

A black and white photograph of a man with light-colored hair, wearing a dark vest over a plaid shirt and dark trousers, standing in a large haystack. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a traditional cottage with a thick thatched roof and a white door with a black frame and a small window. A window is visible on the upper left side of the cottage.

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All change...

With the clocks going forward, Spring is definitely here at last and once more the garden is coming out of hibernation. Similarly, the Village Voice has re-emerged from Winter with a new look, but underneath will continue to champion contributions from yourselves and publicise your events. There are some new features too, both in the Kitchen and in the Garden, while the incognito *Lunch Bunch* will be out checking the local eateries at their own expense on your behalf.

If walking is your thing, or you simply want to discover more about our local area that is all too easy to overlook, then Denham is the starting place this issue. Follow the route and you could be walking a small section of the track-bed of the erstwhile Mid-Suffolk Light Railway; the line was recently featured on TV in the *Great British Railway Journeys* series with Michael Portillo to much acclaim.

There is a raft of entertainment over the next couple of months as Public Holidays have their peak season. You could do no wrong by experiencing the latest mystical **Eastern Angles** production at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall or by welcoming the return of the **Jive Aces** to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Hoxne Music Festival.

If you prefer your scenery inside rather than out, then Wingfield Barns has a series of photographic exhibitions for your delight over the next couple of months. This includes a retrospective by Barry Freeman who has provided the charismatic cover for this issue and is further featured inside.

And there's more good cheer across the road from Wingfield Barns, as The De La Pole is destined to be open once again.

This bucks the trend of the ever increasing rural pub to dwelling house conversions, as maligned by India Knight in her Sunday Times article last month. She cited the importance of the humble pub as the centre of village life in times gone by, while remarking on how Hoxne's own **Black Dog at The Swan** meetings conveyed in part that same community sense today which would otherwise be lost. Worthy praise indeed.

There's a full list of diary dates this issue, so surely something for everyone and plenty more inside. If you have news to tell or a view to express, then please get in touch. It ought not come as a surprise though, that it's inevitable there's likely to be more Hoxne orientated content featured. It's not intentionally skewed, honest - it's only reality, as there are over twice as many Hoxne residents than Wingfield, with Syleham and Denham having half again. However, if you consider your village or organisation is under represented, or you wish to promote a community project yourself, then the Village Voice is here for you to put the record straight.

I'd like to say a well deserved thank you to all those who've contributed to this issue, as well as the behind the scenes advertisement handling and of course your faithful distributors.

If you've read this far, then you've no doubt spotted the addition of colour, despite Barry's monochrome façade lulling you into a false sense of greyscale security. While some may say the demise of the black and white magazine with its span of pastel covers is a shame, I see the bi-monthly task of not having to choose from a colour swatch akin to Mr Portillo's shirts as progress. Long live the Village Voice.

Bones

Letters to the Editor

DORIS DUSTED

We would like to say a huge thank you to Alan, Joan & their team at Waveney Tree Specialists for the great help and a speedy response after Storm Doris decided to bring down some very large trees at our beloved Kennels. Thanks to the teams hard work, we were fully operational the next day - Cheers Guys.



*From Sara-Jayne & Don Warren
Goldbrook Boarding Kennels & Cattery*



TREE-TASTIC

Hoxne Playing Field Committee would like to thank everyone who bought their Christmas Tree at Market House. Every tree sold, with a profit of £770 for the Playing Field funds. They were lovely trees and, we were told, sold at a very reasonable price. We plan to sell more Christmas Trees at Market House next Christmas and hope to see you then.

Carole Smith

CHRISTMAS CHEERS

I would like to say a big thank you to all my customers for their lovely Xmas presents and to wish them a (belated) happy New Year.

Greta the paper lady

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BVH Brundish Village Hall

HPP Playing Fields Pavilion, Hoxne

HVH St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne

SWH Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

WB Wingfield Barns

What's On Here

St Margaret's Church, Syleham

Concert with local choir AMICI

Sunday 11th June at 3pm

A varied programme. Renaissance church music to more recent pop numbers. The concert is dedicated to the memory of John Leader and there will be a retiring collection in aid of this church, which he strongly supported

Light refreshments during an interval
Parking available
Enquiries 01379 669258 or
mary.lewis43@icloud.com



Annual Rogation Sunday Walk

Sunday 21st May

2.00 pm from the Lych Gate

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Hoxne

After which tea and cakes will be served in the grounds of the Old Vicarage, Hoxne. The estimated return is around 4.00pm. We may come across livestock so dogs must have a lead. This year we will be including in the walk, an area of woods not normally accessible to the public. For further information, contact: Phil Flagg 01379 668258

Easter Services

Easter will be celebrated with a range of different services across the Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield group of parishes. For full details, see pages 22 to 25.

Village Voices

Community Choir

We are holding a workshop at Hoxne Village Hall on **Saturday 15th April** with **Lester Simpson**.

New singers always welcome.

Contact Jenny Knight:
villagevoicesjk2@icloud.com
www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com



JIVE ACES RETURN FOR SPECIAL CELEBRATION CONCERT

To mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Hoxne Music Festival, Britain's number one swing and jive band, the **Jive Aces**, will be back.

The high energy and showmanship of the band proved hugely popular when they appeared at the 2016 festival. Now they will be performing again at St Edmund's village hall in Hoxne on the evening of **Saturday 27th May**.

Tickets, priced at £15, will be available from **Hoxne Post Office & Stores** and via the festival website www.hoxnemusicfestival.com or from committee members.

Demand is expected to be high since the concert is listed on the Jive Aces own website and is likely to attract followers from a wide area.

In order that local music followers do not miss out the committee recommend early ticket purchases for what could be a sell out concert. It will be a mainly standing and dancing evening with only limited seating around the edge of the hall.

Quiz Night

In aid of the Hoxne Music Festival "Jive Aces" concert

Saturday 8th April

St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne
Quiz starts at 8:00, bar opens 7:30
Raffle - Great prizes!

Teams of 6 @ £5.00 per head, to be paid on the night. To register, please send team leader's name and contact number to helenmacdonogh@aol.com telephone 01379 669331





Garden Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday 1st April

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Summer Ball

Saturday 3rd June

This really is the event of the year! A great excuse to dust off those long dresses and dinner suits. To be held in a luxury marquee at **Hoxne Playing Fields**, with a three course meal, band and supporting disco. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing with friends.

Tables are selling fast, so please get in touch if you would like to attend. Tickets are £45 per head and can either be purchased individually or as a table of ten. Tickets available from:

Hannah Mayhew

01379 668200 / 07774 327836

or Gail Jackson **01379 668200**

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Denham and Hoxne

Calling every 4 weeks on **Thursdays**. Next stop **13th April** and **11th May**

Hoxne, The Swan car park from 10:25 to 10:50

Hoxne, St Edmunds House from 11:00 to 11:15

Denham, Post Office from 11:25 to 11:35

Syleham and Wingfield

Calling every 4 weeks on **Friday**. Next stop **21st April** and **19th May**

Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 12:15 to 12:35

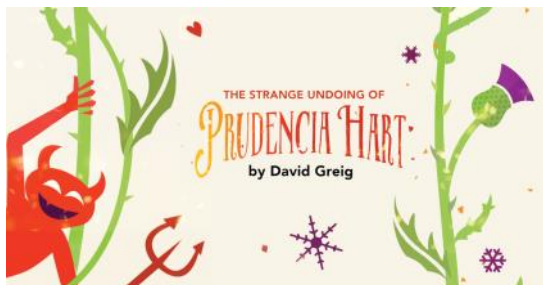
Wingfield, Post box from 13:45 to 14:10

PRUDENCIA HART

Eastern Angles touring theatre group will be coming to Syleham and Wingfield village hall on **Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm.**

The Eastern Angles website gives us this description:

*Venture across the wintry Scottish Borders for Eastern Angles's next spring tour show - **The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart** by David Greig.*



Follow Prudencia - an academic on her way to attend a conference in Kelso. As snow starts to fall, she begins a mystical adventure of self-discovery accompanied by plenty of folky musical moments. The strange and beautiful Scottish tale is told by four mischievous storytellers. Sometimes they speak in boombastic

Hoxne Playing Field A.G.M.

**Thursday 20th April
7.30pm**
At the Playing Field Pavilion

All Welcome

Please come and support
your Playing Fields

rhyming verse, sometimes through beguiling traditional folk songs, which will set your toes tapping and your heart racing!

Originally produced by National Theatre of Scotland in 2011, part live folk-gig, part folk tale, part barn-storming comedy - David Greig's modern play will thrill and haunt in equal measure.

Advanced booking advisable, email: k.thompson156@btinternet.com or text **07929 794636**. Ticket price £10, £9.50 for concessions. Places may be available on the door.



Clay Shoot Help Required

The 2017 Hoxne Charities annual clay shoot will take place at Oakley Park, Hoxne on **Sunday 10th September**, by kind permission of landowner Peter Saunders. The profits from this event go to Charities and causes within Hoxne.

People come from all over East Anglia to spend their money and have a good time. However, we do need help on the day to mark score cards - you would be working with someone who has done the job before, so there would be no need to feel out of your depth.

This event has been consistently raising £2000, with the profits from 2016 split between Hoxne School Association and Hoxne Recreation Ground (Playing Fields). If you are able to support us at this event, please contact either Julie Thompson, j.thompson@wvpschools.org or Alan Bryant, alanbryant@gmail.com



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Bowen Therapy and Beauty Clinic to open in Hoxne



My name is Helen Chapman Stockil and some of you may know me and even attend my Pilates classes at the Village Hall in Hoxne. On **Saturday 1st April** I'm opening the Old Butcher's Shop, Low Street Hoxne (opposite the Swan Pub) as a Bowen Therapy and beauty clinic.

I have been practising holistic and beauty treatments for over 30 years and chose the Bowen Technique because it eased my own chronic back pain, sciatica and Fybromyalgia which causes painful muscle spasm. I like to help people in pain and I work alongside health professionals to give the best pain management treatment I can. Most of my clients have joint and or muscle pain in one form or another and I hope that I can provide some relief for them.

Bowen Therapy is very gentle and relaxing and is even used on babies suffering from colic. I can offer other services, including Pilates personal training, group classes, postural analysis, and advice on weight loss. I will also be providing treatments such as aromatherapy massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing and other beauty treatments with the holistic approach.

As an ambassador for Tropic Face and Body products, I can also offer consultations and Tropic order processing via the clinic or online shop. Call me on **07587 700892** or email info@bowen.healthcare to book a free consultation.

Hoxne Village Hall

The Hall's reporting year ends in February and we are beginning to look at the last year's results. The most significant change is the number of times it is used; this year, 559 times by regular users, a 229 increase from the previous year. One-off use was also up. Over the last two years, daytime use, Monday to Friday, has grown with exercise classes and the popular Greengold Café and Market on Fridays.

Saturday 1st April sees Jitterbugs return for an evening bop of '40s and '50s dancing, starting at 8pm. They have booked more evenings through the year.

The Produce and Craft Market will be on **Saturday 8th April** and **Saturday 27th May** with goods for sale and a café serving speciality coffee and sweet and savoury snacks to tempt you.

Hoxne Music Festival will run a quiz on **Saturday 8th April** in aid of the "Jive Aces" concert, to be held on **Saturday 27th May**, also in the Hall. Bar opens at 7:30 Quiz starts 8:00. Tables of six @ £5:00 per head, raffle. To reserve a table please email helennmacdonogh@aol.com or call **01379 669331**.

The film on **Friday 21st April** is *A Streetcat called Bob*. Based on the international best seller, the true, feel-good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. The reviews say that it stars Luke Treadway and Joanne Froggatt. However, for all cat-lovers, Bob is the real star of the show.

The next film season commences **Friday 12th May** and Voting forms are inserted into this copy of the Village Voice and also available on our website.

The Hoxne Hundred Folk Club is celebrating St. George's Day with a

Ceilidh on **Saturday 22nd April**. Bar and refreshments, doors open 7:30, Entry £10 adults, under 14 £5, under 7 free.

Tickets from Jan **07539 651175**, janbud@live.co.uk or on the door.

The Hoxne Annual Parish Meeting is on **Friday 28th April**. Come and hear what is going on and make your views known.

Keep up to date with us at:
www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk
For bookings: **07876 215269**
hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com

John Langley

A Streetcat called Bob

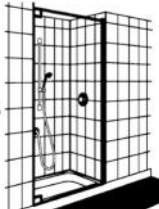


Denham Village Hall

The hall is part of the villages World War 2 history, having been the guardroom for the USAAF base until 1945. It is run by a management committee and available for any type of public function. To hire the hall, please telephone the bookings clerk, Tina Chenery on **01379 870797**. For all other enquires, please contact the Secretary, Rose McMahon on **01379 870346**.

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Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

It would be great to think that everyone who lives in Syleham or Wingfield had visited our shared village hall. If not, perhaps 2017 is the time to put that right. Housed in the old Victorian school building, with later extensions, it is a warm friendly place, where you can have a drink at the bar on the Tuesday and Friday social club nights (annual membership is just £4.50, concessions available) or come along to one of the evening and family events that are staged throughout the year. There is **Bingo** on the last Friday of the month, **Karaoke** on the second Friday of the month and we are just starting an **Open Mike** night. Other events include Eastern Angles Theatre (see page 9) on **Thursday 27th April**, Coffee Event (in aid of our annual Senior Citizens meal in January) on **Saturday 13th May** and a Family Barbecue on **Saturday 18th July**.

At the **Bingo** session on **Friday 28th April** we will be fundraising for Eye Opportunity Group, who make such a difference to children who need extra support, and their families. Doors open 8pm, bar open. We look forward to seeing you.

The village hall is run by a management committee, with a sports and social club committee which organises events, activities and club open nights to raise money for the upkeep of the hall. Both committees are hard working and would like to offer others members of our villages the opportunity to see what we do, and be involved. The Management committee Annual General Meeting will spell out the achievements over the past year. We are particularly short of people from

Wingfield, and would encourage anyone who has an interest in their local community facility to come along on the evening of **Wednesday 17th May** at 7.30pm. If you know any of the members of the two committees, please do have a chat about your involvement, or contact me for more information.

Julie Thompson

k.thompson156@btinternet.com

New Reeding Woods Group

On a bright spring morning Pound Lane Wood is a pleasant place for a walk, the birds are singing, the buds are swelling and the trees are finally established and outgrowing the grasses and brambles. Around the pond there are primroses in flower and along the rides signs of cowslips in bud. In the hedgerow hawthorns and blackthorns are almost in bloom and everywhere there are signs of spring. The tracks are muddy and show signs of frequent visits by dog walkers, so pack your wellies and your scarf before you set off for your spring stroll. Don't forget to keep **Wednesday 21st June** free for our summer solstice event, details next issue. If want to be actively involved in this project please contact **Mike Reeves** on **01379 668 179**



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What's On at Wingfield Barns

We are set for a busy Spring period here at the Barns, with many exciting events to look forward to. Several of these are already selling well, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. We also welcome the start of our exhibition openings in April. Dates for your diary are as follows:

Tuesday 4th April, 7.30pm

Maddy Prior in concert with Hannah James and Giles Lewin. Maddy, Hannah and Giles will explore music from around the British Isles, songs from far and near, Clogs to Klezmer! We are thrilled to be welcoming them to the Barns. Tickets £16.

Friday 7th April, 7.30pm

Open Space Theatre Company presents 'See How They Run' by Philip King. A former colleague calls on a vicar's wife and ignites a delicious farce of mistaken identity. Set in a post-war English village, King's play originally ran for 18 months at the Comedy Theatre in London's West End, notching up 589 performances with a cast which included the young Joan Hickson. A fast-paced drama of blissful hilarity. Tickets £11/£9.

Saturday 8th to Monday 17th April

The Royal Photographic Society Creative Group return with their annual exhibition in Gallery 1 and 2. Open 11am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday and open Easter Monday. Barry Freeman will also be displaying his 'Retrospective Exhibition at Wingfield' in Studio 4 during this time (see pages 26 & 27).

Saturday 15th April, 7.30pm

Adrian Adlam, violin. Adrian Adlam is Head of Strings at Winchester College. His varied musical career has led to his appearance as guest leader with several European orchestras including the London

Symphony Orchestra, the Hague Philharmonic, the Orchestre d'Auvergne, the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie and the Scottish BBC Symphony Orchestra. His programme here will include works by Bach, Ysaya, Ridout and Monk. Tickets £10.

Saturday 29th April to Sunday 14th May

The East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies return to Wingfield in Gallery 1 and 2. Open 11am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

Wednesday 3rd, 10th and 17th May, 9.45 to 11.15am

Wingfield Barns welcomes, for 3 weeks only, an Imps Family Play café featuring quirky and creative active play stations for your pre-schooler, plus big tents and tunnels, and a baby den area for younger ones. Make your own snack, funky songs and story time to finish up. £3 per child, under 1s free. The café will be open for coffees and cakes afterwards. No need to book, just turn up!

Saturday 6th May, 7.30pm

Richard Digance returns as part of his Golden Anniversary tour. This time Richard will be supported by The Broadside Boys. Tickets £18.

Tickets for all of the above are on sale now - call **01379 384505** to book.

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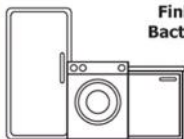
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St Edmund's Primary School

St Edmund's Primary School has had another busy term. On the 13th January, Waveney Valley Partnership of Schools (Hoxne and Mendham) had a Curriculum Enrichment day where we looked at the Hindu festival of Light (Diwali) and Vasant Panchami. We learnt how to make kites and made Hindu sweet treats; we also learnt a Bollywood dance routine to Hindu music.

In January, Rowan class were looking at space as part of their Science topic. We visited Seething Observatory and looked at constellations, planets and stars. At



the start we were taught about Saturn, then we looked through the telescopes in the domes. Luckily it was a clear night and the stars were shining brightly for us.

In February some of WVPs took part in a hockey tournament at Hartismere High School. We entered two separate teams; one achieved 1st place and the other team came 3rd. We were very proud of our achievements (see photo).

A new teacher came to Hoxne Primary in February. Her name is Miss Jacobs and she is taking over Miss Jerman's role as Academy Head. After Easter, Miss Jerman will become the Academy Head of Yox Valley Partnership of Schools.

On the 8th - 10th of March, Beech class are going on an educational visit to Holt Hall where they will be doing a range of outdoor activities and singing around the campfire - we are certain they will have a great time.

Our Easter service will be held on **Wednesday 29th March @ 2.30pm** in Hoxne Church, you are welcome to join us.

*Raisa Bryant (Head Girl)
and Jacob Ash (Head Boy)*

Sweet Briar Nursery School

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day, everyone brought in their favourite book and lots of story sessions were held with our Mummies, Daddies and Carers. Thank you to everyone for their input, inspiring children to read from an early age is something we feel very strongly about.

The arrival of Spring was very welcome this year and we have put lots of work into our nursery garden and vegetable patch and we look forward to the harvest when we can use all our produce to cook with. We have got lots of plans for Easter from decorating eggs, making

nests, cooking goodies and of course a bit of hunting!

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Hoxne School Association

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2016 was a very proactive year for the HAS; we hosted many events from an evening of murder mystery, a mediumship night, a clay shoot and an exciting horse racing event, along with many other things.

We set a fundraising target of £3,000.00 for 2016 and smashed this by raising a grand total of £6,607.87 !

This enabled us to pay for a new library area at the school for the children to enjoy; we also transformed our pond area so the children can embrace the outdoors with pond dipping, bird watching and general activities regarding the natural environment.

We have a whole host of events scheduled for 2017. The committee do appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our fun events.

Hannah Mayhew

Friends of St. Peter and St. Paul, Hoxne

We are holding a number of events over the next few months. Our AGM is on **Tuesday 18th April** at St. Edmunds village hall in Hoxne starting at 7pm. This is an opportunity to put before our members our financial position, the future demands on these funds and our plans to help the church grounds and buildings in the coming months. It's important that as many people as possible attend as your comments and input are very important and help focus the plans.

On **Saturday 20th May** we are holding a concert in the church by the Castleton Brass, tickets will be £10 and refreshments will be available. For more details and to book your places, please contact John Brawn on **01379 668352**. Also, just a note for your diary, keep **Saturday 8th July** free as we are holding a Curry Lunch, more details to follow.

If you would like to become a "Friend" and help with our mission to preserve, repair, restore and improve the fabric of the church, its contents and its grounds, please contact Maureen Johnson **01379 668352**



HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday 28th APRIL at 7.30 pm

St Edmund's Hall.

All are welcome to attend. The meeting is an opportunity for parishioners to hear from organisations in Hoxne and to discuss matters relating to the village life. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but an assembly of the whole parish which happens once a year - come along and find out more about what is happening where you live. At the close of the meeting, the Village Hall bar will open.

Church services

Hoxne, Denham, Syleham and Wingfield

If you need to get in touch with the Rector, Michael Womack, tel.: **01379 388889**

Village contacts

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**

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The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter includes details of services in the three parishes outside the Village Voice distribution. Copies can be picked up in churches or electronically by request from hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

Sunday 2nd April

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Messy Church

Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday

11.15am Hoxne BCP Morning Prayer

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Hoxne Taize style Holy Communion

Friday 14th April Good Friday

9.30am Hoxne Putting Out the Light

12noon Wingfield Service of Meditation

Sunday 16th April Easter Day

7.45am Wingfield Stations of the Resurrection

9.15am Wingfield BCP Holy Communion

10am Syleham Easter Praise and Baptism

11.15am Hoxne Easter Family Communion and Baptism

Sunday 23rd April

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

10am Hoxne Family Service

11.15am Denham Family Service and annual meeting

6.30pm Wingfield BCP Evensong

Sunday 30th April

11.15am Syleham

Benefice Holy Communion

Commissioning of Lay Elders

by Archdeacon Ian

Sunday 7th May

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Messy Church

Sunday 14th May

11.15am Hoxne BCP Morning Prayer

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May

8.30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion

10am Syleham Village Praise with Wingfield

11.15am Hoxne Community Service

Sunday 28th May

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

10am Hoxne Family Service

11.15am Denham Family Service

6.30pm Wingfield BCP Evensong

Church News

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Easter will be celebrated in mid April this year with Easter Day on **Sunday 16th April** - and marked by a special service which will include both a holy baptism and holy communion. The service, to be led by the Revd Michael, begins at 11.15am. The approach of the festival will have been highlighted by St Edmund's Primary School at their annual service in church on **Wednesday 29th March**; Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on **9th April** (Morning Prayer at 11.15am); followed by a Taize style Holy Communion at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday (**13th April**) while on Good Friday at 9.30am, a time of quiet reflection is offered with 'Putting Out the Light' as prayers are said and candles extinguished leading to the crucifixion. The service will last for about 20 minutes.

Gardens and all they mean and produce were celebrated at the Third Sunday Service in February with quotations and readings reflecting the benefits and pleasures of 'working the soil'. The Revd Michael led the service and blessed a collection of garden tools brought by members of the congregation. The March service was a selection of prose and poetry for Lent.

The north aisle is now 'open to all' again with thanks to those who helped to replace the various display cabinets and boards - while storm Doris howled around the church. A tree of significant size deposited itself in the car park - thankfully no cars were parked at the time. Many thanks also to the two volunteers who, with chainsaw and much labour, cleared it away.

New date for the Village Fete - **Saturday 1st July** at Abbey Farm; the

Christmas Fair is booked at St Edmund's Hall for **Saturday 25th November**. Don't forget the annual meetings of both the PCC and Friends of the Church at the hall on **Tuesday 18th April** at 7pm. Comments and suggestions on church activities are always welcomed.

April is a good month to tidy parts of the churchyard that would otherwise become rapidly overgrowth. Anyone with an hour or two to spare please contact Brian Chester on 01379 669157.

The Waveney Valley Food Bank continues to provide supplies to those in need; the collection point is always open at St Peter and St Paul - look for the box next to the font.

Supplies are taken to the Food Bank each week with the church receiving thank you certificates from time to time.

Flower Rota

2nd and 9th April Lent - no flowers
16th and 23rd April - Easter flower rota
7th and 14th May Altar - Prue Day
21st and 28th May - Jenny Loom

Thank you to all the flower arrangers for your contributions to keeping our church a welcoming place for our visitors. If you would like to join our group, please contact Cathie McGregor, flower rota organiser **01379 668434**.

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne branch of the Mother's Union meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.15pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne.

Monday 17th April (no meeting as this is a Bank Holiday).

Monday 15th May

New members are always welcome.

Contact the branch Leader Cathie McGregor **01379 668434**.

St John, Denham

Churches in small rural parishes are struggling to cover the costs of maintaining ancient listed historic buildings, and St John's church falls into this category! Last year, despite enormous local support for the Bike Ride and three fundraising events the church still did not cover its costs. The parishioners have in the past shown that they are supportive of their church and we are hoping that this year they will support us once more. There are plans to hold three fund raising events over the course of the year and active help will be welcome. We plan a fund raising day at the church in the spring, a village dance or ceilidh and a quiz in the autumn. Please come along to help organise these events by contacting Mike Reeves on **01379 668179**.

The Benefice evening communion services will be held on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **11th April** and on the **9th May** both at 7.30pm. These services will be held in the church as hopefully the evenings are lighter and warmer.

The monthly Family Services are on the **23rd April** and **28th May** at 11.15am with refreshments and fellowship from 10.45am. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the service on the **23rd April**.

St Margaret, Syleham

It has been a pleasure to come together with the Wingfield congregation for our regular Village Praise Service on the third Sunday of the month, so we hope it will continue.

Messy Church

Continues to be a success for all families in the benefice, on **2nd April** and **7th May**, 4pm in the Village Hall.

Easter Sunday, 16th April

Easter Sunday remembrance will begin this year with Stations of the Resurrection in Wingfield and Syleham's Easter service will be a Songs of Praise at 10am when we shall also have the joy of welcoming Harriet Barker in baptism.

Summer Lunch, Sunday 14th May

An earlier event this year, to be held in the garden of Manor House, Syleham, IP21 4LN by kind invitation of Major Andrew Napier. Lunch will be served from 12.30 - 2pm and will be £10 per head, to include a glass of wine. Any children eat free. There will be a select raffle and one or two carefully chosen stalls, including handicrafts and plants.

Sunday 11th June

A concert in the church with local choir AMICI will be dedicated to the memory of John 'J' Leader. It will be at 3pm and include a varied programme to suit all tastes. Further details can be found on page 6.

Other events planned include a cheese & wine late June/early July and a family fun day with BBQ at the end of the school summer holidays. Watch this space!

Church Council

Our numbers are sadly diminished without 'J' and with Gerry Lancashire now having moved away, so we are particularly grateful for the offers of support for fund-raising. By the time this Village Voice is published, we shall have held our Annual Meeting but it is never too late to come forward for cooption, or to offer general help. We are a friendly bunch!

Contact

For any of the above: Churchwarden, Mary Lewis on **01379 669258**, email: mary.lewis43@icloud.com

St Andrew, Wingfield

We are particularly pleased that the De La Pole Arms is due to reopen by the time that this edition of Village Voice appears. This will allow us once again to wander across the road for refreshments in the pub after Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month.

The monthly sung Evensong at St Andrew's is proving popular with people from across the Benefice, and also with the visiting priests who have taken the services in conjunction with the Revd Michael Womack. We are very pleased to be able to welcome Canon Harry Edwards in April and Revd Richard Court in May. As the days lengthen, we will have less need of candlelight, and will instead be able to enjoy early evening sunlight contributing to the very special atmosphere in the chancel.

We have had highly positive feedback about the joint service with Syleham on the third Sunday of each month, and will be continuing with this arrangement. If anyone would like a lift to Syleham from Wingfield, please speak to John McCracken.

Our final service of Compline for Lent will be on **7th April**. On Good Friday there will be a service at noon. In line with previous years this will be a reflective service with hymns and readings. On **Easter Day** we will mark the start of the day and the beginning of the Easter celebrations with Stations of the Resurrection at 7.45am. This will take the form of brief Bible readings and short periods of reflection on the events of Easter and the later occasions when the risen Christ revealed himself. We will start at Wingfield Church and walk a short distance between readings to mark each distinct episode. Reflecting Chapter 21 of John's Gospel, when Jesus prepared breakfast for the disciples, the

final Station of the Resurrection will be breakfast at the Rectory. All are welcome, so if you know anyone from beyond the Benefice who would like to attend, please let them know. All we ask is that if you know in advance that you would like to attend, it would help in planning food preparation for breakfast if you could advise Michael Womack beforehand of your participation. Equally, if you make a last-minute decision to attend, you will be very welcome.

For those in the Benefice who prefer BCP Holy Communion there will be a short said service at 9.15am on Easter Day in St Andrew's, Wingfield.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **9th April** (Palm Sunday) after the end of the morning service. In line with the advice from the Archdeacon we are aiming to keep this as brief as possible, while still ensuring that necessary business gets covered. If there are particular issues that anyone would like to talk over in advance of the meeting, John McCracken on **01379 384181** would be happy to discuss matters in more detail.

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A Retrospective Exhibition of Photographs at Wingfield Barns

By **BARRY FREEMAN ARPS DPAGB APAGB**

I have lived in East Anglia for 45 years, the last 20 years in Hoxne. I love landscape photography, especially monochrome images. Virtually every day, regardless of weather conditions, I will be taking photographs of the landscapes, I do travel further afield when I can, but enjoy photographing the beautiful local environment and the fantastic East Anglian skies.

As well as being a landscape photographer, lecturer and judge I am an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society and a Past President of the Ipswich and District Photographic Society and I edit many photographic magazines, journals and bulletins.

In 2009 I founded the Suffolk Monochrome Group (see website www.suffolkmonochrome.co.uk) to foster the appreciation of monochrome photography and to encourage the development of this branch of photographic art within the 'Group' membership. I organise their exhibitions two to three times a year in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. Wingfield Barns has been a regular venue.

In 2013 I helped curate a "Historic and Contemporary Exhibition of Photography" for the Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service. This featured historic images and techniques from the Ipswich and District Photographic Society archives and current University College Suffolk student work. It also included a range of contemporary photographs from top local photographers. It was one of the largest visual art exhibitions staged by the

Museum Service in the former Ipswich Art School now a public art gallery.

In association with St Joseph's College Ipswich, I have been closely involved in the development and setting up of the "SNAP" photographic competition for all photographers from the age of four through to 25, assisting with administration and acting as a judge. The number of schools and pupils participating increases each year as the competition becomes more and more popular.

The retrospective exhibition of my photography is being held at **Studio Four** of the **Wingfield Barns** from **Saturday 8th April to Monday 17th April** (Closed Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th) Open 11.00am to 4.00pm and **entrance is free.**

Barry Freeman





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Many villagers will remember the inspiring talk on Victorian rubbish, given by Dr Tom Licence in November. As a result of a discussion on that evening, it transpired that Tom's latest project is 'What the Americans left behind' and it was arranged that his team would investigate the pond at Downbridge. Our member and owner of the pond, Stuart Jarrod, was already aware that the pond had been filled in with paraphernalia left behind by the Americans when stationed at Horham during WW2. The most exciting find was a dog-tag belonging to a member of the USAAF which Tom was hoping to use to trace the airman's family. Further excavations may take place in due course.

It is possible that other locations in the village have been used to bury unwanted artefacts when the Americans left. We would be really interested to hear about these and would be happy to liaise with Tom.

We have also had a contact enquiry from someone living in the USA trying to track his ancestors, name of Chickering, who are reported to have an association with Hoxne. We are obviously aware of the potential link with Chickering Hall but, to date, our archivist has found no evidence of a Chickering family in Hoxne. Any other information would be gratefully received.

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting and still have a healthy and stable membership. However, new members are always welcome so why not join us? We hold monthly meetings at the Swan which always develop into convivial social evenings.

Margaret Sillis

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Reflections

April Showers, May Flowers?

March wind, April showers bring forth May flowers..., or so the children's rhyme goes. Writing in early March, it's too soon to say if it'll be a windy month or not; if anything we seem to be a month ahead of ourselves, February was helped along by storm Doris into being a very windy month, and so far March has felt very wet.

But it's a children's rhyme not a horticultural almanac so the exact details are not the point. The point is that it makes us mindful of the months and seasons of, not just the year but of our own lives, of how they change. We seem to live in a society that is increasingly insulated and protected from the seasons, we now expect to go into the supermarket in January and find lettuces and courgettes on the shelves. Yet not so long ago, lettuces in January would have been expensive and the result of hard

work in glasshouses or with cloches. In life generally, the darker parts are hidden away in hospitals and hospices, again as if we could be protected and cossetted from such things. We can't.

The point of the rhyme is that these things happen; wind, rain, but they are part of the life cycle. It is not just in our longing for lettuces all year round that we want to be exempt from the trials and tribulations of life; it is a temptation in our spiritual lives as well. The story of Easter is that everything comes together in the end. It's all in those few frantic hours, betrayal, arrest, being abandoned and disowned by friends and yet ultimately the hope of resurrection; of May flowers after all the wind and showers.

January lettuces are one thing, but May flowers only come after the storms.

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Ingredients

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2 leeks, washed and sliced finely into rings

500g potatoes, peeled and cut into small dice

750ml of hot fish stock (good quality stock pots or cubes are ok)

The zest of **1** lemon

250ml full fat milk

250g frozen or tinned sweetcorn

500g skinless and boneless fish, cut into small chunks

Handful of chives, snipped with scissors

3 tbsp. double cream

Method

Heat the oil gently in a large saucepan, add the leeks and fry. Stir occasionally for 10 mins until softened but not coloured. Add the potatoes, stir and cook for a further 10 mins. Pour in the stock and lemon zest. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 12-15 mins or until the potatoes are tender.

With a potato masher, very gently squash some of the vegetables to lightly "cloud" the stock. Add the milk and bring up to the boil. Add the sweetcorn and fish, cover. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for 3-4 mins until the fish

is just cooked through. Stir in chives and cream and season to taste.

Wheaten Bread

This is a recipe you will keep coming back to. Buttermilk can be bought at the dairy counter at most supermarkets and the recipe can be halved, although the finished loaf freezes well.

Ingredients

- 250g plain white flour
- 250g plain wholemeal flour
- 100g porridge oats
- 1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
- 1 level tsp. table salt - not crystals
- 25g butter (not margarine) cut into small dice
- 500ml buttermilk

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C, Gas Mark 6, Fan 180°C or Aga grid shelf on floor of roasting oven. Liberally dust a baking sheet with flour. Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl, then rub in the butter using your fingertips. Pour in the buttermilk and mix in quickly with a

Chunky Fish Chowder with Irish Wheaten Bread

table knife. Bring the dough together very lightly with your fingertips. Shape gently into a flat, round loaf measuring about 20cm in diameter. Put the loaf onto the floured baking sheet and score a deep cross in the top - traditionally this lets the fairies out, but it also helps the bread to cook through.

Bake for 30 -35 minutes or until the bottom sounds hollow when tapped. If it isn't ready after this time, turn the loaf upside down on the baking sheet and bake for a few minutes more. Transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool. If you want a soft crust cover with a clean tea towel. Eat very fresh with lashings of butter.

My thanks to my good friend CS for allowing me to use this recipe. Enjoy.

Gill O'Connor



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Hoxne Garden & Social Club

Good news - it seems that everything in the Garden Club is looking rosy! Following my piece in the last edition of the Village Voice a number of people have stepped up to the plate and to stand for election to the Committee at the forthcoming AGM so that we will have the necessary number of officers and ordinary committee members for the Club to continue. Our thanks go to those volunteers who have offered their services.

By the time that you read this our AGM will have been and gone and we will be looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable programme of talks and events.

Since Christmas, we have had Lucy Redman, in January, give a very animated and interesting talk on 'Sculpture in the Garden' - she was clearly enthused by her subject!

In February Chris Johnson enlightened us with the somewhat esoteric subject of the 'History of the Flowerpot' which I am sure even non-gardeners would have found interesting. I discovered that there was a large flowerpot pottery close to where I lived in my youth which I had no idea existed until Chris spoke of it!

Coming up, we will be hearing about *Winter Vegetables* on **Thursday 20th April** and *Flowers of the South of France* on **Thursday 18th May**.

If any non-members (as well as members) out there are 'grabbed' by these subjects, then please turn up at St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne by 7.30pm, pay your £2 (£1 for members), and enjoy the talk and your tea and biscuits. You will be very welcome.

Gordon Lacey



Wingfield and District Gardening Club

Thursday 27th April at 7.30 pm in Brundish Village Hall
Group discussion led by *Matt Tanton Brown* on subjects chosen by members.

Thursday 25th May at 7.30 pm in Brundish Village Hall
Mike Dean on *The Butterflies of Suffolk*

Wine and juice on sale. Non-members welcome, £3 pay at the door.

For further information contact Priscilla Williamson on **01379 388034** or email: priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

In The Garden

April and May are busy months in the garden. It's all seed sowing and getting out and about. There is lots happening and as the days get longer, the temperature rises and we feel more inspired. The spring bulbs are over and that first splash of colour from the spring blossom is fading but don't worry summer is just around the corner.

Do it now?

Put in plant supports for tall herbaceous plants. Put them around the emerging shoots so they grow through and cover the supports. Keep bird feeders clean and topped up with food. Ventilate cold frames and greenhouses on sunny days, and as temperatures increase remove any insulation. You don't want it to be much above 22°C at this time of year or your plants will become tall and leggy. If warm and dry, hoe off any weed seedlings so they dry up and don't re-root, apply a mulch around established trees and on beds and borders.

General Maintenance

Spring flowering shrubs like *Kerria japonica*, forsythia and flowering currant, can be cut back after flowering. Cut out about a third of the stems to the base, removing the oldest growth. You can use this same technique on plants grown for stem colour, hazels grown for leaf colour and plants like leucothoe and physocarpus that produce winter bark colour.

Silver leaved shrubs like sage, lavender and santolina can be cut back to within 5cm-10cm of the ground once new growth starts to shoot at the base. If the base has become woody, cut back last season's growth to within 5cm-10cm of the new buds on the older growth.

In May you can also prune *Aucuba japonica*, *Fatsia japonica*, box, skimmia and hebe as required if overgrown. It's also a good time to prune topiary and standard bay plants.

Lift and divide any late flowering perennials adding compost or well-rotted manure when replanting. Pot on any surplus plants as little gifts for friends later in the year.

Re-seed any patches in your lawn, don't forget to cover with netting to stop the birds eating the seed. You can also apply a lawn feed if the weather is warm and start regular mowing. Keep the first few proper cuts longer and work up to shorter and more frequent cutting as the season progresses.

You can remove browned leaves from daffodils and dead head tulips. Wait till the foliage is completely dead.

5 Minute Jobs

Watch out for frost at this time of year, check the local weather forecasts. Protect new growth on shrubs like Acers and hydrangeas as well as any young newly planted plants. Also, protect early flowering fruit trees and bushes like strawberries by covering as best you can with fleece. Don't forget to water plants in containers and anything that has been newly planted.

In late May, thin developing gooseberries to encourage larger remaining fruits. Check for pest and diseases, now's the time to squash any aphid infestations in the bud, watch for gooseberry sawfly and pick off and squash any you see. Remove any leaves showing signs of peach



leaf curl. Protect any new shoots from slugs and snails.

In the veg garden

Outside you should be able to start sowing broad beans, beetroot, chard, early carrots, parsnips, spring onions, peas, lettuce, radish and turnips. In a cold frame or unheated greenhouse, you can start off Brussels sprouts, summer cauliflowers, kale and calabrese. At the end of April / early May it should be safe to start French and runner beans and sweet corn if the weather is set fair. If you have continual heat of around 15°C to 20°C you can sow cucumbers, melons, celery, basil and outdoor tomatoes. Start off bigger plants like courgettes, squash, marrows, pumpkins and sweetcorn in individual pots.

Don't forget to set your bean poles in place and if like me you recently planted an asparagus bed, remember you should wait two or ideally three years before you take a proper harvest from new plants.

*Claire Horne
BBC Radio Suffolk Gardening Expert*



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Hoxne Phoenix Group

In February we had an informative talk and demonstration by Rachel Hillier of Diss First Responders who gave us an insight into the essential work they do in the local community. This was followed by our A.G.M. when we reviewed 2016. The only change to the Committee is that Eleanor Hart has retired as Secretary and this post has been taken over by Pat Green.

On **Tuesday 11th April** our speaker that evening (Dr Ian Bedford) will be talking about “Bugs on the Move” and men are also invited to this talk.

On **Tuesday 9th May**, Phoenix are organising a trip to Sandringham to which anyone is invited (space permitting). The coach will leave Hoxne P.O. at 9.00 a.m. and the cost is £25 to include coach and entry to house and gardens. Anyone interested please ring Viv Bradford (01379

Hoxne Bowls Club

We're looking for new members

From complete beginners to experienced bowlers, all will be welcome at our **Open Day on Sunday 23rd April** from 2pm, Hoxne Playing Fields. Refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. Why not come along and give it a try?

668551) to see if places are still available. Hoxne Phoenix Group is open to ladies in the surrounding villages as well as Hoxne itself - we already have a number from other villages attending regularly. We meet in Hoxne Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are asked to pay a £2 contribution when they come, but anyone is very welcome to see if it is something they would enjoy on a regular basis.

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AFC Hoxne Round Up

Can the first XI make it to the promised land of the Ipswich League, Senior Division? It will be touch and go before the season closes at the end of April. This calendar year, the results so far have been as follows:

Jan 14th	Sporting 87 of Bury (H)	Postponed
Jan 21st	AFC Kesgrave (A)	Postponed
Jan 28th	Trimley Athletic (A)	Win 3-2
Feb 4th	Wickham Market (H)	Win 2-1
Feb 11th	Benhall St Mary (A)	Draw 2-2
Feb 18th	Old Newton Utd (H)	Win 4-1
Feb 25th	Stowupland Falcons (H)	Win 6-0
Mar 4th	AFC Kesgrave (A)	Lost 3-2

The second XI have had a marvellous season in Ipswich League Intermediate 'A', being beaten only once in the ice. Also the veterans, superbly managed by Colin Mayhew, have had a grand first season.

Clive Baxter

Busy Times for Hoxon Hundred Folk Club

Spring is now very much on the way. Hares are jumping, Frogs leapng, birds singing. Much the same as for your local Morris Dancers. Summer is the highpoint of our dancing year and so our dancers and musicians are now working hard to build a summer repertoire of traditional Morris dances.

By tradition our dance season will start with us dancing the rising sun on **Mayday** at Fair Green, Diss. Sunrise on Mayday occurs around 5.30 a.m. when we usually

get a small, but enthusiastic audience. We will be sharing the dancing with Kenninghall Morris and, when we have all done dancing it's off to the Angel Cafe for a full English. For several years the cafe has been a part of the traditional Mayday event. They look after us well.

The repertoire we are now building will be performed at local pubs on Wednesday evenings and at weekend events. From May to July we make our Wednesday gathering at a local hostelry. If the dancing is good then, hopefully, our landlord will recognise it as such and we are suitably rewarded.

During the winter months we gather at Hoxne village hall on a Wednesday evening and, typically, we will practice traditional Cotswold dancing using sticks and hankies, Northwest dancing with it's bold marching steps and, new to this season, Playford dancing. It's a fun evening.

Before we take our summer leave of the village hall, a Ceilidh has been arranged for **Saturday 22nd April**. The Hoxon Hundred Ceilidh band will be playing and calling the dances. Hoxon has lots of experience of this kind of event. Should be good.

Our summer venues are still being finalised, but here is the start of our **Wednesday** programme:

3rd May	White Hart, Roydon
10th May	Six Bells, Gislingham
17th May	Cross Keys, Redgrave
24th May	Hoxne Swan
31st May	To be confirmed

If you want to Know more about Hoxon Hundred, the Ceilidh or maybe are interested in joining our happy band, visit: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk

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Report from Suffolk County Council

The condition of our roads, speeding traffic and the impact of 'Heavy Goods Vehicles' on the 'Quality of Life' are concerns that feature at the top of the list of many of our residents. These are difficult issues:

The change in management (the contract awarded to Kier), severe weather with exceptional rainfall and the need to find revenue savings contributed to the deterioration in condition of our local roads. The shake-up of management and increase in funds available have started to address the decline in road conditions;

The problem of speeding traffic is difficult to resolve. We know that enforcement by the Police is patchy and that is why Local Speed Watch Schemes (supported by Suffolk County Council) have a significant role to play in making speeding socially unacceptable;

There are designated lorry routes for HGV's which helps to reduce impact, but the use of inadequate Sat Navs still causes damage to bridges and road surfaces;

Other methods including 'Speed Activation Signs' and 'Road Build Outs' are also helpful in slowing traffic down. Hoxne, among other villages, has a Speed Activation Sign and plans have been produced for a "Build Out" on Green Street.

So, in conclusion, there are two sides to the issue of speeding in our villages:

The physical infrastructure of the roads and the information provided to drivers and secondly, the willingness to comply by road users.

Guy McGregor
*Suffolk County Councillor
for Hoxne and Eye Division*

Report from Denham Parish Council

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN - this year's litter pick and village tidy up will start at **2.00 pm on Sunday 14th May.**

Volunteers should meet at the village hall car park or contact the Clerk if they would like more details on how to participate.

COLDHAM HILL - after continued lobbying by the Parish Council to the County Council Highways Department and liaison with the land owner, we are pleased to report that the ditch by the roadside has now been deeply excavated which should prevent standing water on the road which forms ice during cold snaps. We also requested 'slippery road' warning signs to be deployed whilst there was ice on the road and for the road to be a 'Priority 2' route which meant it was gritted between 4.30 and 7.00 am every morning as need dictated.

MEETING DATES - The Annual parish Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 24th May** in the meeting room of the Red Feather Club. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council starting at **7.30 pm**. The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all parishioners in Denham to find out more about what is happening in their village. Members of the public are also welcome to all Parish Council meetings. Notices of meetings and detailed agendas are displayed on the four notice boards in Denham. Please check these or the website - **www.denham.onesuffolk.net** - for further details.

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Report from Hoxne Parish Council

CLEAN UP WEEKEND - Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time for our recent spring clean of the village.

DOG LITTER - The Parish Council has purchased an additional bin which will be placed in Low Street. All parishioners are reminded to clear up after their dog - the penalty for dog fouling is £1000 under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996. Perhaps this time next year the spring clean volunteers won't have to retrieve quite so many bags of dog litter from the hedgerows if there is an additional bin. Your co-operation to clear up after your dog will be much appreciated.

GREEN STREET TRAFFIC CALMING - Drawings are currently being prepared for a new and improved traffic calming scheme which it is envisaged will be mainly funded by the County Council. These drawings will be considered at the April meeting of the Parish Council.

SITING OF DEFIBRILLATOR - There is agreement that the Parish Council owned defibrillator which is currently located at the school will move to a 24/7 accessible location. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the required external casing (£600) and it is hoped to place the defibrillator on the outside of St Edmund's Hall. However, as we go to press, issues around planning consent have come to light and these will be investigated further by the Parish Council. Working with St Edmund's Hall Management Committee, we hope to report more positive news soon.

MEETING DATES - The Parish Councils' next meeting is on **Thursday 6th April** at St Edmund's Hall. Other dates for your

diary include the Annual Parish Meeting on **Friday 28th April** at St Edmund's Hall and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday 4th May** at Playing Field Pavilion. All meetings start at 7.30 pm. Further details of the Annual Parish Meeting are included in this edition.

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Report from Syleham Parish Council

Chairman: Malcolm Flounders

At our first meeting of the New Year, the Council welcomed a new councillor, Mr Stephen Phillips. This brings us back to a full complement of councillors.

The main issue discussed was the planned purchase of land opposite the Village Hall. The Council stated that this was a Village Hall Committee initiative, but would liaise with the Committee about concerns raised by residents.

The meeting was addressed by our Suffolk County Councillor, Mr Guy McGregor, with news of increased budgets for Highways and Social Care, more attention to be paid to Mental Health and significant improvements to both primary and secondary education in the County. Mr McGregor took on board the Council's request for better and faster attention to roads in the village.

The precept for 2017/18 was approved and the date of the Annual Parish Meeting set for **Wednesday 3rd May** to take place at the Village Hall. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by the scheduled Parish Council meeting.

David Young, Clerk, 01379 668556

Report from Wingfield Parish Council

Chairman: Mike Allmey

The Council has met twice since the New Year. In January, an extraordinary meeting was convened to recommend the planning application for a cart lodge to be built at Holly Trees on the Earsham Road and approve the Suffolk Wildlife Trust recommendation for shrub clearance on Wingfield Green. This work was completed in February.

On February 10th, there was a scheduled meeting at which the Council approved the precept for 2017/18 and awarded a grant of £100 for promotion of Wingfield Open Gardens this year.

In March, we met with the police to discuss our concerns about burglaries in the village and incidents of unsocial behaviour. These events are not exclusive to Wingfield and the police are reorganising to meet these challenges. The reorganisation will be announced in April and published on the Notice Board and website.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and takes place on **Friday April 28th** at Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm start. All residents welcome to attend. The meeting will be followed by the scheduled Parish Council meeting.

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Obituary

Malcolm Joseph Easey

About 160 people attended Horham Baptist church on February 18th for the funeral service of one of the biggest pig producers in the country. Malcolm Easey, who was 76, was diagnosed with a brain tumour in October, and died peacefully at home on the 29th January. A charismatic farming entrepreneur who has played a major role in establishing Suffolk as an important centre for pig production, Malcolm was a generous, kind, “larger than life” character. Mr Easey, a shrewd, determined businessman, attended Hoxne primary and Eye grammar schools. He initially entered local government before joining the family business in the 1960s.

He had wide interests, including a variety of sports and supported many local organisations. In his youth, he entered and won, Anglia televisions “Prince Charming” competition. Well respected, Malcolm had an affable manner, worked hard, was generous and possessed a love and an enthusiasm for his profession. He learnt how to fly helicopters, and enjoyed taking part in car rallies, as well as sailing and shooting.

There was a moving and humorous eulogy from his sons Jonathan and Christopher Easey. The service was conducted by the reverend Peter Schwier. He said Malcolm was an “earth man” who enjoyed and loved the countryside. He added that he worked with nature to help feed the world. Malcolm is survived by his wife Juliette, sons Christopher and Jonathan (who will continue to run the business) also his grandchildren Victoria, Benjamin, Thomas, Harry, Joss and Rufus.

Two poems were read, ‘High flight’ by John Gillespie Magee Jr read by Eddie Baker and Rudyard Kipling’s “If” read by his grandson Ben Easey. There was a bible reading by Ian Savage. The entrance hymn was “We Plough the Fields and Scatter” and the exit music was “Love Changes Everything” sung by Michael Ball.

Mr Easey was buried in the Horham Baptist Churchyard where his parents were laid to rest. After the service and committal, a reception took place at The Bull Auberge, Yaxley.

Donations in memory of Malcolm, can be made payable to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution or Macmillan Cancer Support. These can be sent through the undertaker’s, Rackhams Funeral Services, The Waveney Chapel, Stanley Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4BN.

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Village Walks...

This is a gem of a walk, encompassing many of the attributes of the Suffolk countryside: Skies, history, woodlands and a 16th Century moated hall and gardens.

This walk will be muddy in places after rain. Refreshments: The Ivy House & White Hart Public Houses, and Spar in Stradbroke.

The start is from Denham Village Hall. This innocuous looking building was one of the USAF airfield buildings and contains various memorabilia including airmen's graffiti and an officer's poem.

The beginning and end of this walk entails three hundred yards of road walking. Please be careful: face oncoming traffic, beware of the blind bends and keep children and dogs under close control.

Start & Finish: Denham

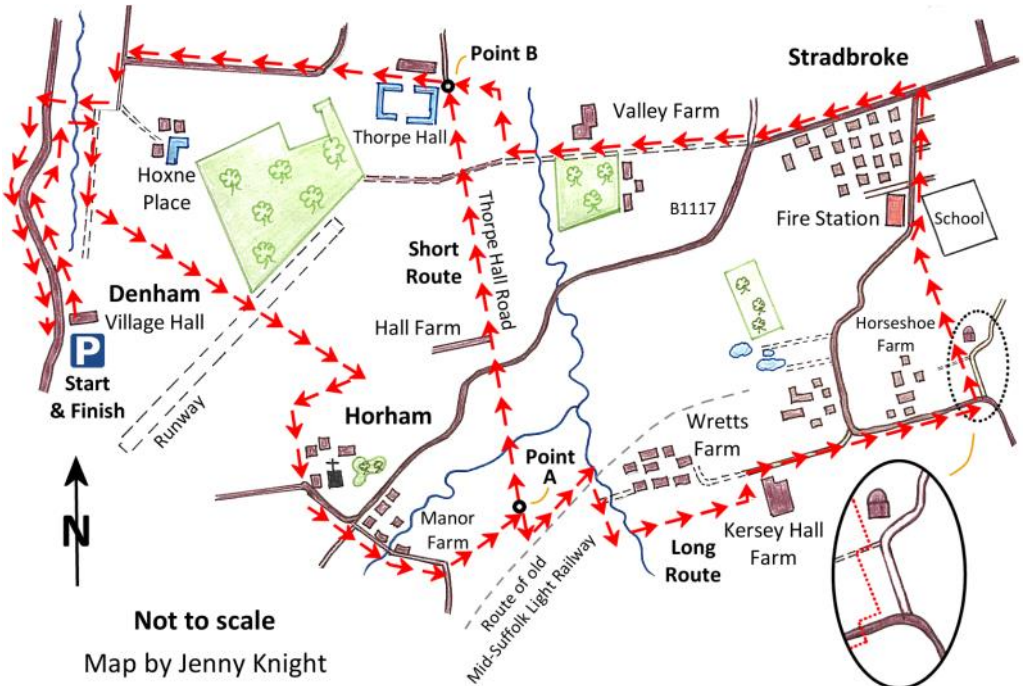
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Turn Right from the village hall car park and continue to the footpath sign on the right. Head downhill, across the brook and when you reach the footpath sign pointing forward and back, **Turn Right** along a farm track.

Before you reach the copse ahead, another path branches **Left**. **Take this**.

Follow this path in a straight line right across the old Horham Airfield. Note, and be careful of, the sunken pill boxes to the side of the path, but don't forget to look up. This is a perfect spot to drink in skylarks in the huge Suffolk sky. You may also catch the ghost of a flying fortress coming in to land on the remains of the runway as you cross it.



At the far side of the airfield, **Turn Sharp Right** on the concrete road and just before the gate **Turn Left** and follow the track between houses to the main road and St Mary's Church, Horham. Cross the road here, before the bend and continue



straight ahead, following the minor road, signposted Wilby.

Where this road sweeps uphill and to the right, just after Manor Farm, take the signed bridleway to the **Left**. Behind the bungalow **Keep Left**, ignore the bridleway sign to the right and pass between the cat topped posts on the left. The path leads through a small wood and descends a field to a junction of paths. You are now at **Point A** and should follow either the **Short walk** or **Long walk** sections below in order to arrive at **Point B**.

Short walk

Turn Left and continue straight ahead, crossing a valley and the main road into Hall Lane.

Follow this tree lined avenue, taking in the sweeping views over the valley toward Stradbroke, then look left to the Gardens of Thorpe Hall. At the hall **Turn Left**. You are now at **Point B**.

Long walk

Follow the track bed of the old Mid-Suffolk Light Railway heading North-East from Horham station (Site of) downhill to the river. Look for remains of the dismantled railway bridge. Round the

corner to the right. Ignore the track on the left leading to Wretts Farm, but carry on a little further and **cross the footbridge on the Left**. Continue uphill. Just before the farm buildings, **cross the footbridge on the Left**. Pass the bungalow on your right to the road and **Turn Right**.

Follow this narrow farm road until it joins the main road and continue straight-on along it. Face the oncoming traffic but thirty yards before the bend, **cross to the left hand side** and search for a footpath sign and a kissing gate. Cross the field and through another gate, then **Turn Right**. You are now back on the route of the old railway, just after Stradbroke station.

In thirty yards **Turn Left** on the path before a Nissen style building. The path now leads straight ahead, following the field edge before crossing it (If muddy, skirt to the right) Pass the school on your right, then continue along the road to the T junction in the centre of Stradbroke. **Turn Left**.

Follow the road out of the town until it turns sharp left. Continue straight ahead on the farm road, SP Valley Farm. Pass the farm on your right, go down a hill, cross the stream and head up the opposite hill, looking for the footbridge on your right. **Cross the footbridge** and follow the side of the hedge. On reaching the crest of the hill, **Turn left** and follow the hedged path to Thorpe Hall and...

Point B

After admiring the moated 16th century hall, cross its front and continue into a tree lined path. At the path's end, continue straight ahead on the road to a T junction. **Turn Left**.

Follow the road until just before it swings left and take the footpath to the **Right**. Retrace your steps to, and along, the road to the start/finish.

Roger Knight

The Lunch Bunch Visits...

On a bright spring day the “Lunch Bunch” gathered themselves together and popped into The Queens Head, Eye. A table had been pre-booked, the time changed, all done simply and efficiently over the phone. On arrival, we found a warm and jovial pub, a friendly dog and it was much busier than we had expected for a weekday lunchtime. The staff had laid a table and it was clearly marked with our name and the time we were due. We left one member at the bar for drinks, but we needn’t have bothered as shortly after finding our table and getting comfy we were asked if we wanted drinks by one of the waiting staff. The Queens Head offer a nice range of local beer including Adnams and Aspoll cider on tap.

The menu and the specials board were brought and while they contained a varied selection of meat and fish dishes, as appears the norm these days, there was only one obviously vegetarian choice, a curry, which is such a shame as there are so many creative things you can do with vegetables. As a “would-be” vegetarian I’m always pleased when I get a bit of a choice on a standard menu and don’t have to ask for something special, in this instance I opted for fish as I don’t do curry!

The food was ordered, two opting for a starter. This soon arrived, the Prawn and Crayfish Cocktail with a hunk of warm bread along with the Fried Mozzarella and Risotto ball with pesto was soon devoured. After a slight wait, the main courses arrived, most picking items from the specials board. The Coconut Chicken Curry served with basmati rice and roti looked delicious and was soon followed by the Red Mullet and potatoes with mussels and prawn sauce which was more like a chowder, and the ever-faithful Beer Battered Fish & Chips served with

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mushy peas. The food was very tasty, served hot and with a smile. The waiting staff were attentive offering sauces, fetching spoons, tap water etc., but not overpowering.

Once the empty plates were cleared, we all laughed as we were offered the desert menu, whilst nicely full, you can always find room for a pudding! Sadly, the Spotted Dick was sold out, but the Sticky Toffee Pudding with thick vanilla custard or cream if you preferred and the Lemon and Lime cheese cake with cream, all hit the spot. The toffee pudding was served with a little jug of hot caramel and the cheese cake was deliciously tart along with a tasty raspberry coulis. I think we would have all licked our plates if we had been at home!

All in all, a very good lunch in a very hospitable hostelry. 10 out of 10 and a return visit on the cards, but please more vegetarian options.

Our bill: starters £5.25 / £5.95, Mains £10.95 / £12.95, Deserts £5.25

The Lunch Bunch



A Word from Wingfield

End of Empire

In 1985 Brian Lapping wrote "End of Empire", a masterful account based on his TV series, starting with India, the jewel in the crown, the first to be dislodged, moving through the Middle East, finally to Africa, the continent where most of our remaining members served. That was the year I retired after spending 20 years at the Institute of Development Studies where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office had held a conference about what should be done with the remaining pieces of empire excluding the sensitive territories of Gibraltar and Hong Kong. Our government is still struggling with this rump which now includes several tax havens, and of course, the Falklands.

The Colonial Office (CO) in its hey day employed some 4000 staff, never mind countless overseas officers. A new large building being planned was aborted and it lingered on in rented accommodation in Church House Westminster, and as the empire shrank, finally finished up in a room in the Commonwealth Office, which itself was merged with the Foreign Office to become what was mischievously called by detractors, the "Common and Foreignwealth Office", but which we now all know respectfully as the FCO.

The German History Museum is currently hosting a special exhibition about its colonial past. Back in the '40s on the "Devonshire" course, we probationary administrators, mostly public school and Oxbridge, learned that the UK headed up the international colonial admin league table of France, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Germany, US and the empires of Rome, both ancient and modern.

As the end of Overseas Service Pensioners' Association (OSPA) looms, how will our colonial record be remembered?

At its peak in the 1870s, the achievements of the British Empire were once encapsulated in our Imperial Institute intended as a permanent Empire museum. But after WW2, in 1958 this morphed into the Commonwealth Institute and Imperial College, and as the role of the Commonwealth declined so did that Institute, which closed down in 2002. Its unusual copper roof donated by the North Rhodesia Chamber of Mines always leaked, threatening the future of the building. Its contents were then transferred to the Museum of the British Empire and Commonwealth in Bristol, which itself closed in 2009, and some of the contents were then passed to the City Museum. The remaining assets were liquidated and passed to the Commonwealth Education Trust, a charity established in 2007 to advance education in the Commonwealth.

How then shall we be remembered? It will not be by this sorry institutional saga. What is needed is another Gibbon, Britain's finest ever historian, to match his "History of the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire", a monumental task. We need someone who can take better distance from Elkin's murky account of the Mau Mau rebellion, who will not confuse British politics with its administration and turning us into the whipping boys. Politicians have concealed colonial records at Kew and they have also had some destroyed, but a rich seam remains. The anticipatory Colonial Records project at Rhodes House of all places was set up 60 years ago as our exodus gathered momentum. Many of us sent our papers there to be perused by future scholars. The OSPA has worked hard to place on the record and preserve a faithful account of our remarkable

contribution to development and independence.

The Romans were ill-prepared for their sudden exodus from Empire. Likewise we have received little notice to make ready for our own unexpected departure, Brexit. For many, especially because of our preoccupation with WW2, our withdrawal from Empire seemed hasty and ill prepared. Many of my colleagues were blinkered and ignored the winds of change, and spoke of the need for another 25 years as they grasped their golden handshake.

Our departure from Africa was a major, well-accomplished exercise. Early (secretive) thinking about independence took place at a Colonial Conference held in the late '30's when Indian independence was already imminent.

It is impossible to predict what would have happened had Churchill won the 1945 election, but Labour was well prepared, and Indian independence was successfully erected on the 400 year foundations of the British Raj and the Indian Civil Service. This very separate and somewhat exclusive experience inevitably impacted on the colonies. Thus in Uganda we adopted both the Indian and Criminal Codes as the basis for the codification of our legal system. District Officers were modelled on Indian Collectors. Both were concerned with tax collection.

The first formal notice of Labour's plans came in a widely promulgated 1948 despatch from the Secretary of State for the colonies, Arthur Creech Jones, in a despatch containing policies rehearsed in Labour's Fabian Colonial Research Bureau. Rather unusually a member of that bureau also occupied the Africa desk at the Colonial Office, a high flyer and seen as the architect of African independence. At the time, some of the problems seemed insurmountable. In East and Central Africa there were white

settlers with similar ambitions to those in South Africa. Our man at the Africa desk, who had seen war service posted at the tender age of 32 as the Lieutenant Governor of Malta under siege, devised a federal solution for Central Africa which failed. The transfer of power to African politicians began in Ghana in 1958, a model that would inspire others to follow, the process ending up finally with a formal constitutional conference at Lancaster House in London. Not all loose ends were always successfully tied up - Rhodesian land ownership for example.

Understandably the architect for the demolition of our African empire was not universally popular. Officials on the spot often said much more time was needed to prepare for independence despite the start of crash education, development, and localization programmes. The Westminster democratic constitutional model powered events with African politicians at the helm subordinating traditional authority systems.

The Africa "architect", Sir Andrew Cohen (1909 - 1968), was again translated from the Colonial Office, only this time to govern Uganda, where as a protectorate, indirect rule was firmly entrenched rather than Westminster democracy. As a result, his term of office was marred by the deportation of the Kabaka of Buganda, who had been recognized in a solemn agreement made with Queen Victoria in 1900. Indeed, Churchill teased him by asking him whether he had heard of the divine right of Kings, which curiously arises today over sovereignty and Brexit, with our PM now being compared to Henry VIII.

Sir Andrew Cohen joined the CO in 1933 when the British Empire of tropical Africa was expected to last for ever. After a scholarship and first class honours at Trinity College Cambridge he became a home civil servant, African Governor, diplomat at the UN, and finally the first

Permanent Secretary of Labour's new Ministry of Overseas Development which became responsible for British overseas aid with a crucial part in helping establish newly independent territories. His field experience was invaluable in this. His biographer, who never finished the task, described him as *"the first to foresee the coming of African independence at the end of Hitler's war and as most urgent in laying the necessary foundations for it; the first proconsul for African nationality in the common interest of Britain and Africa; his personality was represented by an intensely individual force of mind, a towering physical presence and volcanic energy"*.

The new dynamic leaders at the Ministry of Overseas Development, Andrew Cohen and Barbara Castle, became known mischievously as "the Elephant and Castle".

At Cambridge, because of his towering intellect, he was recruited as an Apostle and accordingly labelled a Russian agent by the notorious Peter Wright in his sensational and inaccurate book "Spy Catcher", an absurd libel which sadly Cohen could not refute from the grave. He took no part in Jewish corporate life, finding Jewish communalism as objectionable as discriminatory Zionism. His sister, Ruth, became Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge. He reminded me of my wonderful college principal, a towering Jewish intellectual who also died in his prime. By 1947, Cohen had risen to become head of the African division in the CO where he was one of the few to realise that there had to be a change from indirect rule via African Chiefs to modern systems of representative government making use of educated African officials and elected leaders. The beginning was to be with changes in local government, reflected in

the 1948 despatch, leading to a transformation to the nation state.

Cohen believed that after Creech Jones fell from office in 1951, he was exiled to Uganda where a Governor's boots would cool his radical heels. He was renowned for his awkward loathing of ceremonial. He first came on tour to the district where I had just been made a rather young District Commissioner, and we clicked, as I was a rebel, too. We revised the old Bunyoro Agreement and signed a new one in preparation for things to come. I became a disciple to the Apostle. Later our young Native Authority Clerk who had made his way through Uganda's Byzantine constitutional changes all the way from Bunyoro in the early 50s to Parliament to become Obote's deputy PM at Independence some 20 years later, asked me to stay on as Permanent Secretary of Education. I sat down with Jo Zake, an old friend, and now Obote's new Minister of Education, and his first words were that with the departure of so many expats we had to double the numbers in tertiary education. When I asked where would we get the teachers, he replied: "I've rung Andrew Cohen in London and he says he will arrange this". He did, and so did we.

When I returned home in 1965, Cohen summoned me to the Ministry of Overseas Development and said he had a job for me at Institute of Development Studies. There must be many other members of OSPA whose lives were influenced by this remarkable man with a prophetic vision of Africa's future architecture.

Although our Empire has ended, curiously its 1917 Order of Chivalry still lingers on and, strangely, with awards mostly to athletes, actors and business tycoons. Will Bradley Wiggins and Philip Green hang in, or out?

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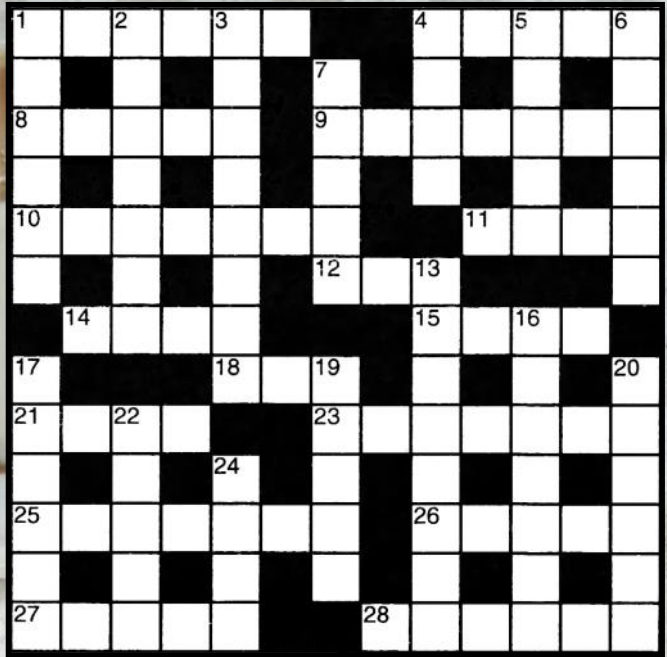
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Puzzle No. 117

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Across

- 1 Sounds like a nocturnal Chessman (6)
- 4 Move the workplace schedule (5)
- 8 Act like ivy but not heather (5)
- 9 Far thug filled with anxiety (7)
- 10 Long letter from Matthew for instance (7)
- 11 What an eyesore (4)
- 12 On the edge in Grimsby (3)
- 14 Leap about to make an appeal (4)
- 15 Reduced travel fare to the summit (4)
- 18 Meadow on the sheltered side apparently (3)
- 21 Not a pretty site (4)
- 23 Disperse the orchestra (7)
- 25 Disclose coin fed illegally (7)
- 26 Church surrounds 12 across - That's an offence (5)
- 27 Historical period from which the pochard evolved (5)
- 28 Always in Kent area - That's harsh (6)

Down

- 1 Put a bad habit into touch (6)
- 2 First part of one's name (7)
- 3 A halibut may become customary (8)
- 4 Fake part of the Irish emblem (4)
- 5 Bar formed by welding other metals (5)
- 6 Is desperate at the end of this (6)
- 7 Occurring latter in draft error (5)
- 13 Distorted scream as slaughter occurs (8)
- 16 Vase I've broken is elusive (7)
- 17 Strength used on seafood by the sound of it (6)
- 19 Calculating reptile (5)
- 20 Stick to the commercial that is present (6)
- 22 Jargon derived from Dublin gobbledegook (5)
- 24 Wealthy and abundant (4)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 116 was: Mrs V Bannon, Horham

Answers: **Across** 5) Grate 8) Unwashed 9) Scone 10) Reliable 11) Freed 14) Era 16) Malign 17) Peeler 18) Doe 20) Trout 24) Stumbled 25) Ideal 26) Anathema 27) Creek **Down** 1) Curry 2) Twill 3) Oscar 4) Dealer 6) Recorder 7) Tendered 12) Labrador 13) Simulate 14) End 15) Ape 19) Outing 21) Smith 22) Sleep 23) Ideas

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