hoxne has quite a case to make.

These are the pegs I hang my case on. The first dates from about 450,000 years ago. Between two ice ages, Hoxne was a lake, its deepest part under Banham's Yard. Boreholes in recent years provided layer on layer of finds, from a rhinoceros tooth to traces of humans, which ended when the ice returned. The era is known internationally as the Hoxnian Interglacial.

Next landmark is the Roman occupation, ending about 400 AD.. We will never know exactly why and when, but probably a Roman landlord, frightened by disorder, buried gold coins and household silver in a Hoxne field. This Hoxne Hoard is lectured on round the world by those who now look after it at the British Museum.

In 879, Edmund was killed by heathen Danes, shot to death in another Hoxne field. Edmund, born a Saxon, has better claim than George, most likely born a Greek, to be our patron saint. Saint Edmund's statue watches over our village hall.

In 1415 the old Earl of Suffolk died at Honfleur. His son died the same year at Agincourt, the noblest of the English dead. The king (see Shakespeare's account) ordered the body to be boiled and the bones sent back to Wingfield, as the dead man had wished. His successor restored at that time the church tower at Hoxne, perhaps to mark his father's passing.

The Maynards, neighbours of the Earl, lived on at Hoxne Hall. One was made a Viscount by his friend the Duke of Grafton, briefly and incompetently Prime Minister. Grafton is the only PM Suffolk can claim.

The Cornwallis's from Brome, whose land bordered Maynard land, provided a Viceroy of India and a brother, Billy Blue Cornwallis, a friend of Nelson and, as admiral of the Channel Fleet during dangerous years, England's chief protector from invasion. He deserves a plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Matthew Kerrison bought Hoxne Hall from the Maynards, which Kerrison or the Maynards renamed Oakley Park. Rich old Kerrison bought his son a commission. He rose to be general, won his battle honours at Orthes and Waterloo (see the memorial in Hoxne church), became a baronet and MP, and was succeeded as such by his son. Father and son were both well known to their party leader, Disraeli; who for a time was a trustee of a Kerrison property, the Hoxne Swan.

You probably know all this. When is our next big encounter with events? What else should I have listed? And what have I got wrong? History helps keep communities together – worth remembering, and best to get it right. **Alastair Forsyth**

# Diary dates

## Saturday October 1

Car Boot and Tabletop Sale -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## Saturday October 8

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

## Thursday October 13

Hoxne Social History Group -  
Highfields, Cross Street

## Saturday October 15

Autumn Coffee Morning -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall  
Jumble Sale - Denham Village Hall  
Working party - Brakey Wood, Hoxne  
First Responders Quiz - St Edmund's Hall

## Sunday October 16

Working party - Brakey Wood

## Saturday October 22

Jumble Sale - Denham Village Hall  
St Edmund's Pre-school dance -  
St Edmund's Hall

Blue Grass and Kidnap Alice - Syleham and  
Wingfield Village Hall

## Wednesday October 26

Cancer Campaign in Suffolk - Syleham and  
Wingfield Village Hall

## Saturday October 29

AFC Hoxne Race Night - St Edmund's Hall  
Halloween Party - Denham Village Hall

## Friday November 4

Mustard Theatre Company -  
St Edmund's Hall

## Monday November 7

Sports and Social Club annual meeting -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## Saturday November 12

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall  
Friends of Denham Church quiz -  
Red Feather Club

## Friday November 18

Open Space Theatre Company - The Blue  
Angel - St Edmund's Hall

## Saturday November 26

Christmas Bazaar -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall  
Cocktails and Canapes -  
Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion

Hoxne Players - St Edmund's Hall

## Sunday November 27

Hoxne Players - St Edmund's Hall

## Saturday December 3

Hoxne Church Christmas Bazaar  
St Edmund's Hall

## Tuesday December 27

Christmas Box - St Edmund's Hall

## Saturday December 31

New Year's Eve Party - St Edmund's Hall

■ **For church services, please see page 21.**

■ **For St Edmund's Hall bookings  
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■ **For Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion  
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■ **For Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall,  
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■Cocktails and Canapes evening at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion on Saturday November 26. Cocktails and canapes served during the event included in the ticket price of £12.50. Call Gail on 668186 to book.

■Calendars in support of Hoxne Parish Church's Jubilee Clock repair fund will be on sale in the Village Shop in time for Christmas. Watch out for the signs announcing when they are available.

■Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall will be open for tea, coffee and cakes from 10am until 12 noon on Saturday October 15. Games, cakes, raffle and Traidcraft goods will also be available. The many groups who join together in Wingfield have been invited to attend and showcase their various activities, so come along to see what the village has to offer you. The craft group will be one of those displaying their work, some of which will be for sale. This event will raise funds for St Andrew's Church, Wingfield.

■Christmas is fast approaching and the time has come round again to fill shoe boxes under Operation Christmas Child for needy children in Eastern Europe. If you would like to fill a shoe box please contact Ann Swann on 01379 669322. Leaflets available in Hoxne Post Office.

■A Night to Remember...On Saturday October 1, at 7.30pm Eye Church will be the venue for an evening of music and song in a programme specially created for Eye, with Clare McCaldin, Darren Abrahams and Lindy Tennent-Brown. Call 01379 871211 for tickets.

■Date for Denham Village Hall  
*Jumble Sales:* Saturday October 15

## **OUT AND ABOUT...**

and Saturday October 22. 2pm - 4pm. Books, bric a brac, toys, tombola and refreshments. Free admission.

*Halloween Family Party and Disco*

Saturday October 29 from 6pm.

Admission - adults £1-50, children free. On sale - burgers, hot dogs, toffee apples and soft drinks. No bar - BYO alcohol. Further details from Pam 871590 or Rose 870346.

■St Edmund's Hall is holding a New Year's Eve Party that will really be a family affair with all ages being very welcome. Music will be provided by 'Bewildered' who have a good repertoire of well known hits and who, by all accounts, are 'out for a bit of fun' on the night. Contribute some food/salad/nibbles if you can and enjoy these with some hot cooked food that will be provided. All the usual attractions, full bar facilities, raffle and some activities to keep the kids (irrespective of age) fully occupied. If you've missed out on your tickets for the Olympics, don't miss out on tickets for this - more information and contact details if you'd like to help, will be in the next issue.

■At the end of November the Hoxne Players, in association with the New Eye Theatre Company, re-emerge to perform Ian Masters' comedy play 'Losing the Plot'. The shows will take place on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 in Hoxne Village Hall and will include a matinee. Some old, not so very old and some new faces will be enhancing Ian's very funny plot. Keep a look out for further information. Tickets will be available from Hoxne

## OUT AND ABOUT...

Post Office. The play is receiving great interest from the regional theatres and this will be its Hoxne premiere!

■ On the July 3, Jan White took part in the Ladies' Tractor Road Run for the second year running. She writes: "I would like to thank Hoxne for its support and for the sum of £101.30, which was collected in the village which, added to donations of £218.70 from friends and work colleagues, allowed me to send a total of £320 to the Cancer Research UK (Breast Cancer Awareness) Charity."

■ Very many thanks from the Hoxne Swan to all who supported the Craft Fair in August. Proceeds from the fair, together with proceeds from book sales from The Swan have raised a total of £287 for Cancer Research. Many thanks.

Also, Charlotte and Jon would like to thank everybody who made their wedding day so special. Very special

thanks to the Village Voices who were wonderful. We have received many compliments on their behalf. Thank you all.

■ Red Feather Club/95th Bomb Group Heritage Association is staging a film show and talk by Malcolm Osbourne on the 486th Bomb Group on Wednesday November 16 starting at 7.30pm. Admission £3 for 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association members and £4 for non-members.

■ Events at Syle.ham and Wingfield Village Hall: *Saturday October 1* car boot and table-top sale 9am-1pm. All pitches must be pre-booked - £5. Call Alison Thurlow on 668251.

*Saturday October 22* - Blue Grass with Kidnap Alice 7.30pm-11pm - £5.

Proceeds to Cancer Campaign in Suffolk. Any raffle prizes will be appreciated. *Wednesday October 26* Cancer Campaign in Suffolk - talk.

*Monday November 7* Sports and Social Club AGM 7.30pm. *Saturday November 26* Christmas Fayre 10am - 2pm.

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## Letters to the editor

Over the holiday period last Christmas and new year I was horrified to find that a large dog had been using my back and front garden as a 'convenience' - a number of times! Disgusted as I was, I assumed the dog had given its owner the slip and that it was an isolated incident. However, it has happened at least twice more - most recently during the last Bank Holiday weekend - and now I find that at least two of my neighbours in Cross Street (between Nuttery Vale and the Hoxne Garage corner) have also been victims. I wonder if it might be an (unwelcome!) holiday visitor?

At least one of these gardens is used by young children and, at worst, contact with dogs' excrement can cause blindness. I appeal to this animal's owner to stop it spoiling our lovely village. Failure to stop your animal fouling is an offence and can attract a fine of £1000. When I catch the dog next time it uses my garden I will take action through the Mid Suffolk District Council Dog Warden Service.

# *Festival seeks volunteer for key role*

Hoxne Music Festival needs help! As well as volunteers to assist next May with preparations at events – erecting tents, moving chairs, tables and straw bales etc – the prime concern is to find an administrator.

“We are a team of volunteers who organise and run the concerts, as well as other fund raising events such as quizzes and jumble sales during the year,” said committee chairman Stuart Jarrold.

“But in the months leading up to the festival weekend there is administrative work that needs ideally to be co-ordinated by one person rather than shared out between individual committee members. This work includes organising ticket sales, programme advertising, contacting grant making bodies and local councils and dealing with general inquiries.

“If there is someone in the village, perhaps a new arrival or someone recently retired or a student who would like to chat about the role, I would be pleased to hear from them,” added Mr Jarrold.

All expenses will be covered and anyone interested is asked to provide contact details, including telephone number and email address, to the festival website:

hoxnemusicfestival@hotmail.co.uk

The festival committee would also like to hear from local people with their suggestions as to how the content of the festival might develop in the future.

The next fund raising event is a

Christmas Box - a music and drama miscellany for all the family - at the St Edmund's Hall on Tuesday December 27 in the evening. Tickets will be on sale from the Hoxne Post Office and Stores later in the autumn. Anyone wishing to reserve in advance may also leave their name and contact details on the festival website above.

“The last Christmas Box event was a sell out because at the festive time of year people are off work, with friends and family coming to stay, so we are sure the 2011 event will prove just as popular,” said Mr Jarrold.



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## **The Village Voices**

(Hoxne & district community choir)

After a very enjoyable First Birthday celebration, The Village Voices move into their second year with a growing programme of events.

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## *A warm welcome at Wingfield*

All smiles at the De La Pole Arms, Wingfield from the family team which has taken over the historic pub and is creating a family-friendly atmosphere to appeal to the local community and visitors alike. The pub was re-opened in July after extensive re-decoration and is already on the lunch-time list for visitors to Wingfield's College and Parish Church which are just across the lane. The pub is now in the care of Nick and Helen Radbourne (pictured left and centre) and Helen's parents Alan and Lorraine (pictured right) who have gained considerable experience in the trade having managed pubs for other companies. Good value, home-cooked food will be a major attraction as supplies are locally sourced and prepared on the premises. A traditional Sunday roast, for example, is priced at £6.95 and served from 12 noon to 7pm. A children's menu also runs alongside the main selection. As parents of two young children Helen and Nick know the value of a child-friendly pub serving wholesome food that children enjoy. Well accustomed to village life, the family appreciates how important a pub can be as one of the focal points which help to hold a local community together.

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# *Help to create the pages of history*

Are you interested in local and social history? There will be a meeting at Highview, Cross Street, Hoxne (next to Nelson's) on October 13 at 7pm, to explore the idea, as expressed in the Parish Plan, of setting up a local and social history group. The aim will be to produce a single document, public record of the history and social life in our beautiful village of Hoxne.

Please come along so we can decide how best to achieve this aim.

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Sillis on 01379 668395 or email [margaret.sillis@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.sillis@btinternet.com)

If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested, please let me know by indicating your preferred days and times for further meetings.

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## *It was a day to remember...*

I shall never forget, July 17, 2011, when I received an award I hadn't known about until a few days before the event. On this day in our church of St Peter and St Paul, at a special service of Holy Communion, the Bishop of Dunwich presented me with a framed certificate, acknowledging the fact that I had spent a number of years in the service of the church as Churchwarden and other roles, and thanking me for my efforts on behalf of the church and the community. The certificate is beautifully framed and occupies a special place in my home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who was involved with the presentation, not forgetting my wife, Nena, who has supported me in all these activities and the ladies of the church who provided such a splendid buffet to wind it all up. A part of my life that I shall not forget!

Thank you -  
**Peter Drake**



# *Produce show entries on the rise*

When Sue Flagg asked me to take on the running of Hoxne Garden and Social Club's Flower and Produce Show in September, I thought it would be an easy thing to do, how wrong I was: it's not the difficulty but the time involved! But that aside, it's been great fun, not only setting up the show but sorting all the entries and getting the raffle prizes and meeting the judges and the exhibitors on the day.

The committee and their better halves (and even their children and grandchildren!) all rally around making cakes for the teas and putting out tables in the village hall and on the day helping the exhibitors find their named place and generally 'staffing' the event. This year we were fortunate that local County Councillor Guy McGregor was available to open the show for us and present the prizes. So a big thanks to all for their help.

We had a couple of drop-in visitors this year, one gentleman cycling past on his way to Eye, stopped in for a cup of tea and cake, another couple saw the plant sale advertised and ventured in, all enjoying the vegetables, cooking and handicraft on show as a bonus.

## *More entries to enjoy*

And what a bumper number of entries we had. There were more than 250 adult entries to enjoy and an increase in the number of individuals entering their flowers and produce too, so thanks for your entries especially if you have never entered the show before, as without you there is no show.

If you are worried about entering your produce you can be assured that many entries are brought along to the show in the spirit of taking part, rather than with the aim of winning.

However if the judge feels your entry is the best in the section you could easily walk off with a prize for a single entry!

For those entering and winning a good number of first cards then you could be one of the select few that are in the running for the glittering Rose Bowl prize for best in show. Sally Procner walked off with this coveted prize once again but there was stiff competition with a good few in with a chance of winning. Amazingly there was just five points between the first and third place so there is all to play for.

Gill O'Connor took the Maisie Egerton goblet for Cooking and Handicrafts and Gladys Baldwin the Ivy Triggs shield for Flowers and Floral Art, so well done one and all.

I had a great day and I hope all the many new and seasoned visitors and exhibitors enjoyed the day too. See you all again next year I hope...

**Claire Horne – Show Co-ordinator**





**Above: Sally does it again - Guy McGregor presents the rose bowl.  
Below: Tables laden with entries**



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# Celebration week for Charter anniversary

In June 1362 the foundation charter of Wingfield College was signed and sealed and at the same time Wingfield Church began to be 'rebuilt anew' in accordance with the Will of Sir John de Wingfield. Wingfield will be marking these events with a week of celebrations in June next year. Key events will include:

■ A one day symposium on Saturday June 9 about the history of Wingfield and the De la Poles, who followed Sir John as patrons of the Church and College. The symposium will be open to academics and the general public and will reveal the latest research into the people, the buildings, and the landscape of Wingfield. It is supported by the University of East Anglia and organised in association with the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History and the Centre for East Anglian Studies. Speakers will include Professor Eamon Duffy, Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor Mark Bailey, Dr Rowena Archer and Dr Robert Liddiard.

The symposium will also include the first full public screenings of two recent digital reconstructions of the medieval appearance of Wingfield College and Wingfield Castle and deer park.

Anyone who would like to attend the symposium is strongly advised to contact Peter Bloore, Wingfield College, P.Bloore@uea.ac.uk, as soon as possible since places are likely to sell out very rapidly. More information at [www.wingfieldcollege.com](http://www.wingfieldcollege.com)

■ Several concerts, including one on the evening of Saturday June 9 featuring the reconstructed Wingfield Organ. (For more details of the organ, see *Village Voice* August-September 2011).

■ Opportunities during the week to visit an exhibition in the church and to see the digital reconstructions.

■ A Medieval Fun Day at Wingfield Barns on Saturday June 16.

Further details of the celebrations will be published nearer the time.



## ..... **Responders seek funds**

As the Community First Responders receive no direct funding, we are holding a quiz to try to raise funds to allow us to purchase various pieces of equipment we may need.

The quiz will be at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne on the October 15, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per head to include nibbles on the tables. Teams can be of four to six and we invite you to bring your own picnic for the interval.

Prizes for the raffle will be very much appreciated; the bar will be open all evening. Please book your table, as numbers are limited, by calling me on 01379 668712.

**Maurice Hurry (First Responder)**

# Food in focus for school's new term

Here we are back at St Edmund's Primary School after a 'Summer' holiday which flew by again. The weeds have been busy growing well in our green area so, weather permitting, the gardeners in each class will be attacking them soon.

We began the term by preparing to celebrate British Food Fortnight which began on September 17 with each class cooking and looking at different types of foods to decide which ones are healthier. The whole school went to see Jimmy's Farm and Alder Carr Farm on September 28.

Later this term we be going to see Shrek at the theatre.

As a part of our Eco-schools project we have received a visit from Essex and Suffolk Water who brought along their panto 'Little Green Riding Hood'



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to perform and work with the children during the afternoon.

Class 1 welcomed new reception children into their classroom this term where they plan to look at healthy eating and ourselves: they also hope to have a visit from Ian at Barclays Bank to tell the children about money as part of their numeracy work. Class 2 are also looking at healthy eating and how to care for our teeth.

Class 3 are combining many areas of the curriculum and linking these to the story of Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl. In science we are examining the reversible and irreversible changes in food and properties of materials.

Year 6 pupils take off on an adventure to Aylmerton where they meet other Year 6s who will join them at high school next year. On October 7 we plan to have a produce sale.

We are again collecting Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers so if you have any we would love to have them at school; these help us to provide extra gardening equipment and seeds for the children to use in the green area.

## A word from the JRSOs:

Our New Year 5 Junior Road Safety Officers have been elected and they are William F and Lucy H-W; who will join our Year 6 experienced JRSOs (Molly and William B). The JRSOs hope to be more pro-active this year holding assemblies and using their initiatives to be successful in promoting road safety within school.

**Julie Rogers**



# **HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

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**A Weekend of Work in the Wood - Saturday 15 and Sunday 16, October**  
Brakey Wood which celebrated its 10th birthday last year is maintained by volunteers for the enjoyment of all in the parish and surrounding villages. There is much work that needs to be done to ensure the trees and other plants there can flourish. Volunteers are needed to help achieve this. By coming along to this special weekend you can find out more and may be inspired to become a regular volunteer. It is a chance to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, meet new people and keep fit in the fresh air. Refreshments will be provided.

Helpers need to wear suitable clothing (and boots and gloves) and possibly have some tools of their own. No dogs should be brought along to the event. Both days will commence at 9am and finish at 4pm. But still come along for just an hour or two if you can't commit to the whole day.

If you are able to help please contact either Chris Johnson on 668220 or Councillor Mick Prochner on 669073 (or email [mickprochner@gmail.com](mailto:mickprochner@gmail.com)) to enable them to organise the day – but spur of the moment offers of help will still be gratefully accepted

## **Diamond Jubilee Celebration meeting**

The Parish Council are pleased to facilitate a meeting for those interested in volunteering their time to organise and run events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the beginning of June next year. The meeting will take place at the Playingfield Pavilion at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th October. A committee will need to be formed and a chairperson will be sought. Please come along to the meeting with your ideas and offers of help. For further details please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **Speed deterrents and traffic calming**

At the Parish Council meeting on 5 September ideas for deterring speeding vehicles through the village and on Green Street (B1118) were discussed. It was agreed to ask the Road Safety Engineer from Suffolk County Council to survey the village and suggest possible solutions which the Parish Council may have to jointly fund with the County Council.

## **Air source heat pumps**

Mid Suffolk District Council is currently installing this form of heating at many of the properties they own. The Parish Council has consulted on the application to install 14 pumps in The Close and two in Heckfield Green. Councillors were concerned at the accumulation of noise and have submitted the following comment to the District Council – "It was the agreed opinion that these air source heat pumps could, along with the ones already installed at the new properties in Tudor Close, regrettably be a noise nuisance and would recommend that alternative, quieter methods of heating are investigated".

**The Parish Council next meets on Monday 3 October and Monday 7 November at 7.30pm at the Playingfield Pavilion**

**(unless otherwise advertised). All are welcome to attend.**

**Sarah Foote, Clerk. Tel 07554 733621. Email [pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk)**

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A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Save the Children Champagne Brunch held at the Hoxne home of John and Margaret Brawn on Sunday 21st August. A magnificent sum of £675 was raised. Also many thanks to all of the committee and friends who provided all the wonderful puddings but a special thank you to Hilary and Mike (right) who cooked all the delicious scrambled eggs to go with the smoked salmon. A big thank you to Gladys and Margaret for running the raffle. A wonderful effort by everyone Thank you - **John and Margaret**



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## *Fine walking through heath and forest*

This year's annual away day for the rambling group of Hoxne Garden and Social Club, was from Dunwich to Westleton and back. A good turn out of members enjoyed a fine day's walking and dining.

We headed out through Dunwich Heath and Westleton Walks to The White Horse at Westleton, where we all enjoyed an excellent lunch. We returned through Dunwich Forest to Dunwich where some of us tasted the fare at the car park tea rooms, while others visited the fascinating Lost City of Dunwich Museum.

In September we walked from the Poacher at Cratfield, a 'wet' pub, where we can sample a fine array of traditional ales like 'The Crafty Poacher' or 'Vulcan' - well those of us that are not driving, of course.

In October and November we return to a couple of old favourites, The Huntingfield Arms and The White Horse at Fressingfield, respectively.

We meet at the pub car parks at 10am, order our meals and set off at 10.15am. We walk on the fourth Thursday of the month. Anyone wishing to join us should contact Roger Knight (01379 668403) or David Bell (01379 643113) for details.

Meanwhile the intrepid long distance ramblers, tackling The Angles Way have completed six of the nine stages. Having started at Knettishall heath, we have now reached Beccles. The walk so far can only be described as superb. We are now contemplating a winter break before tackling the last three sections across the Broads to Yarmouth.

# **SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

**Chairman Mr Malcolm Flounders**

## **Glass Re-cycling facility**

The Village Hall Committee has installed a bottle bank for the use of village residents. After some initial teething problems in arranging timely emptying, the bank is now a well-used feature. Patrons are reminded to give due consideration to neighbouring properties in its use.

## **Brome & Oakley Community Recycling Centre**

The centre, under private management, re-opened on Monday 5 September. Opening hours are 9 – 5 Monday to Saturday and 10 – 4 Sundays and Bank Holidays. All recyclable waste is accepted free of charge but a charge of £6 per car or domestic type trailer will be made for non-recyclable waste.

## **Mobile Library**

Suffolk County Council is launching a consultation seeking users' views on the future of mobile library services in Suffolk. The mobile library currently visits Syleham on alternate Fridays. The proposals could mean the reduction of mobile library stops where usage is very low or changing to a monthly or four weekly schedule. To register your own views complete the questionnaire on the website at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/sld](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/sld) or telephone 01473 265086.

## **Police**

With the Tacolneston Transmitter for television coverage in our area switching to digital on 9 November, police advise a warning be given to the public not to allow unknown/cold callers, using the pretext of assisting with the digital switchover of their televisions, into their homes.

## **Suffolk Preservation Society**

The society is organising a one day conference (Saturday 15 October) at Lavenham Village Hall for thatched property owners which will identify the most common causes of thatch fires and examine methods of minimising those risks. To reserve a place telephone the society office on 01787 24779.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm.**

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Hoxne – Brian Chester, Flaxfield, Witton's Lane tel: 01379 669157

Denham – Barbara Irwin, Reading Hall tel: 01379 870500

Syleham – Mary Lewis, Little Hemplands tel: 669258

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

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## Times of worship • October - November 2011

### October 2

Wingfield 10am Family Communion  
Syleham 11am Morning Prayer  
Hoxne 11.15am Harvest Festival

### October 9

Wingfield 11am Holy Communion  
Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer  
Denham 11.15am Harvest Festival

### October 16

Wingfield 10am Family Service  
Syleham 11am Harvest Festival  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

### October 23

Hoxne 10am Family Service  
Syleham 10am Village Service  
Wingfield 10am Morning Prayer

### November 6

Wingfield 10am Family Communion  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion  
Wilby 11.15am Holy Communion and  
commissioning of lay elders

### November 13

#### Remembrance Sunday

Syleham 9am Act of Remembrance  
Wingfield 9.45am Act of Remembrance  
Hoxne 10.50am Act of Remembrance

### November 20

Syleham 10am Holy Communion  
Wingfield 10am Family Service  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

### November 27 (Advent Sunday)

Hoxne 10am Family Service  
Syleham 10am Village Service  
Wingfield 4pm Christingle

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## October 30 - Benefice Services

**Fressingfield group:** Weybread 10am Benefice Holy Communion

**Laxfield group:** Wingfield 3pm Benefice Service:  
Commemoration and Celebration

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Week-day services will be held at Denham on Tuesday October 25 and Tuesday November 22 (both Holy Communion) and at Hoxne on Wednesday October 12 and Wednesday November 9 (both Morning Prayer) - all at 9.30am.

A time for prayer takes place each week at Wingfield on Mondays at 12noon and Syleham on Tuesdays at 12noon.

**The Vicarage, 2 Tansy Meadow, Fressingfield,  
Eye, Suffolk IP21 5RQ**

Tel: 01379 586040 Email: susan.loxton@mypostoffice.co.uk

**October 2011**

**Dear Friends & Neighbours,**

I can hardly believe it is October again; the nights are drawing in, the heating is on, and the jumpers are out!

I love the changing seasons; the colour and change of pace, but then I am a person who quite enjoys change if it's for a purpose – I know some people find it very hard. I came across this reflection and I thought it contained a lot of truth:

*All of us experience change in our lives. Change is the one constant in our lives. There are changes that we look forward to and change that we fear. However, one thing is for sure. Things will not stay the same no matter how much we would like them too. When a life change occurs, we have two choices in how to respond. We can despair that a change has come and assume that things will be worse, or we can look with excitement at the new possibilities that the change presents.\**

I guess much of our response to change depends on our personality; I am mostly an optimist and see opportunities and excitement in new projects, whilst loving some of the traditional things like the 1662 Book of Common Prayer services. My husband Robin however, is more of a pessimist – (although he says he isn't), so he sees the problems that may occur in any new venture, and this is very helpful because it brings a bit of balance to our lives. For some changes in life we often need a little help to adjust; changing schools, marriage, retirement. Sometimes when life seems cruel and takes away a loved one we need a different sort of help and support. Even when a change in our life is for the better, we often need time to adjust and someone to talk it over with.

I am so thankful for friends and family, people I can share my joys and fears with, but I am even more thankful that we have a God who never changes and delights to hear our joys and woes, and the best bit is that he is always only a whisper away.

At the end of this month on Sunday 30th at 6.30pm in Fressingfield Parish Church we will be having our annual Memorial Service in which we remember those who have died. It is a sad time but there is also joy, joy in remembering them and all that they brought into our lives. Bereavement of course brings changes that are often hard to bear, but sometimes when we gather together there is a comfort we can draw from one another. If you know someone who has lost a loved one, then why not offer to bring them along to the service where they may find some peace.

**Take care,**

*Susan*

*\*From Family Friend Poem Website*

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

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

# St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

## Harvest festival

It's Harvest Festival time at Hoxne Parish Church on Sunday October 2. The service begins at 11.15am and will be led by the Revd Peter Schwier who farms at Metfield. Those attending the service are invited to bring along tins or packets of food which will be collected during the service and given to a local group to distribute; in recent years this has been the Salvation Army.

## Cabinet 'goes missing'

Sad to report that another item has 'gone missing' from Hoxne Church. Last November a small oak table was taken from the North Aisle; this time a small Victorian display cabinet has disappeared. The theft has been reported to the police who have circulated a description of the cabinet to antique dealers and other possible outlets. The churchwardens would be very grateful if those who visit the church or churchyard could help by keeping a watchful eye and reporting any concerns. The cabinet is pictured below, ironically resting on the table which was taken last year.



## CHURCH NEWS

## Flower rota

*October 2* is Harvest Festival (the flowers will be for 2nd and 9th)  
*October 16, 23 and 30* (Benefice service)  
Altar - Caroline Ball  
Porch - Sue Wood  
*November 6, 13* (Remembrance Sunday)  
*and 20*

Altar - Isabel Draper  
Porch - Cathie McGregor

There are no flowers in Advent which begins on November 27.

## Mothers Union

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

*Monday October 17*

Margaret Cotton speaking about AFIA - the scheme which provides holidays in Suffolk for local families under stress.

*Monday November 21*

Open meeting.

If you are interested in the work of the MU please contact the Branch Leader, Catherine McGregor 01379 668434.

## Friends of the Church

Since my last report we have had one major event - a very entertaining evening by the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir, which I am sure was enjoyed by all. Our Coffee Mornings in the Church are still going strong. They take place on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10am. If you haven't been yet, do come along. We have a bring-and-buy stall, second hand books and a raffle. You can have a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits, and catch up with the gossip. Our next event will be on Sunday October 16 - our Harvest Lunch in St Edmund's Hall. Last



## CHURCH NEWS

year we had a full house, so if you are interested please book soon. The cost is £8.50 per adult and £4 children. Ring 01379 740821 for details.

John Chapman, chairman

### Churchyard

A new water butt is being placed on the north side of the church for the use of people attending graves.

The inside of our church is always kept clean and tidy - we try our best to do the same with the outside but can always do with some more help; any offers please ring 01379 740821.

### St John, Denham

Thank you very much to everyone who came and supported the Cream Tea Fair held at Denham Church on Saturday August 20. There were delicious home-made cakes for sale in the newly restored church – along with cream teas and Simon Reynolds' services as antiquarian and valuer. Prolific plant, bric-a-brac and book stalls did a good trade in the

churchyard in spite of impending rain and just over £600 was raised during the afternoon.

The next fundraising occasion will be the **annual quiz** to be held at The Red Feather Club on Saturday November 12 at 7pm. Tickets, which will include supper, are available from Andrew and Hilary Castleden - 668458.

### St Margaret, Syleham

August heralded some lovely events beginning with a **wonderful wedding**, followed by our **yearly fete** held at Monks Hall which was well attended and generated £908.50 towards the church fabric fund...many thanks to all helpers and visitors. Also, grateful thanks go to the donors of some very nice prizes.

A lovely **baptism service** took place the following week, and the month finished up with the very popular **Holiday Club** attended by 15 children and enjoyed by them and their parents.

The story of Daniel was brought to life in story and song and a highlight was building the lions' den in the neighbouring woodland!

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September saw our annual **Harvest Supper** which took place on Saturday the 24th in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall and included entertainment by three talented local musicians. This was a very popular evening last year and, at the time of writing, we were hoping for a similar success. Our church welcomed all those taking part in the **Annual Cycle Ride** on Saturday September 10.

October will be the month for our **Harvest Festival** which will take place on Sunday October 16 at 11am, everyone is very welcome. The collection will be sent away for famine relief. We are always grateful to those who help with decorating the church windows and any queries can be directed to Mary Lewis on 669258 or Gerry Lancashire on 668166.

## St Andrew, Wingfield

As usual, the summer has sped past and the children are back at school. Some from Wingfield, along with others from the benefice, had great fun at Syleham at the **Holiday Club** organised for the second year by Mary Lewis and featuring storyteller Amy Robinson. This year's theme was the story of Daniel.

J Leeder kindly allowed his woods to be used (they now contain a lion's den, which may come in useful), and the children performed for their parents and carers in the church at the end of the activity. David Young and Alistair Johnstone had slightly less encouraging weather than the children for their canoe trip down the Waveney in aid of the return of the **Wingfield Organ**, but succeeded nonetheless – encouraged, we understand, by an enjoyable evening at the Wherry Inn Geldeston, now run by Matt and Trine Pitt, formerly of the de la Pole Arms.

As far as the future goes, there will be a **coffee morning** at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on Saturday October 15 in aid of St Andrew's, featuring cakes and lots of other goodies.

All readers of *Village Voice* are warmly invited to a service of Commemoration and Celebration at St Andrew's Church at 3pm on Sunday October 30. We will be marking the 650th anniversary of the death of Sir John de Wingfield and this will be the start of our year of celebration of the contribution that his bequest has made to the villages in the area. The service will include a range of choral music and related readings, and everyone will be welcome to stay for refreshments.

■Piano workshop. Those who've bravely taken part are making astonishing progress. Come and join in. No charges, just laughter and concentration. Wingfield Church Thursday, October 6 - 2.30pm.

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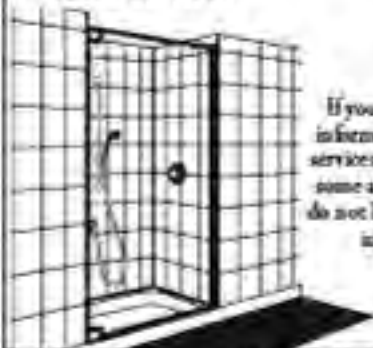
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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	4 pm to 5:30 pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	2 pm to 3:30 pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	PM	4 pm to 5:30 pm

### WALK-IN SEASONAL FLU CLINICS AT STRADBROKE

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	4 pm to 5:30 pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	4 pm to 5:30 pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	9 am to 11 am

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# Themes for autumn at Sweet Briar

Over the summer Sweet Briar Nursery School, Hoxne, has had great fun in the adventure meadow, welcoming back lots of older siblings onto the Summer Playscheme. We pretended to camp, had teddy bear picnics and rowed the blow-up boat on our specially made 'river'.

The weather was truly English but we didn't have to give up time outside, making great use of our new under cover outdoor play areas. We have also been looking after our garden and have an excellent crop of tomatoes some of which we have eaten but lots more to come.

For the first week of the Autumn term we will be looking at colours. There will be a day for each colour with special activities such as squeezing fresh orange juice, picking purple blackberries and making red tomato soup. Themes we have planned over the next few months include apple week, farming, autumn and leaves, Halloween, fireworks and nocturnal animals. We will also have many activities from writing and counting to cooking and water play which follow the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The Sweet Briar Blog on our website, [www.sweetbriarnursery.co.uk](http://www.sweetbriarnursery.co.uk), is updated every week with all the things we are doing in the nursery so have a look when you are online.

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One of the many things to do at Sweet Briar

# Help call for 'bumper bazaar'

Yes, it's early but we're planning to make this year's Hoxne Church Christmas Bazaar the biggest and best yet. So, we need to start early and we need your help and ideas. Could you: Help us organise the event? Run a stall? Make or donate things for us?

We want the Bazaar to be full of home made crafts and edibles that would make great Christmas presents.

We're looking for: Home-made cakes; home-made preserves, jams, pickles etc; home made confectionery eg truffles, coconut ice.

Are you crafty? Could you make Christmas items for sale? Christmas wreaths, table and tree decorations, advent calendars? Anything that would make an ideal Christmas present. Can you knit, crochet or sew? Could you make Christmas items for us?

As well as our usual star events like the cake stall we want to make a big effort to focus on children so help from mums, dads and grandparents would be appreciated.

How about donating new or nearly new children's books or small toys?

Or a raffle prize? Items can be left at Old Vicarage, Old Thatch and Flaxfield.

With grateful thanks to all those who donate and help every year and with hope that many more will join in this year. Please get in touch with me if you can help in any way. Brian Chester - 669157 or bc@bcnewslink.com

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## *Clay pigeons fly in funds for the school*

Hoxne School Association's annual charity clay pigeon shoot held at Oakley Park on Sunday September 4 was a great success! The event was very well attended and we are sure that it has raised a tremendous amount for the school - actual figures still being confirmed. A huge thank you to everyone involved - all the help organising, setting up, running on the day and clearing up afterwards was fantastic. Thank you to Peter Saunders for the use of his land, Richardsons of Halesworth for their support, all the sponsors, raffle prize donors and the ladies who made such delicious cakes! Thanks to Gail Jackson for manning the BBQ and last but not least, extra special thanks to Andrew Banham, without whom the event would not have taken place. Too many names to mention but thank you ALL for your help!

On October 20 there will be a shopping evening in aid of the HSA at '24 Clothing' in Diss - 7pm until 9pm, ladies clothes, accessories and early Christmas gifts! Watch out for more details nearer the time.

We had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to more events during this school year. If anyone has any ideas please come forward as we always welcome any help or suggestions.

# Phoenix plans to hunt for presents

The Hoxne Phoenix Group is planning a trip to the Sandringham Craft Fair on November 25 to look for Christmas presents. We last went to this very large craft fair in 2009 and members enjoyed it so much they asked the committee to arrange another visit.

We are a very busy and active group and classes will be starting again in September when we will have a reading group, craft classes and a small painting group.

At the October meeting Mr Chris Parfitt will be talking about his impressions of China while in November we have a DVD on the East Coast Truckers charity which takes disadvantaged children to Pleasurewood Hills and the seaside every August Bank Holiday.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the lounge of St Edmund's Hall. For more information please ring the secretary on 01379 668291.

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## Humorous history

On Saturday September 3, by kind permission of Mr John Leader, the Hoxne and District Branch of the Royal British Legion held a very pleasant and profitable evening at Monks Hall, Syleham. I feel sure the late Col Leader would have found the evening quite rewarding.

Our speaker for the night was Pip Wright who brought a humorous account of the press and papers with stories from yester-year.

A total profit of £350 was attained, and taking into account the number of people present, it was most creditable. My sincere thanks go to Charles and Pat Butler, my wife Jean and members of her family for their unstinting support, and not forgetting John Elliot, our 'raffle' king.

Again many thanks to all present and we spare some thoughts for those who were unable to attend.

**Bill Herrington – branch chairman**

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## Wayne's gardening tips

OCTOBER – pot hardy plants for the greenhouse, these include herbaceous astilbes Insert hardwood cuttings; these are gooseberries, currant and rambler roses. Sow sweet peas. (The best exhibition sweet peas are obtained from sowings made now).

NOVEMBER – dig all available ground, the earlier the ground can be turned over the better. Prune deciduous hedges such as hawthorn, blackthorn and beech. Cut back chrysanthemums and prune fruit trees as well.

**Wayne Page**

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# Gardeners seek snappy suggestions

In August, the Wingfield and District Gardening Club had its summer recess. People were on holiday, or dealing with mountains of weeds of Amazon rain-forest proportions (well, at least mine were)

Our meeting on September 29, now in the de la Pole Arms, consisted of the annual meeting, followed by a 'Gardeners' Question Time'. A committee member has suggested that we need a snappier name for the club, and suitable ideas (polite) are requested. We would keep the original name for official purposes.

By popular request, we have asked John Harvey to return to show us some of his rose collection slides, and answer questions on the care of roses. This will be at the pub, our new

venue, on Thursday October 27 at 7.30pm. There are several members who missed his previous talk, and even those who were there would like him to speak to us again.

On Thursday November 24 at 7.30pm in the pub, Caroline Holmes will take us back in history, with the development of gardens and gardening through the ages. Caroline is an historian, writer and broadcaster, so her talk promises to be something very special,

The Christmas get-together this year will be in the de la Pole Arms. The first drink is 'on the house'. Further details and date in December/January Village Voice. For any other information please call Graham on 384259 or email [g.redelsperger@btinternet.com](mailto:g.redelsperger@btinternet.com)

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## Wood group looks to the future

The New Reeding Woods Group is looking for new members to join the steering group. The group, set up in 2003, planted a community woodland in Horham in 2005 and are proud to say that the woodland is now flourishing. But this is not a short term project and we would like to inspire more young people to get involved.

Many of the founder members of the group are retired and though they may be around to see the woodland mature, they would like to encourage the next generations to become involved in this long term project.

The duties are not arduous, we have a committee meeting most months,

which is a social event, and two or three times a year we have a working day at the wood, checking the trees, the fencing and cutting the rides and hedges, then once a year we set up a display of woodland crafts at the Horham Rally, where our skills include willow weaving and wood turning and we make and sell rustic garden furniture.

We would like to encourage anyone interested in the countryside or ecology, dog walkers and those wanting a safe place for children to run free, to join us to ensure that the woodland is maintained for future generations. Please call Mike Reeves on 668179.

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# Pre-season training pays off for Hoxne

After good pre-season training by AFC Hoxne, the friendly fixtures for both teams proved successful. Wins were obtained against Redgrave 4:0, Aldeburgh Reserves 7:3, Long Stratton Reserves 2:1, Harleston 2:1 and Occold 4:2. Defeats were suffered against Diss Reserves 0:1, Coddensham Reserves 3:4, Scole 0:7 and Scole reserves 1:3. The only draw 2:2 was at FC Adhara of Ipswich.

This season has seen a vast influx of new players because, to a large degree, of the appointment of James Scales from Diss. A number of players have come with Jamie from his former post as manager of Diss Town (A).

We are also pleased to welcome back to the fold, as 2ndXI manager, Mark Abbott who, for a time last season, jointly managed the 1stXI with Phil Weiss. Both managers are determined that discipline in the club will improve this season.

Both teams triumphed against their St Clements Hospital counterparts on the opening day of the league season, the 1stXI 1:0 away and the 2nd XI 10:0 at home. On September 3, the 1st XI were at home to Tattingsstone, and the 2ndXI away to BROB Reserves (Ipswich). The 1stXI won by 12:2, and the 2ndXI by 3:2.

Clive Baxter – president

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## Bowls Club a hit with county players

On Sunday August 14, Hoxne Bowls Club hosted The Marie Denny Cup final, an inter-area county competition.

Seventy two of the county's finest bowlers, county officials, friends and families descended on Hoxne for the day. Umpires, officials and players alike were suitably impressed with the green, the facilities and the catering that the club provided.

Although Maurice Hurry takes full credit for the excellent green, it was a real team effort by club members for a small village club to impress the county.

The league season has now finished and though we finished in the bottom half of the two leagues in which we play, we were well clear of the bottom of the Waveney league for the first

time in a few years.

On writing this report, the club is preparing to host the Waveney League's finals weekend for the second successive year. Another honour for the club. The club is represented in five of the semi finals on the Saturday, with finals being played on the Sunday. Hopefully, there will be some successes to report in the next *Village Voice*. **Roger Knight**

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■ Redgrave and Lopham Fen's annual Apple Day is back and has now blossomed into the reserve's Apple Day and Autumn Plant Sale! The event is set to provide a bumper crop of activities and takes place on October 16 between 10am and 4pm. Entry £3/adults and £2/children.

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# *Busy time for Hoxne's gardeners*

The Hoxne Garden and Social Club has been very busy in the last few months. The rain held off for our Garden Party in July, which, although a cool evening, was much enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Nigel and Vivienne Bradford who made us so welcome in their lovely garden.

We also just avoided the rain on a very unsettled evening in August when we had a fascinating visit to The Exotic Garden in Norwich. The owner, Will Giles, has created a real sense of the tropics in his sheltered, south facing garden. He proudly explained that, yes, his banana plants do produce hands of bananas in this country, but not this year!

Our meeting on September 15 was back at the village hall with Angela Rawson giving a talk on Pictorial

Maps with examples of her work. Some of you may have met her at the art classes earlier this year.

October brings us Mrs Hart talking about Venice and its waterways

The rambles recommence again this month with one based around The Poacher Pub at Cratfield.

We meet at 10am for 10.15am start. Dogs are welcome, but you walk at your own risk.

We held our Annual Flower and Produce Show on Saturday September 3 in the village hall. This was a great success and we were very pleased to meet two new members who decided to join us then. We meet every third Thursday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

**Sue Flagg, chairperson**

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## *Open Space goes for love, lust and song...*

THE BLUE ANGEL, by Pam Gems, a dark tale of love and lust set in 1920s Hamburg comes to St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, on Friday, November 18.

A pompous and proud college professor falls for Lola, star of a burlesque cabaret troupe, with tragic consequences. Based on a novel which inspired the 1930 film of the same name starring Marlene Dietrich, songs included Falling In Love Again, Happy Days Are Here Again and Auf Wiedersehn.

This production, which features on-stage musicians and a cabaret troupe, is by the Open Space Theatre Company which has previously visited St Edmund's Hall with shows including The Importance of Being Earnest, Death of a Salesman, Private Lives and The Glass Menagerie.

Tickets cost £9.50 and £7.50 (concessions) and can be booked by calling 01379 855101. Tickets may also be available on the night.

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■ Harleston Players Youth Theatre Company is creating a piece of improvised theatre to be performed on Friday and Saturday October 14 and 15. The group is open to young people aged between 10 and 18 years. For more details please contact Meryl Keeble on 07770 923867.

# WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Michael Harvey

## Parish Council

It is hoped to bring the Council back to full strength by co-opting at the December meeting to fill the one remaining vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like further information about the role or the co-option process please contact the Chairman or the Clerk.

## Wingfield Green

- Travellers Encampment. The travellers including some of those from the June encampment returned to the Green on 14th August. Although the large number of horses did not reappear the number of caravans was at times double that in June. There have once again been reports of mess and disruption affecting the settled community. The standard Protocol for dealing with unauthorised encampments was again applied (through the joint Norfolk/Suffolk Traveller Liaison team). From the Parish viewpoint this has been notably less effective than previously. No deadline for departure was set by the officers at the case conference on 22nd August and at the time of writing the encampment although reduced in size continued in place some four weeks after arrival. However further steps were in hand that gave reason to expect that the encampment would be brought to a conclusion by the time you read this edition.

- Preventing future encampments. As noted in August the Council planned to consider at the next meeting how future encampments could be prevented or deterred by the introduction of physical barriers at the road edges. This discussion was given extra urgency by the second encampment and at the well attended meeting on 7th September there was strong support for effective barriers and most welcome offers of practical assistance were made. The two main options (both requiring access gates) were:

- Bollards or posts to prevent vehicular access but not impede pedestrian access. This approach might be the least intrusive visually and would perhaps pose the least difficulty in obtaining any necessary consents (for works on common land). However the rows might be easy to breach and if extended to the whole Green perimeter could also be subject to legal limitations on the length of the rows of posts. Based on estimates obtained this was in any case likely to be prohibitively expensive

- Ditches This could be much less costly and was also expected to be more effective (especially if the excavated soil was left to make bridging more difficult). However ditches would impede pedestrian access and may therefore be subject to more legal constraints perhaps requiring consent from the Secretary of State. This approach was preferred by the Council and strongly supported by members of the public. Legal and procedural issues would be further investigated, and requirements specified prior to an extraordinary meeting in October (date to be arranged) to decide upon any case submissions (if required) and agree subsequent implementation arrangements.

## Planning - New Application

- 2105/11 Jafeica House (retention and conversion of garage to form ancillary residential accommodation, first floor extension above).

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AMONG THE ALUMNI of my alma mater, Brasenose College, Oxford where I had to do Latin before they would admit me, as well as two prime ministers and an Archbishop of Canterbury, all of whom we venerate and accordingly hang in the college hall, I recall an erstwhile Tory cabinet minister called Rippon, who did not reach the top of the proverbial greasy pole.

During his last cabinet job as Minister of the Environment (previously called local government) among a galaxy of memorable Conservatives headed by Ted Heath, he tried to have Gilbert Scott's St Pancras Hotel demolished as obsolete. This beautiful enormous hotel was saved and eventually re-opened last month and is now choc-a-bloc with rich Americans, just in time for Scott's bi-centenary.

This was, in part due, to John Betjeman who managed to get it listed - an achievement recognised by the splendid life-size statue of him on the station forecourt which captures that remarkable man with his raincoat and hat blown by the wind and looking heavenwards, where he must surely now be.

But I digress. Thirty years ago the Rt Hon Geoffrey Rippon was described in the press as a top Tory and leading Heath Minister. In his days of grandeur he was invited to address his old college war-time friends at a college Gaudy, where as the night wore on there was much bonhomie, good food and rare wines.

Some say that these reunions of old, hardly recognisable friends who have passed the half-way mark are timed with the expectation

of legacies and bequests.

After dinner he told us that in his job as Minister of the Environment he was also Master Cutler of Sheffield and then made a curious patronising gaffe saying if any of us had fallen

on hard times, we could have a word with him afterwards, and he might be of assistance. We all groaned. I believe he later came a cropper. So I Googled him to refresh my memory. He was sent upstairs to the Lords, and in one Times report is linked to two of Mrs Thatcher's top Ministers who resigned over a call girl, not Profumo who was another BNC alumnus. These were human tragedies, a repeated hazard of Parliamentary life.

I can still remember Peter Sellers' impersonation in the 60s of Harold Macmillan making his announcement on Profumo in the HOC. It goes:

**Mr Speaker:**

*"Wake up Prime Minister, wake up".*

**Prime Minister:** *"I have an announcement to make to members. I have to report that the Minister of Whore, I mean War, has committed a Miss Keeler with misde-meanour".*

Roars of laughter.

I listened to the South Sudan independence celebrations recently on R4. Much anguish would have

## A word from Wingfield



been avoided if the powers that be had drawn the Uganda border to embrace them, mostly Christian and Bantu, rather than include them with the Muslim Nilotic Sudanese of the North. Big power boundary delineation has plagued the whole of Africa to this day. Queen Victoria and her Kaiser cousin are part to blame as they poured over maps arguing over who should have which mountains. The Kaiser had Kilimanjaro, and the Old Queen had Kenya and Ruwenzori. Others made the same errors in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As the new South Sudan national anthem was played my thoughts went back to Uganda's 1961 independence celebrations on Kololo Airstrip when Company Sgt Amin of the KAR lowered the flag and Anne was asked by her friend George Kasimbi, who had composed the Uganda national anthem, to join a small choir to sing it. She kept her manuscript copy.

### *Taken to task*

I too recall as a very green probationer in the Entebbe Secretariat being asked to remonstrate with the Sudanese authorities over cross-border cattle raiding. There was a sharp riposte taking me to task for lack of protocol as such messages had to travel from Governor to Governor, from Entebbe via London to Khartoum.

The pastoralists in NE Africa have been well and truly kettled by the soldiers in Somalia, and are unable to reach the grazing and water on which their survival now depends. And Kenya isn't happy to welcome the thousands of starving refugees whose

cattle and goats have died, and whose meagre crops have failed. The weather is blamed as we are asked to send food, but political mayhem has constrained traditional pastoral life .

There have been several reports recently of rapid expansion of the Christian Church in China. Now R4 is running a three-part series on God in China. Some of its leaders are reported to be looking for a post-Communist model for their state and believe the Western model is the best to have emerged in the past 2000 years. Recent events here in Britain may cause them to pause if they should study the behaviour of our police, our politicians, our media, our bankers and now our youth, which all are struggling to explain.

The Chinese are certainly already following our 19th century model of acquiring raw materials including oil and minerals, buying up land and companies and establishing trade and markets.

### *Pub re-established*

Wingfield flourishes despite turmoil elsewhere. The de la Pole is re-established and is already popular for its affordable good pub food. Wingfield Barns continues to mount its lively imaginative programme of activities.

The travellers have stopped off again on the Green probably because they were not so ill-received as elsewhere. The important question will be whether they understand that they have to move on. Council has generously made arrangements for litter and proper sanitation during their stay.

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**Other Applications**

- 22243&2244(LBC) /11 Warrens Farm House Wingfield Green (two storey rear extension and alterations). Granted (the Parish Council recommended approval)
- 1490/11 Hill Farm, Bleach Green (single, 15 metres to hub, wind turbine serving farm). The Parish Council recommended approval. (This remained undecided at time of writing)

**Parish Plan Initiatives**

- 1.Mains Drainage There is a final opportunity to add your name to the list to support the proposed application for mains drainage. For further information please contact the clerk.
- 2.Children's Play Area The Parish Council has looked again at how this high priority item in the Parish Plan might best be progressed. At the meeting on 7th September there was strong public opposition to use of the grassed area on Castle Crescent. Enquiries would be made with Wingfield Barns to see what scope there might be. However the Council would once again like to enlist your help in finding a solution to this urgent problem (Wingfield is unusual in the area in having no such provision for children).

**Next Meeting.** The next ordinary meeting is on 7th December at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

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HELLO GYM, GOODBYE KLEENEX..

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# DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

## **Brome Waste and Recycling**

We are pleased to report that the Brome site reopened on 5th September as the Brome and Oakley Recycling Centre with a new operator working under community management arrangements. Domestic recyclables will be free of charge (including bikes, gas bottles, small electrical goods, cooking oil, tins, glass, plastics, toner cartridges, batteries, clothes, paper and card, wood, metal, and garden waste). A charge of £6 (per car/domestic trailer) will be made for waste material that will go to landfill. Thanks are due to SCC for responding to public concern about the closure and to MSDC and members of the community who worked so hard to find a viable solution ensuring that the service would continue. For more details about the new arrangements contact 01473830948 (or at [www.boltonbrothers.co.uk](http://www.boltonbrothers.co.uk))

## **Village Review**

The Village Review questionnaires have been collected and are now being analysed. The response rate has been excellent and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed their views. However if you still have a questionnaire which has not been collected it is not too late: please pass it to Ray Keeble or any member of the Council or ring Ray to arrange a collection.

## **Highways**

SCC Highways will continue to make urgent safety related repairs to roads through the village which are still subject to local subsidence following the excavations for the sewage scheme. This will continue until conditions stabilise (the original contractors are still being called back to make good sinkage due to the scheme). It is hoped that it will then be possible to proceed with the planned resurfacing next year.

## **Planning**

Existing Applications  
2187/11 Hedgerows opposite Greenlands Farm, Hoxne Road (Hoxne). (Change of use of land for siting of caravan to serve agricultural use for five years). Granted. (The Parish Council recommended approval)

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Council  
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## *School days - 98 years ago*

What is now known as The Old Surgery, Hoxne was originally the village's first school. Thanks to Allen Burrigde who gave me a copy of this photograph of the school class taken in November 1913. It has been possible to identify some of the children and link them with current Hoxne residents. Allen's mother, Beatrice Knights married George Burrigde from Eye - she is in the back row third from the right. Her twin brothers Arthur and Herbert Knights are in the front row third and sixth from the left. Arthur Knights is father of Jack Knights of Green Street, Hoxne. Sadly none of the other children can be identified but perhaps there are some people from Hoxne who might know them.

In 1734 Lord (Thomas) Maynard of Hoxne Hall conveyed land to his nephew Charles Maynard in trust to build a village school. In 1742 the Low Street School with rooms and dwellings for the master and mistress were ready and Lord (Charles) Maynard duly handed the buildings over to trustees at a cost of £300 (£42,500 in current prices).

When the Suffolk local authority took over responsibility for education, the school was moved to a new building at Heckfield Green. The old school buildings and land were eventually purchased, along with The Firs, by a succession of medical practitioners starting with Dr Sheehan in 1920. The school building remained a surgery until Dr Christopher Daniel died in 1987 and it was finally sold as a separate residence in 2005. As the first person to make a home here, and create the garden, I am sure the presence of children past makes a difference to the atmosphere of the house and what was the schoolroom and now my den at the bottom of the garden.

**Dona Haycraft**

# Times past

## with Stephen Govier

### Tragedy at the river

I was looking for my copy of People, Poverty and Protest recently as I wanted to confirm some details about a tragedy that happened at the River Waveney, near to the watermill in 1840. Two young girls were drowned in the river while on their way home from the factory at the mill.

Henry Warne and Thomas Coleby were tenants of the mill which was owned by Sir Edward Kerrison, with a yearly rental of £125. Messrs Warne and Coleby processed flax which was made into a rough linen fabric.

It wasn't until recently that I discovered the names of the nine and eleven year old girls Ellen Chilvers and Sarah Elsey. Having thought that they may have been Hoxne girls, I am fairly sure that they lived at Thorpe Abbots in Norfolk, but at present I haven't managed to find their graves. The river had flooded its banks and Ellen and Sarah were found drowned on January 25 1840.

Just out of interest, I also came across information on an unknown traveller who was found dead in his bed at the Red Lion in 1845, presumably he was buried at Hoxne.

### Yeomanry token

I was recently asked about the Hoxne Yeomanry and Horse halfpenny issued in 1795. Thomas Tallant issued this copper conder halfpenny token

which shows a member of the Loyal Suffolk Yeomanry Cavalry leaning on a horse, with the Latin inscription "Pro Aris Et Focis on the obverse side. The reverse side shows a banner encircling a castle, inscribed "Liberty, Loyalty, Property. On the edge the inscription reads "God save the King and Constitution.

This conder token was also issued in silver to officers of the Hoxne & Hartismere Yeomanry Cavalry and worn as a medal. Sir Edward Kerrison was a member of this group of voluntary cavalry troops.

### In search of the Ravens

Some older Hoxnian residents will remember Harry Palgrave Raven [1875-1952] and his wife Annie Harriet Fairbrother, who resided at St Edmunds [Park House] which they had erected on part of the old pleasure grounds to Oakley Park.

The Raven family came to live in Hoxne after 1918 as their former home at Syleham Hall had been destroyed by fire. Harry was a fine musician and organist, who taught piano to many local pupils.

He had also tutored students at The Depperhaugh for some years before he retired to St Edmunds which was built for Harry and his wife in 1939.

Harry was the son of the renowned author and campanologist John James ►►

Raven [1833-1906] and his wife Fanny Harris, the daughter of Robert Homer Harris of Botesdale. John James Raven was headmaster at Great Yarmouth Grammar School from 1866-1885 and from 1885-1906 was the vicar of Fressingfield with Withersdale.

Harry was one of nine children including Francis, Alexander, Colin, Charles, Emily, Margaret, Edward and William. Harry served in the First World War as a captain and later as a major with the Norfolk Regiment. In 1901 he was married to Annie Fairbrother of Syleham Hall, who was the daughter and heiress of Edward John Fairbrother and his wife Annie Harriet Renwick [d.1889], the daughter of WH Renwick.

John James Raven was the author of

a book on the church bells of Suffolk and a history of Suffolk. He had been born in Lincolnshire to John Hardy Raven [1791-1851] and his wife Jane Augusta Richman. The Raven family can be traced back to Whissonsett in Norfolk to Thomas Raven and Ellen Hoyer who were married in 1627. In the church at Hoxne are two framed pages, written by John James Raven about the bells and their inscriptions.

My interest in John James and his son Harry was fostered by my mother and grandmother who spoke of them frequently, both men were well liked and respected in the community and were interested in antiquarian research. John James is buried at Fressingfield and Harry at Wingfield. *(with thanks to the Raven family for details).*



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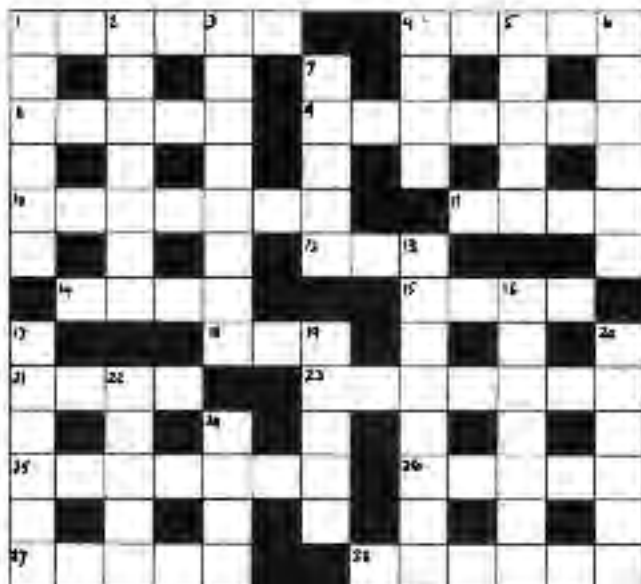
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 84

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 84 went to Mrs Ronnie Fuleher of Hockfield Green, Herts. The solution appears below.



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- |    |                                     |    |  |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|--|
| 1  | Harden one's ill humour (5)         | 1  | Try dressing for collage (6)             |
| 4  | Sounds as if several criminals (8)  | 2  | Samoa Taylor Coleridge's old salt (7)    |
| 8  | Amazingly eager to create (7)       | 3  | Promoted to the heights (8)              |
| 9  | Devised by light rays (7)           | 4  | Clap found in whilquid (4)               |
| 10 | Bold wether soon taint (7)          | 5  | Inform our state of 'em (5)              |
| 11 | Sparkling wine from Brix Italy (4)  | 6  | Tasty snippets of news (6)               |
| 12 | Guinness like (3)                   | 7  | U.S. general to fulfill a wish (5)       |
| 14 | Deliver for nothing (6)             | 8  | Yoke around 50 - now nice (8)            |
| 15 | Mislay and fail to win (4)          | 10 | All state should satisfy (7)             |
| 16 | round door in the mirror (3)        | 17 | Battles for gold held by top players (6) |
| 21 | Speed of a single gear (4)          | 19 | Historical age of deep mines (5)         |
| 23 | Confusing people about the 33rd (7) | 20 | Two London football teams (6)            |
| 25 | Flexible in Canada (7)              | 22 | Furniture for professor (5)              |
| 26 | Avoid in a labyrinth (5)            | 24 | Remain it supports (4)                   |
| 27 | Out without atom changes (5)        |    |  |
| 28 | Where foot letter was found (5)     |    |  |

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 84



If you would like to enter the crossword competition, send your solution to the editor by 1st Nov, 2011. The first correct solution to be optimal will receive a cash prize of £10.

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