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Plan, all four parishes are now
technically in interregnum and are
without a priest-in-charge.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Editorial

Ring out the old, bring on the new!

The first issue of a New Year is almost bound to have a seasonably corny title but, on this occasion, it has a very special significance for the Village Voice. In the dark days of last winter, the future of the publication began to look worryingly bleak as the search for a new editor to replace Brian bore no fruit. No shortage of offers to help, but no sign of brave Horatius.

Well, forget the gloomy warning of the December issue! Shortly after it went to press, our elusive hero strode across the river bridge brandishing his pen (mightier than the sword, of course) to stand foursquare to the challenge. On behalf of the four communities and wider readership, we extend a very warm welcome to John Langley of Goldbrook, Hoxne as the new editor and wish him the best in a bold and worthy undertaking.

However, it would be remiss not to pay a final tribute to Brian before he dives into the Tiber and swims safely to shore. BC passes on not so much an undertaking but more of a legacy – a legacy that is rich and durable. The Voice has evolved under his careful hand into an invaluable link between people and communities but, more than that, it reflects the health and vibrancy of a society otherwise oppressed by a largely negative media. The Village Voice doesn't do gloom! It seeks out the good, the not so bad and the positively beautiful. That's Brian's legacy and we thank him most gratefully for it.

But that's more than enough from me, so I give you the new boss. Take it away, John . . .

John Ball

New Blood

Thank you John for your welcome – I will remember to brandish my pen when I next stride across Goldbrook Bridge. I echo John's comments thanking Brian for developing the Voice over many years. I feel privileged and somewhat apprehensive taking on a key part of our village culture, especially as a relative newcomer. I will do my best to maintain the standards that have been set and continue to seek out the good, the not so bad and the positively beautiful. Thank you also to John for his two and a half thousand hours of editorial writing time, his leaders, always thoughtful and littered with literary references. I regret that, with me, you'll have to put up with plain English! ►►

Diary dates

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SEH - Hoxon Hundred Ceilidh

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▶ The glue that holds villages together are those that contribute. I feel that, in Hoxne; I cannot speak for Denham, Syleham nor Wingfield, we are at a watershed. As for the Voice, a number of activities have been run excellently for many years by a core of villagers. These contributors are not getting any younger and some are finding it difficult to continue to fulfil. In any event, we need new blood to share the load and bring new ideas. Who, for instance, would like to raise the curtain on a revival of the Theatre Club? As Lord Kitchenor might have said “Your village needs you”. Finally, please give me your feedback if you would like change in the Voice, more of this, less of that or something new. We’ve a new e-mail address VVsuffolk@live.co.uk .

John Langley



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Thursday, 18th April
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Thursday 25th April
 SEH - Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 7th May
 HPP - AGM of Hoxne Parish Council

- Parish Church services, see page 21.
- Hoxne Artisan Market; second Saturday of each month - SEH
 nSEH bookings, Andy Bull 668273.
- For Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion, Gail Jackson 668186.
- SWH, Joyce Revell on 668102.

HGSC - Hoxne Gardening and Social Club
 HPP - Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion
 MWVH - Mendham & Withersdale Village Hall
 RLF - Redgrave & Lopham Fen
 SEH - St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne
 SWH - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall
 WDGC - Wingfield & District Gardening Club

■Hoxne School Association are hosting an Annual Quiz Evening on Friday, 1st February at Syleham and Wingfield village hall, 7.30 for 8pm start. Teams of four, £5 per person to include buffet supper. Book with Julie 668169 or John 668150

■Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Redgrave and Lopham Fen run regular events. In February and March, there is a Wildlife Watch Group, a club for 6-12 year olds, Weave a Celtic basket, Bird Box Building and Botanical Illustration, a course for all levels. Diary dates above, check their website for booking details and cost.

■The Nick Unwin piano trio present 'It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing' - a tribute to Duke Ellington and other jazz standards in Mendham & Withersdale Village Hall on the weekend 23-24 February (see Diary dates). Light refreshments provided, you are welcome to take your own wine (glasses provided). More details
www.nicholasunwin.com Contact Nick to book £12. Tel: 855282 E-mail: nicholas@nicholasunwin.com

■Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall are holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday, 23rd March, 11am-2pm - Raffle, Easter Egg Tombola, Cakes, Books, Seasonal Refreshments, Craft Stalls. All profits to Senior Citizens Christmas Party Fund. Enquiries to Alison Thurlow 668251 or alliemt@suffolkonline.net

HERE AND THERE....

■Hoxne Music Festival and Hoxne Pre-School are joining forces to organise a celebration of the talents of local musicians and the 40th birthday of the Pre-School. It will be held in St Edmund's Hall on Sunday 21st April. Any budding performers of any age (especially if you used to attend the Pre-school, or Playgroup as it was then) get in touch with Jenny Knights on 668060

■A group of 13 from 1st Fressingfield Scout Group will fly to Kenya as part of a month long exchange programme with the orphans from Mothers' Mercy Home. They will be working at the orphanage, teaching English, helping on the farm, organising a sports day and a camping trip. In July the Scout Group will host a return visit from four Kenyans for a two week residential that will include a weeks camping expedition in the Peak district and visits to Norwich, Framlingham and Southwold. If you are interested in joining the scouts in Fressingfield please contact Andrew on 07908 262623.

■Chinese New Year celebrations begin on 10 February and can last as long as 15 days. It is the year of the water snake. Local Chinese restaurants will have special menus and there are two shows in Ipswich on 16th and 17th February at the Wolsey Theatre and Jerwood DanceHouse respectively. For details, look in <http://www.visitsuffolk.com/>

From Sheila Hart

The mobile library was well used when I first came to Hoxne 30 years ago, sadly very few come now. A full range of fiction, non-fiction, large print and childrens books are brought. It is interchangeable with the Eye library with books borrowed from one and returned to the other. You can order particular books from the librarian too.

Every 4th Thursday:

Next - 21 Feb, 21 Mar, 18 Apr

Hoxne Swan 10:25-10:50

Glebe House, Hoxne 11:00- 11:15

Denham Post Office 11:25-11:35

Kingswood, Hoxne

From Brian Chester

Very many thanks to everyone who added to their Christmas celebrations with a Hoxne Christmas tree – as a result, a total of £280 has been donated equally between the Lifeboats and Air Ambulance. More trees are growing in the field!

Flaxfield, Witton's Lane, Hoxne

From Jane Langley

On Saturday, 17th November last

Letters to the Editor

year, Rainbow quilters held an exhibition and coffee morning in Stradbroke in aid of the charity, MacMillan.

The hall was decorated with many superb patchwork quilts and other items. The tables were heaving with homemade cakes, homemade craft items, second hand books and the inevitable tombola.

Despite the cold grey day, we had many visitors from all around the area who all seemed to take a delight in what there was to offer. The total takings were £958.00 which was such a great achievement. Thank you to all who helped on the day and especially thank you to everyone who came and made the event so successful.

Goldbrook, Hoxne

From The Paper Lady

Greta would like to thank all her customers for her lovely presents at Xmas. She hopes that you all have a Happy New Year.

Village hall development

Following the success of the first three film nights, the Hoxne St. Edmunds Hall Committee is looking into installation of a permanent projection facility. The present arrangement involves collecting and returning heavy equipment from Halesworth and the set-up of a screen, speakers and projector. This could be replaced by pressing a few buttons on a remote. Trailing cables would also be eliminated and a hearing loop system for the hard-of-hearing installed. The Committee will apply for lottery or other funding for the purchase and installation.

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Anna Karenina to James Bond

After virtually full houses for our screenings of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, the Hoxne Village Hall offers what we hope is an exciting and appealing programme of monthly shows for the start of 2013. All shows start at 7.30pm. Tickets costing just £3.50 are available from Hoxne PO or by calling Jenny on 668060. We hope to see you there.

Saturday 2nd February - Gambit

Curator Harry Deane (Colin Firth) is an expert in fine art, but he's equally accomplished in taking abuse from his insolent boss (Alan Rickman). That's about to change. The plan - trick the avid art collector into buying a fake Monet painting. To assist in the heist, Deane hires a rowdy Texas cowgirl (Cameron Diaz) to help him fool the richest man in England. But as the plan begins to unravel, Deane finds he is falling in love with the rodeo queen, ensuring further complications.



Friday 1st March - Anna Karenina

Joe Wright directs the classic Tolstoy story of marital infidelity in an adaptation by Tom Stoppard. Keira Knightley is Anna. Jude Law her husband Count Karenin and Aaron Johnson is Vronsky. A powerful supporting cast includes stalwarts Olivia Williams, Emma Watson, Kelly Macdonald and Matthew Macfadyen. Set in late 19th-century Russian high society, the aristocrat Anna Karenina enters into a life changing affair with the affluent Count Vronsky. Visually spectacular, this is classic film-making at its lushest.



Friday 12th April - Skyfall

When Bond's latest assignment goes gravely wrong and agents around the world are exposed, MI6 is attacked forcing M to relocate the agency. These events cause her authority and position to be challenged by Gareth Mallory (Ralph Fiennes), the new Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee. With MI6 now compromised from both inside and out, M is left with one ally she can trust: Bond. 007 takes to the shadows - aided only by field agent, Eve (Naomie Harris) - following a trail to the mysterious Silva (Javier Bardem), whose lethal and hidden motives have yet to reveal themselves.

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Denham residents - help needed

Many people think that the Church of England is wealthy, owning land and treasures that have accumulated over hundreds of years; however every parish church is responsible for covering its own expenses and if it fails to do so will eventually be faced with closure! In 2009 St Johns Church in Denham was faced with this possibility when repairs to the structure of the building amounting to almost £200,000 were needed. The village rallied to the aid of this historic building and a Friends Group was set up. In just over a year £10,000 was raised to support the repairs and with other grants the building was saved! Now however the parish church faces another problem, the small congregation of this church are faced with having to find almost £3,300 this year just to cover the running expenses. This does not include any funding for repairs and maintenance, regular expenses in a building that is hundreds of years old, (the recent repairs were only for the most dilapidated parts of the building).

It costs about £9.00 a day to keep the building open, which equates to almost 38p an hour! These costs include the "Parish Share" a fee that pays for the diocese, Vicar, ministry and education, as well as insurance, electricity and heating expenses, and all are kept at the minimum as our income is so small. The Friends Group proved that Denham wants its church to survive, now we need to ask for help again, if you want the church to be "there" when you want your child baptised or married, if you want to be laid to rest in our peaceful churchyard, please support us now, you may not want to attend our services, but you might be pleasantly surprised if you did.

St Johns will be arranging events to raise funds during 2013, please come along to help us if you can; this ancient edifice needs your support.

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Wear your wellies

The December rains have left the rides at Pound Lane Wood saturated, care is needed as one walks as the track and meadow are puddled and squelchy, but everywhere in the mud are signs of footprints and paw marks, evidence that even in bad weather this is the ideal place for families and dog walkers. Members of the New Reeding Wood Group are satisfied as this community woodland is a well used amenity.

The small mammal count that had been planned for early December had to be cancelled because of heavy rain, but will be rearranged soon, and the monthly surveying of the other flora and fauna will begin soon, and volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Reeves on 668 179, or David Mitchell on 388 148.

No-work gardening ahead?

Our Christmas Dinner was a most enjoyable evening in the Village Hall, which looked very festive with the Christmas Tree and Bunting! Anne Fiddy and her band of helpers gave us a lovely meal. Roger Knight, our rambling co-ordinator, announced that the Beaconsfield Arms in Occold had been voted "Pub of The Year" by the rambling members. Unfortunately it was changing hands and closed for refurbishment so the prize went to the runner up, The Kings Head (The Low House) in Laxfield. A non-rambling lunch was held in January to present the certificate.

January will have been and gone by the time you read this, and so will our speaker Tony Diamond, talking on "The Six Wives of Henry VIII". Thursday, 21st February has Peter Chinnery giving us a demonstration on Container Planting. He will also bring some plants for sale. Just in time for Spring!

At our AGM on Thursday, 21st March we are lucky enough to have Bob Flowerdew coming to talk on "No Work Gardening". I certainly would love to know how to have a beautiful garden with the minimum of work!! The meeting is open to non-members.

Our Rambles start up in February, having had a break in December and January. Thursday, 28th February sees the ramble starting from The White Hart in Stradbroke, and Thursday 28th March will be based on The Buck at Flixton. Both are new routes around 4.7 to 5 miles. We meet at the pub at 10am for a 10.15am start; dogs are welcome, on leads please.

Our speaker meetings are in Hoxne Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month and start at 7.30pm. We serve tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards. Every-one is welcome, contact details: Tel 668258, philip.flagg@btinternet.com

Sue Flagg, Chair

Wayne's ■ gardening tips ■ February / March

February: Move dormant Fuchsias, Heliotropes and Hydrangeas onto greenhouse staging if 10°C can be maintained on warm day, spray with water as growth becomes active. Keep lawn maintenance up, first mowing when grass 6-7.5cm tall with mower blades set high. Trim winter jasmine.

March: Good time for dahlia cuttings, remove lower leaves, cleanly cut from tuber, dip in hormone rooting powder and pot on. Early potatoes can be planted in a warm bed from mid-March if the soil is not too wet. Harvest forced rhubarb by pulling the sticks from the plant, cutting will leave the remainder to rot.

Did you know that talking to your plants in a Scouse accent makes them grow better? Thanks to all for gifts received for Diss Mercury.

Wayne Page

Hoxne's past uncovered

The Hoxne Heritage Group has been awarded £9,600 All Our Stories grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Story of Hoxne archaeological dig project.

All Our Stories, a new small grant programme, launched earlier this year in support of BBC Two's The Great British Story presented by Michael Wood, has been designed as an opportunity for everyone to get involved in their heritage. With HLF funding and support, community groups will carry out activities that help people explore, share and celebrate their local heritage.

Our aim is to clarify the development and continuity of settlement in Hoxne through the years by involving the village community in the research through field-walking and excavation of test pits at locations around the village to raise awareness and appreciation of our heritage. We are delighted to announce that the archaeological excavation of test pits will take place on the weekend of 6-8 July and will be supervised by the Suffolk Archaeology Unit experts. The field-walking event will take place in the autumn.

We are looking for volunteers to dig test pits in their own gardens or to allow us to dig the pit (1metre cube) on their land. We will also be looking for volunteers to provide refreshments and for a number of other tasks. A meeting will be held in St. Edmund's Hall on Tuesday, 18th June where SAU will explain what will happen and to answer any questions. Leaflets requesting expressions of interest will be circulated shortly.

This type of project has been conducted and met with huge enthusiasm in many villages so we are hopeful that the people of Hoxne will embrace this opportunity similarly. You never know, you might have the rest of the Hoxne Hoard in your garden!

Margaret Sillis

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Mendham Primary School and St. Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne are looking forward to a very successful 2013 and are inviting prospective parents to view the schools at our February open mornings. This year will see the strengthening of partnership working between the two schools as they continue to serve the local communities in Hoxne and Mendham. While retaining their individual identities, the schools and more importantly the pupils will benefit as part of the larger 'Waveney Valley Partnership of Schools'. One of the benefits of the partnership working is that the schools can increase the core offer to pupils and their families. We already have a full range of music, arts and sports activities that complement our drive to ensure the very best standards in numeracy and literacy.

New developments in our curriculum for 2013 will be Latin classes for older pupils, an exciting range of residential opportunities for year groups 2-6 and an extended day allowing pupils to participate in additional activities i.e. puppetry, animation, computer science, orienteering and much more.

Mendham Primary School and St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne are small schools with huge ambitions – if you have school aged children and would like to view our schools in action our open sessions run from 0915-1200 on the 26th February at St. Edmund's, Hoxne. Please call the school office if you are hoping to come along 668283 or just pop in. Individual visits outside these times are also welcome; please call the school office for an appointment.

Ruby anniversary for pre-school

2013 sees St Edmund's Pre-school's 40th anniversary year. The current committee plan to mark the day with day of fun and celebration for all the families on Sunday 9th June 2013.

We know the pre-school has been a part of so many lives and we hope that as many as possible will be there to share the day. Please pass the message on to anybody you think may be interested.

We are also looking for any photos (which will be returned) related to the pre-school. Please contact Sarah Gore 740619 or pre-school direct with any photographs or ideas. We will finalise details of the day nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary for a chance to share some memories and see where our alumni are now.

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2012 was a busy year for Borderhoppa. In April we became a flexibly routed service, this meant that anyone, any age could now use our service, not just our members. Also, Norfolk County Council joined Suffolk County Council in allowing free transport on our buses for concessionary pass holders after 9.30am. All this saw an increase in passenger numbers, and we've welcomed many new faces on to our buses.



On Mondays throughout the year, we've continued to run regular outings. These are for members only, but membership is free, you just pay for the outings. Members have enjoyed visiting towns & cities for shopping, trips to the seaside, boat trips, pub lunches & visits to local gardens & garden centres. In the Autumn, Borderhoppa launched a 'new bus club' which is a lottery open to everyone to help raise funds for a much needed new bus (although due to the weather recently we'd be better buying a boat!) It also gives people a chance to win a share of the funds each month for just £2 a number. This has proved to be very popular & the first lottery draw in Decembers saw prizes of £57.50, two of £23 and £11.50 being won. December was a very busy month as lots of private groups hired our buses days, evenings and at weekends to get to their Christmas lunches & parties. We also had lots of passengers wanting extra trips to do their Christmas shopping.

If you would like to book a journey, for shopping, doctors, hairdressers etc, become a member to enjoy our outings, book a place on an outing, hire one of our buses or take part in our monthly bus lottery, then please call: 854800 between 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Outings coming up:

Monday 4th February: Pulham Garden Centre & lunch At Half Moon, Rushall
£10 – lunch extra

Monday 18th February: Cambridge £18.50

Monday 4th March: Bury St Edmunds £12

Monday 18th March: Stowmarket and lunch at The Black Horse, Thorndon
£12 – lunch extra

Lucy Sharpe, Deputy Transport Manager

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

PRECEPT and BUDGET FOR 2013/2014 FINANCIAL YEAR - at the January meeting, Councillors agreed on a Precept of £13,000 for the coming financial year, so that there is no increase from 2012. The Precept is the money that the Parish Council requests from the District Council to run services within the village. The Parish Council has a mandate from the Parish Plan which includes speed deterrents and traffic management in the village, more environmentally friendly street lighting and the provision of allotments. The Precept will allow the Council to continue to work towards achieving some of these goals during the forthcoming year, particularly traffic calming on Green Street which is currently awaiting the completion of a safety audit appraisal by Suffolk County Council. This matter will be further debated at the February meeting.

POLICE REPORT – PC Thomas attended the January meeting and reported that current crime trends in the nearby parishes include burglaries to dwellings as well as outbuildings, and that the majority of these had occurred during daylight hours. Items taken from dwellings include jewellery and small valuable items with a quick sell on value. Burglaries to outbuildings are also occurring with power tools, trailers, bikes and, in some cases, even vehicles being stolen. Parishioners are advised to review their security arrangements, particularly if their homes are vacant during the day.

CLEAN UP WEEKEND – This year's tidy up will take place on Sunday 24th March. Volunteers should meet at St Edmund's Hall at 11.00 am where equipment will be provided. Please bring your own gloves.

MEETING DATES – the Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month, with the February and March meetings being held at St Edmund's Hall and those from April to September being held at the Playingfield Pavilion and back to St Edmund's Hall for October, November and December. A full list of meeting dates is on display on the notice boards and is available from the Parish Clerk. Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings.

Dates for your diary include the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 25th April at St Edmund's Hall and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 2nd May at Playingfield Pavilion.

Date of next meetings: Thursday 7th February and Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm at St Edmund's Hall.

**Sarah Foote, Clerk, Telephone: 07554 733621.
Email pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk**

Be my Valentine

On 14th February, lovers around the world will be celebrating St Valentine's Day. The origins of this day are obscure – the Catholic Church has three St. Valentines each of whom was martyred. For me, the most pleasing is of a Roman priest who defied the Emperor Claudius by continuing to marry soldiers. Claudius had decided that unmarried men made better soldiers!

By the Middle Ages, Valentine had become the most popular saint in England and the practice of exchanging greetings began; it was after all the time of courtly love. The earliest known valentine still in existence is a poem written in 1415 by Charles

Duke of Orleans to his wife, now in the British Library in London. As time passed, the practice was taken up by all social classes and by the middle of the 18th century was commonplace. By 1900, cards began to replace written letters. Currently, according to the Greeting Card Association, women buy approximately 85 per cent of them.

So for all of you with a "significant other", now is the time to plan your celebration of your love for one another. And, come on you chaps, buy a few more cards!

Editor

Facts from: Valentine's Day, <http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day> (last visited Jan 6, 2013).

Phoenix birthday celebration

The meeting on 8th January was the sixth birthday of the Hoxne Phoenix Group and the ladies celebrated with a glass of wine or fruit juice and cake. This was followed by a very interesting talk by Mr Basil Abbott on the history of Diss Common and various other places in Diss.

On Thursday 10th January we had our New Year Lunch at the White Horse Stoke Ash, with 44 members and friends enjoying a very good lunch with much chatter and laughter, always a good sign.

On Tuesday 12th February we will hold our AGM and social evening; Mrs Margaret Sillis is going to tell us about the Heritage Group that she and some of her friends are organising. It is so good that some of the history of the village is going to be preserved. On Tuesday 12th March Mr Steve Dean is going to show slides and talk about Birds in my Garden.

If either of these interest you, we meet in the Lounge of the Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome with £2 entrance fee, or you can join for a £15 annual subscription.

Doreen Weller, Secretary

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NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

Hoxne, Denham, Syleham and Wingfield

Main contacts for anyone who needs to get in touch with a member of the clergy are:

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

Denham – Michael Reeves, The Brambles, Church Road tel: 01379 668179

Syleham – Mary Lewis, Little Hemplands tel: 01379 669258

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

Times of worship

3rd February

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

Syleham 11.15am Morning Prayer

10th February

Wingfield 11am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

Denham 11.15 Village Service

13th February- Ash Wednesday

Hoxne 7pm – Holy Communion and Ashing

17th February

Syleham 10am Village Service

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

24th February

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Wingfield 10am Morning Prayer

3rd March

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

Syleham 11.15am Morning Prayer

3rd March – Mothering Sunday

Syleham 10am Village Service

Wingfield 11am Holy Communion

Hoxne and Denham 11.15am Family Service

February - March 2013

17th March

Syleham 10am Village Service

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

24th March – Palm Sunday

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Wingfield 10am Morning Prayer

28th March – Maundy Thursday

Special service for Maundy Thursday

Redlingfield 6.30pm

29th March - Good Friday

Hoxne 10am Meditation

Wingfield 12noon Meditation

30th March – Easter Eve

Denham 6.30pm Service of Light

31st March – Easter Day

Syleham 10am Easter Celebration

Wingfield 11am Family Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Easter Celebration

A time for prayer takes place each week at Wingfield on Mondays at 12 noon, Syleham on Tuesdays at 12 noon and at Denham on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9.30am

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St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

As mentioned in the following reports from the churches in our parishes, the reorganisation plan that will bring Hoxne, Denham, Syleham and Wingfield back together along with Horham, Reddingfield and Athelington should take effect on February 1. Hoxne Parochial Church Council and the congregation have bid farewell to the Revd Susan Loxton and the Revd Peter Schwier with lasting thanks for their care and guidance during the past four years. They go with our prayers and support as they begin their new ministry which includes Stradbroke. The PCCs within the new Hoxne group now have the responsibility to follow through the process of advertising for and appointing a new priest for the benefice. This process will begin immediately although it is not possible to set a time scale for its completion. In the meantime, all enquiries regarding church services and other church related matters should go to the churchwardens listed on the preceding page.

St Peter and St Paul was the focus for a successful and well attended series of services over Christmas with a crib service for St Edmund's Pre-school; a carol service for St Edmund's Primary School, a Village Carol Service, a Christingle on the Sunday before Christmas and a well-attended Family Service followed by Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

Collections from the Village Carol Service and the Christingle have been sent to the Children's Society.

The PCC meets at Flaxfield at 7.15pm on Wednesday 6th February with the council being open to ideas for discussion on church services or other issues related to the church in Hoxne.

Friends of Hoxne Church

By the time you read this we will have had our first coffee morning of 2013, but don't forget we meet every 4th Saturday at 10am in the church. Do come along have a chat over a cuppa. We have a bring and buy stall, plenty of books to buy and a raffle. Our first major event is in March (see "Old Time Music Hall" in this issue). Later in the year we hope to have the Wattisham Military Wives Choir and also a Garden Party.

John Chapman, Chairman

Flower Rota

3rd and 10th. February
Altar Sarah Buckley
Porch Eleanor Hart

This is followed by Lent when there are no flowers in the church.

Easter falls on the 31st March and the rota for this festival will be distributed early in March.

Thank you to all who contribute to keeping the church a welcoming place.

Mothers 'Union

Mothers' Union meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne.

Reg Bailey our General Secretary was awarded a C.B.E in the New Year Honours list for his dedicated work in chairing the multidisciplinary panel

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which produced the 'Letting Children Be Children' Report. This was the culmination of the MU report on 'The Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Childhood' and has led to ongoing monitoring and parental empowerment in such areas as music DVD's, IT access, children's clothing and much more.

The MU has joined forces with other organisations and when there is something in the media which causes you concerns look at the www.parentport.org.uk website which enables you to 'find out more', 'complain' and 'have your say'. Our meetings are on Monday 18th February and Monday 18th March.

We are also holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th March (10.30am) at Eldfield home of John and Margaret Brawn opposite the village hall. There will be cards and merchandise, Bring and Buy and raffle and you are all welcome.

Cathie McGregor Branch Leader
668434

St John, Denham

As the Parish rearrangement gets under way, St John's Church will once again be without a vicar and Lay Elders will be leading the services. In March we will join Hoxne to celebrate Mothering Sunday at 10.00am at St Peter and St Paul Hoxne. However our monthly service will still take place on the second Sunday, February 10th, at the usual time of 11.15am with refreshments and fellowship beforehand, from 10.45am. On the 30th March our

Easter Celebration will be the Service of Light, a candle light service which begins outside the Church at 6.30 pm. Morning Prayer will be on the 26th of each month at 9.30am.

The Carol Service and Baptism on the 23rd December was very well attended, the familiar Christmas Carols and readings giving a fitting start to the festive season.

St Margaret, Syleham

Advent – There was a short candlelit reflection led by Mary Lewis at her home which was enjoyed by those in attendance.. Our Carol Service was very well attended with standing room only and we had the great pleasure of listening to Adrian Knott's Amici choir. It was Rev Fiona Newton's last Christmas Service as our vicar and we presented her with a card and gift in appreciation of her ministry. Some lovely organ music was played by one of the Amici members and many in the village took part in the service. This was rounded off with cordial, coffee and mince pies. Many thanks to all the flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully right through to the porch, an exceptional display which received many compliments.

The changes in our church benefice are expected to take effect from 1st February and on 30th December Syleham joined the parishes of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield and Wingfield in a joint service held at St Andrews, Wing-

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field. These are the parishes we shall be working with in future and this was an opportunity to begin to get to know each other.

The new year began very happily on 6th January with the baptism of Julie Collier's granddaughter which was a lovely service conducted by Revd Ron Orams. Darcy's parents, Emily and Marcus were married at St Margaret's in 2007 and currently live in Australia, taking advantage of a visit home for the baptism.

Call My Bluff – This enjoyable wine-tasting quiz will be chaired by Colin Campbell and will be held on Saturday 9th February at the Village Hall (IP21 4LT) at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets £13.00 to include all wines and sit-down supper. It promises to be a very entertaining evening and one not to be missed. Further details from Colin on 668306 or darrsville@aol.com.

Soup and Snowdrop Walk – This fundraising event will take place in the grounds of Monks Hall (IP21 4LN) on Saturday 16th February from 12 noon to 2.30pm and we hope it will be as enjoyable and successful as last year's walk from the Village Hall. It is hoped that the snowdrops will be in full bloom and, for those who would like a longer walk, last year's footpath maps will again be available. Home-made soups and delicious bread will be available at Monks Hall at £3.50 per person. Further details from Mary on 669258 or mary.lewis@tecova.com.

Coffee morning – Jane and Adrian

Knott have kindly offered to host a coffee morning in aid of the church to be held at White House Farm (IP21 4LX) on Saturday 2nd March from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come! Mothering Sunday falls on 10th March, a day we would not normally have a church service. However, we would love to celebrate the day with you and have arranged a service, including presentation of flower posies, to take place at 10am. Whether we have children or not, we have all had mothers so feel free to join us for this simple service followed by coffee and cake.

Tower Appeal Update – We are very grateful to everyone who has responded so generously to our appeal for help with funding the church tower repairs. To date, the appeal has raised over £2000 and gift aid will increase that sum by about £500. It is also excellent news that we have been successful in our application for an English Heritage Grant which means that the urgently needed work should definitely be able to go ahead within the next year or two. We will maintain an update in future issues of Village Voice.

The Church Electoral Roll is due this year for its six-yearly renewal. The roll is 'a list of people who can vote at the annual parochial church meeting' but is better thought of as 'a list of people taking an interest in their parish church.' Anyone who is aged 16 or over, is baptised and is a member of the Church of England or certain other churches can apply to be on the roll. People who live in the parish can have their names on the

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roll even if they never come to church, although anyone living outside the parish does need to have worshipped at St Margaret's regularly during the past six months. There is no financial obligation attached to membership of the roll but you will receive an invitation to the annual church meeting in April and a report of the church's activities. Anyone currently on the roll will be contacted by our electoral roll officer, Phyllis Gunn, within the next few weeks; anyone else interested (and we would love to hear from you) can contact Phyllis on 668640 or phyllis-gunn@btinternet.com.

St Andrew, Wingfield

At the start of this New Year we are making preparations at St Andrew's Church Wingfield for the period when we shall be without a vicar. We have not yet said a final farewell to Fiona Newton, but the Carol Service in December was planned as the last Sunday service which she would take in Wingfield. The Carol Service was also the occasion when John Vandenberghe bowed out as our regular organist. We are very grateful for the contribution that Fiona and John have both made to our worship in Wingfield over the years.

If the proposed reconfiguration of the benefices takes effect, we will be reliant on visiting priests to take our Holy Communion Services. We are very grateful that Canon Andrew Vessey has indicated that he is willing to help on a regular basis. An-

drew has already taken a number of services at Wingfield, and his love of poetry and painting contribute to his vivid sermons. We are fortunate that the Rev Dr John Parr will be leading our worship on 3 February. John is the Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry, and so is well qualified to stimulate our thinking about our future direction. We will also be welcoming our Archdeacon Ian Morgan to Wingfield on 3 March when he will be leading our worship. This will be Ian's first visit to Wingfield since he took up post in the Autumn and we look forward to this opportunity for as many people as possible to meet him.

We are hoping to arrange a Lent Supper during March with Elizabeth Harper, Deputy Principal of the Eastern Region Ministry Course, speaking on 'The Relevance of the Old Testament'. The Wingfield Local History Group is organising an evening of reminiscing about farming in years gone by. Please sign up to our Twitter feed @WingfieldChurch for regular updates on these and other events at Wingfield

We are fortunate that the Royal College of Organists has agreed to extend the loan of the Wingfield Organ for a few more months. We are planning a Young People's Concert on 6 April. If any young readers of Village Voice would like to take part, either on the organ or using another instrument, they should contact Eleanor Goodison on 384181.

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Obituary

David Lawes - 1937 - 2012

David was born in Heckfield Green, an only child, and attended St Edmunds Primary School on the opposite side of the road on which he lived. He first worked as a road worker until he was called up for National Service. He joined the RAF and was posted to Australia; this was at the time when the atom bomb was being tested on Christmas Island. He was demobbed after three years by which time he had returned to the Isle of Wight.

In his younger days, David was a good sportsman enjoying darts at his local, The Grapes, and playing cricket. But favourite of all sports was football and he loved to take his son, Kevin, to watch Norwich City at Carrow Road where he was a season ticket holder.

For over 50 years David was employed as a coach driver by Simonds of Botesdale. On one memorable trip he was taking a party of bell ringers on tour when he met Christine, one of the bell ringers, who he subsequently married. David and Christine enjoyed 40 happy years together.

Another one of David's great loves was the Royal British Legion. He was a loyal member for over fifty years and he rarely missed a meeting. He and his pal, Reg Baxter, would travel miles to rallies and fetes and he and Christine supported all the fund-raising events of the Hoxne Branch. He was very proud of the Legion's Certificate of Appreciation that he received.

David was a devoted father to Kevin and Debbie and step-father to Karen. During these last four years, in spite of failing health, he remained cheerful and never complained. He would sit in his favourite chair with his cat on his lap looking out of the window to watch the birds. In the summertime, a tame robin would eat out of his hand.

David will be greatly missed by Christine, Kevin, Debbie, and her partner Stuart, and Karen.

A summary of the eulogy given by John Elliot at David's funeral at Hoxne Church on 14th December

SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr Malcolm Flounders

Parish Council Meeting – at January 2013 meeting neither our County Councillor nor our District Councillor were able to attend and PCSO Steven Long was delayed after attending a serious accident on the A140.

Planning – Appn. No. 3306/12 - Walnut Tree Farm, Hoxne Road.
-Erection of two storey front extension and 2 no. single storey side extensions-
The parish council supported the application and planning permission is granted by MSDC.

Police – advise there has been no crime in Syleham since our last meeting but wishes to bring to residents attention a new trend in local crime of HGVs parked on farm hardstandings being targeted for fuel theft.
Finance – Budget for 2013/2014 was confirmed and the requested precept from MSDC will remain the same at £1,400.00.

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Winter Weather – Acknowledgement was made of the work the Chairman and his wife had done in clearing ditches in order for the recent rainwater flooding local roads to drain away.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clerk: Linda Bruce
Tel: 669018 or pc@syleham.suffolk.gov.uk

Team Changes

St Edmunds Pre-school term started welcoming Sharon, our new deputy and Senco into our team and saying goodbye to Emma as she prepares to have her baby in February. The children greatly enjoyed our Christmas celebrations which culminated in a Christmas party enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all our parents that provided such delicious food.

This term the children will be enjoying sensory learning by exploring different types of messy play inside and out and through heuristic play which allows children to explore, experiment and problem solve. Colours and shapes will also be the focus of several activities this half term especially hearts and circles in February which will tie in nicely with creating and cooking for Valentine's Day and Pancake Day.

Our music area is currently benefiting from some amazing xylophones, percussion and African drums to help the children experiment with sound and the children can record themselves playing their compositions and play them back on the computer! If your child is two or older, they can attend pre-school on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 15 hours at no cost from the term after they turn 3 and they may be eligible for free sessions from just 2 years. We are also offering a free afternoon session if you pay for 2 mornings and lunches and our current paid rate is only £2.80 an hour! This offer lasts until July 2013. Do call or email to request a brochure or to come and look around our large and well planned environment. Contact – 07768 872135 or stedmundspreschoolhoxne@gmail.com.

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Thanks, Mum

On Sunday 10th March, some of us will be celebrating Mothering Sunday. Others will be sending a card for Mother's Day, an American invention in the early part of the 20th Century and on a different day in the US. Around the world the place that mothers hold within the family has been celebrated for more than two millennia in all sorts of fashions. So how did Mothering Sunday become confused with Mother's Day?

The answer has its roots in East Anglia's local history. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or "mother" church at least once a year. So each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their "mother" church, or the main church or cathedral of the area.

Most historians think that it was this annual Lenten theme that led to the custom of working children being given the day off to visit their family. At that time it was quite normal for children to leave home for work once they reached ten years of age. As they walked back home along the country lanes on Mothering Sunday, children would pick wild flowers or primroses to take to church or give to their mothers. Often they brought a gift with them, a "mothering cake" – a kind of fruitcake with two layers of marzipan, known as simnel cake.

Mothering Sunday was also called Refreshment Sunday, because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. But, by the nineteenth century, the holiday was dying out, and by the 1930s the keeping of many of the old Mothering Sunday customs had lapsed in many English parishes. Its revival was brought about just a decade later through the influence of the American servicemen stationed in East Anglia during the Second World War.

Mother's Day was the idea of Anna Jarvis, a young woman whose mother died in April 1906. The idea began to spread and gain wide support. In 1913 the second Sunday in May was adopted officially by the US government as the day dedicated to the memory of "the best mother in the world – your mother".

Across the English Channel, the French origin of a mother's day was a concern at the end of the 19th century of a low birth rate and steps were taken to recognise mothers of large families.

St Margaret Church, Syleham has a Mothering day service on Sunday 10th March at 10am that will include the presentation of flower posies.

Sources -
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Globe-trotting themes for nursery

It was lovely to welcome back to all the children into the nursery for the New Year and start our plans for 2013. We certainly had lots of fun in the run up to Christmas and were very proud of all our wonderful actors and actresses that made the Nativity Play such a success. Well done. Please take a look at our website gallery where there are more photos to see.

For the beginning of this year there is an "Ice and Snow" theme in the nursery. We will be learning about the Arctic and the Antarctic and all the different types of animals and people that live there. We will also be making our very own ice island habitat! Other themes we will be looking at in the early part of this year will be Colours and Chinese New Year when we will be setting up a Chinese restaurant and all having a go at cooking and tasting different types of Chinese food.



The Sweet Briar Blog on our website, 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 next online...

We are open five days a week with hours available from 8am – 5pm for children from three months to five years. We aim to be as flexible as possible with hours to suit you and your child's needs and we can continue a child's individual home routine with our facilities for sleeping. You can add hours at very short notice, add on hours at seasonal times, work around shift patterns and take advantage of term time only arrangements. We also run holiday and half-term Playschemes for children up to the age of eight meaning we are open 50 weeks a year.

For children of three years and above there is Government Funding available for 15 free hours per week that you can spend with us. We are also able to secure funding for two year olds that meet the special requirements of the Government. Please contact us for more information.

We feed into a network of local Primary Schools and several of our children go on to our closest school, which is St Edmunds Primary in Hoxne, for which we are a joint provider.

If you would like to come for a taster session then we would be more than happy to welcome you and your child. If you would like to book a taster session then please contact me.

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DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

Stephen Hilditch (denhamparishclerk@gmail.com) took over responsibilities as clerk from David Jenvey on the first of January. Any queries or concerns should be addressed to Ray Keeble (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the first instance, until the new clerk has been inducted into the new role. Advance notice for the Denham Parish Litter Pick (more details to follow). The Parish Councillors, being mindful of the need to look after the environment, will be organising a litter pick around the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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Puppets and Dance at Primary School

St Edmund's Primary (Hoxne) School's new after-school puppet club have been working with artist/puppeteer Liz Waugh McManus to create a short show based on an Edward Lear nonsense rhyme called the Quangle Wangle. So far the children have been designing and making colourful shadow puppets based on characters in the poem. In the coming sessions they will be creating additional text inspired by Lear's style of writing, and rehearsing for a performance at the end of term.

Pupils from Class 3 have been working together to create puppets, develop their writing, learn a script and put on a performance.

Headteacher Andrew Aalders-Dun-

thorne commented "I am delighted with the work of our pupils on this project, as a school we are always looking for ways in which we can extend and enrich the curriculum. These workshops have contributed to our drive to accelerate English attainment even further. Most importantly of all is the enjoyment that the pupils are experiencing by exploring this media."



AFC Hoxne come back strongly

It's been a funny old season for AFC Hoxne 1st XI, shrewdly managed by Jamie Scales from Diss. During November and December only one league game was played (a 3-3 home draw with Benhall). There is a serious backlog mainly caused by the weather, which will likely see a number of mid-week fixtures later in the season. The 1st XI knocked Premier Division Ipswich exiles out of the Bob Coleman KO Cup. A 5-3 home win was fully deserved, with James Harrison scoring four goals. Hoxne will now play top Ipswich side Achilles away in the last 16 of the competition on 19th January.

Hoxne went out of the Suffolk Junior Cup at the third round stage after losing a dramatic tie at home to Waveney of Lowestoft by the odd goal of nine in their first game for five weeks on 29th December.

The 2nd XI, whose manager Ben Wilby is having a fine first season, continue to score terrifically. An 8-0 win at Westhall, near Halesworth has earned them a fourth round Primary Cup trip to Old Newton "A". In the League, it's been success all the way, starting with a 2-1 home win over Claydon Reserves, Cedar Park Reserves were thrashed 6-1 at Stowmarket and there have been big home wins, 8-0 against previously unbeaten League leaders St. Clements Hospital of Ipswich and 7-0 against Benhall Reserves.

Both teams triumphed in the League on 5th January. The 1st XI won 3-2 at home to Somersham and the 2nd XI comfortably won the local derby at Stradbroke 7-0.

I will sign off by singing the praises of our long serving Treasurer, Gail Jackson, and Secretary, Richard Farthing, in his first season. Mr Farthing, affectionately known as the "Grocer" formerly owned the village shop. Beneath his jovial, one of the lads, image Richard is a bit of a computer whizz-kid and a first-class administrator, doing a very fine job indeed.

Clive Baxter

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The Village Hall Committee are very pleased that so many people are using the recycling facilities in the hall car park. The hall funds benefit each year by £600-£700. We have bins for newspapers, textiles and bottles but, please, take home your empty bags, boxes and any other items that cannot be recycled here.

Another problem that we have had over Christmas is that the bins became full very quickly and people kept leaving their empty bottles in front of the bins. Please, if the bins are full, take them back home and return in a few days' time. Having said all that, the sheer amount of bottles unable to fit into the bins indicate that Hoxne had a very jolly Christmas!

Happy New Year – keep recycling.

Carole Smith

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Brain-Altering Exercise

Exercise really is mind altering...

There has been recently a paper published saying there is evidence that exercise changes the structure of the brain, improving its key functions and connections in the prefrontal cortex, and boosting inhibitory control. This helps you suppress impulsive behaviour and resist temptation.

Such as those biscuits at work or too much wine at night. Researchers say working out also makes your brain more sensitive to feelings of fullness, helping to control appetite.

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Spring walk and seed swap

There will be two meetings of the Wingfield and District Gardening Club in February: On Friday, 22nd February a group will be visiting Gable House garden, Redisham for a 'Snowdrop Walk'. Details and entrance charge from Priscilla, see below.

On Thursday, 28th February we meet in the De la Pole Arms pub in Wingfield at 7.30. Graeme Proctor from Crown Nursery, Orford will talk about Spring Interest in the Garden and also outline tasks to be tackled in Spring. Graeme is an extremely knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

On Thursday, 21st March, we meet at the De la Pole Arms at 7.30 for a gardening quiz and 'seed swop' - quite often packets of seeds have far more than we will use so this is an occasion to bring extra seeds and swop them for others, instead of just leaving them get old and dusty!

For details contact Priscilla ph 388034 email priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE-

Chairman Michael Harvey

Council Changes

At the December meeting it was announced that David Jenvey would stand down as Parish Clerk due to ill health. This was very sad news about a man who had served the community so diligently for the past 5 years. We wish him a speedy recovery. David Young was appointed as the new Parish Clerk. Guy Mathias was co-opted to the Council giving us a full complement of councillors.

MSDC Report – Councillor Gibson-Harries reported the following:

- The merger of MSDC & Bayburgh DC admin functions would be completed by April 2013. New contact details to be supplied.
- A new Gypsy & Travellers Protocol is being prepared and a copy supplied, when approved by Suffolk & Norfolk CC's. Land owned by SCC, opposite Eye Airfield, is being considered as a transit site. The Wingfield Green earthworks are no longer an issue with MSDC.
- In these difficult economic times help is available for both businesses and individuals in the Parish. The watch words are act quickly. If you have a problem and need help contact the Clerk (details below)

Planning Applications

MSDC served notice of refusal regarding the installation of two wind turbines at Corner Green Farm.

However, the installation of two turbines at Lodge Farm was recommended for approval by the Parish Council.

Other Matters

The list remains open for anyone interested in applying for the mains drainage scheme being considered for the village.

SCC Highways Department is being informed of pot holes that need filling in Abbey Road, Low Road and lower Church Road. If any more are found please contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd January at Syleham Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

A Happy New Year from all Wingfield Parish Councillors

To contact the Parish Council please telephone the Parish Clerk on 668556

Handing over to the next generation

The word went round that Village Voice was closing down, but it was not so. Brian is of course irreplaceable, but in the end we all pass on our roles. The next generation is waiting in the wings to try and clear up the detritus and to make repairs and improvements to the mess they will inherit. Despite their shortcomings (obesity, computer games, tellyfixation, under age sex, junk food, illiteracy, jeans, unemployment etc) I am sure they will cope with the turbulent world somehow, after all it is us who brought them into it and then up. But there do seem rather a lot of problems that we shall have left behind for them to sort out., like global warming, the recession, us having spent their future inheritance by living on the never never, corruption galore, a housing shortage, a Victorian infrastructure, constitutional reform, foreign wars, over-spending, an immoral code , an absence of ethics, 85,000 banged up.On the other hand we did rather well after the Second World War. We produced the NHS, the Rolls Royce jet engine and the Comet, Frankie Howerd and the Beatles, Mrs T, Vera Lynne and our beloved Royals, Indian and African Independence, TESCO, There must be more. I forgot Harold Macmillan who told us famously during the swinging Sixties that we'd never had it so good. If Mr Gove's as yet untested new education system works all will be well for the next generation and they'll have it better than ever. New Year speculation of

what next, after the discovery of the Higgs boson following 50 years research and expenditure of £50 billion, is that our notion of self-determination and reality itself may be mistaken and we could be no more than a computer simulation. Occasionally I too have had this, feeling that I am but a scripted walking on part. What if, it is asked, the universe is merely a computer simulation devised by a highly advanced civilisation and we humans are a virtual reality experiment conducted by imaginative descendants. This is not sci-fi : it is from an Oxford professor. The argument runs that the enduring illusion that we are all in the grip of forces that we cannot control could make sense and that the experimenters wish to see whether we, their own simulation in which they modelled and avoided potential calamities, will test simulations of their own evolution, then to be tried and finally judged by some unknown omnipotence, before being permitted at the end of the game, a promise of ultimate resurrection. Should we now allow the Ozzie hacker to leave the Ecuador Embassy and provide sanctuary for him in Oxford to research this? And perhaps next, flying saucers?

2012 was not a good year to set up the Wingfield Cider Commune as apples were hard to come by, but we collected sufficient to make 22 gallons of cider (some call it scrumpy, not a word in the OED). It is a most satisfying community experience to be able

A word from Wingfield

to apply our labour and school certificate level chemistry to make use of the fruits of the earth rather than let the moorhens clear up the fallers. The gift of a 1 ½ ton adapted cheese press was an essential tool for extracting the golden juice, which is now merrily fermenting near the kitchen radiator, as the air locks click away sounding like lone grasshoppers. Look out Aspells!

It is a tradition at this time to adopt a New Year resolution. I am impressed by the short but comprehensive statement of the Quakers who seek peace, equality, simplicity and truth, and am wondering what if anything I might add for 2013.

That number 13 is a worry. Try as I can, the Last Supper superstition will always be there lurking. So perhaps my resolution will be not to worry when salt is spilled, to walk happily under ladders, and not to fret that the RN takes women sailors on board - after all they did just that in Nelson's day and he turned a blind eye on it.

Signed and typed by a hologram in wet and windy Wingfield.

Tommy Gee

Army wives gifts from Santa

A concert was filled to capacity Saturday 1st December at Stradbroke High School for a concert with a difference, which was not intended to be a fund raising event. Warm punch and mince pies were given away at the conclusion. The Stradbroke and District Royal British Legion Branch committee's intention was to stage a seasonal event, extend their Christmas Greetings to the community, and charge just enough to cover the expenses.

The audience were requested to bring a small gift wrapped Christmas present to be sent to a forces wife at Watisham AAC Base, Suffolk. This would be a way to extend the com-

munities support and appreciation to the wives of servicemen. Many of these ladies will be without their partners this coming Christmas time, as their husbands are deployed overseas.

Music was provided by Gislingham Silver Band, the longest established Silver Band in Suffolk, who gave a generous discount to the Legion in support of the cause.

Musical items were interspersed with readings of poetry and prose relating to the life of a forces wife, by the local MP, Dr Daniel Poulter, who is Minister of Veteran's Health, the County RBL President, Air Vice Marshal Bill

Rimmer, local District Councillor Guy McGregor and members of the community, representing Women's Institutes, Churches and Chapels.

The donated gifts were placed in a sleigh, and brought into the hall at the end, by Father Christmas. These were then presented to Captain Carl Vickers, Welfare Officer for 3 Regt.

AAC Unit, Wattisham: by the long serving and retiring branch secretary, Jeremy Higgins.

MP Dr Poulter praised Stradbroke and District Royal British Legion for this original new initiative, and Captain Vickers thanked the branch and community for their generosity.



Highway robbery

Driving towards Hoxne late afternoon, we spotted a barn owl flying along the road in front of us. Suddenly, a kestrel dived at the owl, which dropped to the ground. We thought that it had taken on a rather large target for its tea. The object was not, however, so ambitious. The kestrel flew away with the owl's mouse or vole in its talons, leaving the owl only with ruffled feathers. Nature red in tooth and claw!

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The Reverend George Doughty

A report in the Ipswich Journal of January 1st 1831 indicated that the trial of rioters who besieged the pub at Hoxne on the 13th December 1830 was due to the tithe audit being conducted by the Reverend George Doughty, Vicar of Hoxne.

Presumably this took place at the Hoxne Swan, when windows were smashed and the audit was delayed. The Reverend George Doughty would benefit from the tithe award, so the local agricultural workers were upset about the chairmanship of the meeting and its eventual outcome.

The Reverend George Doughty gained revenue from the glebe land, adjoining the vicarage and owned other land in Hoxne and at Martlesham. In the sanctuary of Hoxne church is a memorial to George Doughty and his wife Catherine Revett [1775-1804] the daughter and heiress of Ezekial Revett [d.1799] and Helen Milligan. Catherine probably died in childbirth aged 29.

George and Catherine were the parents of George Thomas [d.1802], Charles Montagu and Frederick Goodwin. The Doughty family



owned Theberton Hall and this property was inherited by Charles Montagu. The Martlesham Estate was inherited by Frederick Goodwin, who in 1833 was married to Beatrice Cunningham the daughter of Rear Admiral Sir Charles Cunningham of Oaklawn, Hoxne.

If we look at the Revett family tree who resided at Brockford, Suffolk we find that the Revett family were also related to the family of Tobias Frere of Harleston, Norfolk and the Press family of Hoxne. James Press [d.1824 aged 82] was married to Rebecca Revett [d.1825 aged 89] who was the daughter of Thomas Revett [d.1777 aged 77] and his wife Susanna Latham, daughter of the Reverend John Latham of Westley, Suffolk. If you are in search of a good historical book to read then the Chronicles of Theberton written by Henry Montagu Doughty in 1910 is one to find. The other book I have consulted is The Betts of Wortham in Suffolk 1480-1905 written by Katherine Doughty. The pedigree of the Betts family is a very interesting one as the Betts family occupied Oakley House also known as the White House. Edmund Betts [1719-1788] of Oakley was married to Martha Deye the daughter of Nathaniel Deye of Eye and his wife Mary Cullum. Their daughter also named Martha [1749-1779] was married to the apothecary John Worth of Diss.

Their son Captain John Worth [b.1775] was a naval officer and was married to Catherine Sinclair. When

the last family members of the Betts family of Wortham Hall, Suffolk were looking for an heir, they looked at the daughter of John Worth and Catherine Sinclair. Catherine Sinclair Worth was married to Admiral Sir Baldwin Wake Walker [1802-1876] on the 9th September 1834.

The Wake Walker's inherited Oakley House, but had The Depperhaugh built at Chickering, a large building constructed of Woolpit white brick. Sir Baldwin served in the Royal Navy from 1812-1876 and was involved in the Morea Expedition in 1828 and the Bombardment of Acre in 1840. He was a surveyor of the Navy from 1848-1861.

In 1838 he was given special permission to take command of the Turkish Navy and was known as Yavir Pasha. Baldwin, gaining honours from the Turkish Navy for his command at Acre.

Evelyn Laura Walker the daughter of Baldwin and Catherine was married in 1864 to Captain Hugh Talbot Burgoyne [1833-1870] VC RN, who was the ill-fated captain of HMS Captain which sank off Cape Finisterre in 1870.

A stained glass window was put up as a memorial to Hugh Burgoyne at Hoxne by his wife and the graves of the Sir Baldwin Wake Walker and his wife can be found near to the west door of Hoxne church.

Stephen Govier.

OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

49 Village Voice

A real old fashioned Old Time Music Hall is coming to Hoxne Village Hall on Saturday March 2nd. The event put on by the Botesdale Theatre Group (WARTS) includes songs, sketches, comedians, a small band of musicians and, of course the traditional Master of Ceremonies with his gavel and string of Sesquipedalian Loquaciousness (long words to you and me).

The evening will also include a tasty interval supper served at your table, the bar will be open and you are invited to come dressed in Edwardian costumes (not obligatory). The show will start at 7.30pm, doors will be open from 7pm and tickets £10 each will be available from Peter at the shop, John Chapman 740821, Margaret Brawn 668352 and David Cawdell 668821 and also on the door if there are any left. Why not make up a party (tables normally seat 8 people and can be reserved) and come and enjoy a trip down memory lane. You can turn up in your finest feathers and enjoy an evening of real good fun and a hearty sing-a-long. Just like the Good Old Days.

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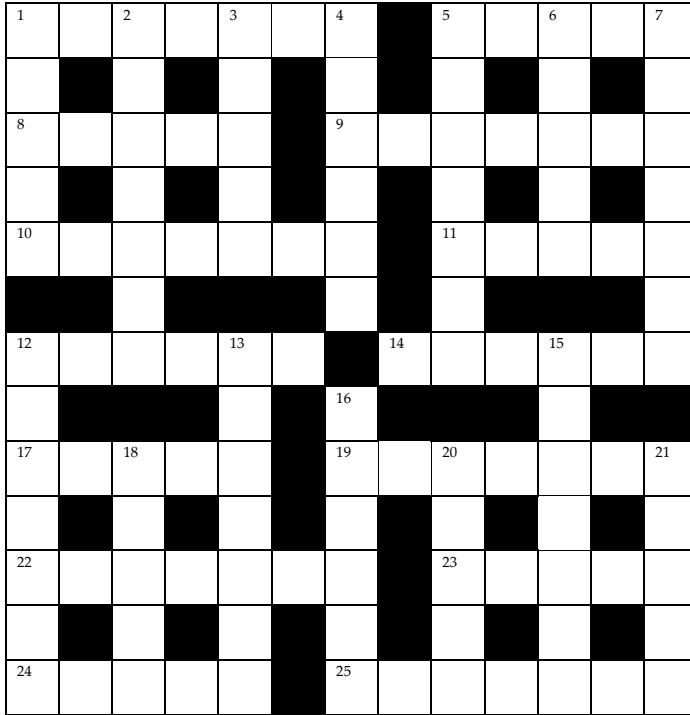
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 92

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 91 went to Mr. M. Easey.
The solution appears below.



ACROSS

- 1 Socialise with royal spouse (7)
- 5 Audible bit of quiet (5)
- 8 Cured albeit not refined (5)
- 9 Childish game of Lord Elgin (7)
- 10 Side by side and topically up to date (7)
- 11 Use door for competition (5)
- 12 Latent form of skill (6)
- 14 Symbol acquired by man of rank (6)
- 17 Thing confused by darkness (5)
- 19 Gather a short prayer (7)
- 22 Daydream of vicar on lake (7)
- 23 Not a happy song (5)
- 24 Wall art but not graffiti (5)
- 25 Mother most often has flask (7)

DOWN

- 1 Article after two companies at bedtime (5)
- 2 Impartial and out of gear (7)
- 3 Comic, grand or soap (5)
- 4 Love apple for the salad (6)
- 5 Improve to make ideal (7)
- 6 Soundly apportion a large number (5)
- 7 Sureness loses its way but makes certain (7)
- 12 Discord from tartan trumpet (7)
- 13 Spontaneous musical note (7)
- 15 Met hero confused by Pythagoras (7)
- 16 Receive mushroom in deed (6)
- 18 Better be this than a receiver (5)
- 20 Fifty on the rim of shelf (5)
- 21 Disturbed rests spoil hair (5)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 91

- ACROSS: 7) Billow 8) Stares 10) Outside 11) Drama
 12) View 13) Piano 17) Drink 18) Face 22) Round
 23) Nothing 24) Create 25) Blonde
 DOWN: 1) Absolve 2) Clothed 3) Logic 4) Student
 5) Broad 6) Oscar 9) Beginning 14) Erudite 15) Radiant.
 16) Feigned 19) Brace 20) Quiet 21) Stalk

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