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End of an era...

While King Edmund was betrayed by the glint of gold spurs, it seems his monument has likely been betrayed by the glint of gold coins.

The recent ill-considered grant by Mid Suffolk District Council for outline planning of four houses in front of St Edmund's monument in Hoxne, has rightfully caused many to lose the little faith they had in the planning system.

Compounded by a shortfall in agreed houses being built, MSDC no longer has a five-year land supply to meet its predicted needs. The fall-out from this failing is that they are now forced to allow opportunistic developments under national policy rules, as long as the application is considered "sustainable" in planning terms.

However, the judgement of sustainability, requires underlying benefits to be fairly weighed up in the minds of planning officers when determining an application, but any distorted decision will likely be justified as a "balanced view" when queried.

This would appear to be the case with the Abbey Hill site, where the setting of an historical monument is going to be eroded and the sense of place lost for future generations - this is fundamentally contrary to the underlying sustainability principle, as well as any environmental morals. The monument has been present for 174 years; its stark form graces the sky line to a backdrop of the Special Landscape Area beyond and an unhindered air of respect can be experienced at the spot where King Edmund was martyred in 869AD.

The farmed "greenfield" land which fronts the monument's location and allows access from the road, has been disregarded for any green value, which is in direct conflict to national policy to favour rebuilding on previously developed sites. This is particularly odious given that a so called "brownfield" site exists in the village and it's already been assessed by MSDC as having housing potential for the new Local Plan consultation. Please give this new plan your thoughts—it could be the start of a new era, see page 19.

Front cover: St. Edmund's Monument, Hoxne



Who was St Edmund?

Unlike many medieval Saints, Edmund was a real person, a King who ruled the Anglo-Saxon realm of East Anglia from 855AD. Several places claim to be the location of his death on 20th November 869AD, but as you all know, Hoxne is the favoured one.

The legend goes that he was being chased by Danish raiders and took refuge under the Goldbrook bridge. Unfortunately, the reflection of his golden spurs were seen glinting in the water by a newlywed couple who alerted his presence. He was captured and dragged up Abbey Hill and tied to an oak tree, where, on refusing to renounce his faith, he was put to death by a volley of arrows. It was said, he had so many arrows in himself that he "bristled like a hedgehog". His head was then cut off and thrown into the woods, where it was carried away by a wolf.

Later, as his followers were searching for him, they heard a cry and traced the voice to where the wolf was protecting the severed head. On reuniting the head with its body, the two are said to have miraculously joined together leaving only a faint red mark - the sign of a true saint.

When the oak tree he was tied to died and fell under its own weight, an arrowhead found deep inside was claimed to be from the time of the martyrdom. The monument on Abbey Hill marks the place the tree once stood. Newlywed couples to this day don't cross the Goldbrook bridge for fear of being blighted by a curse.

St Edmund's Day



Please join in the celebrations this year on **Sunday 19th November**, see page 7. It would be fantastic if houses could fly a St Edmund **flag** or put up **bunting**. You can buy these very reasonably from fellow St Edmund supporters at: welovebse.com

Why not place an order together with your neighbours to save on postage costs?

Bones

Letters to the Editor

WILDLIFE WELCOME

Horham Parochial Church Council wish to express their gratitude to Waveney Tree Specialists for their excellent work coppicing the dead horse chestnut tree in the churchyard. This left the remaining trunk, covered in ivy, for the wildlife in keeping with the churchyard credentials. We are most appreciative of a job so efficiently and expertly carried out.

Daphne Harvey, Secretary Horham PCC

THANK YOU, FARMER TIM!

My husband, David, put in a bid for me to have a ride on a combine harvester at the Greek night in aid of 'Next Stop Symi'. What a joy! An ambition I never thought to fulfil! Farmer Tim took me for a ride - it

was noisy, exciting and strangely hypnotic. I learnt so much about these monsters in our fields and the heroes who operate them. Farmer Tim and his brothers, then let my son ride with them on a huge tractor taking the grain to the storage barn, and then on the combine - he was ecstatic! Thank you so much, Farmer Tim, you have made my year!

Joan Rogers

ON THE LEVEL

I refer to the Wingfield Parish Council notes in the last edition. I would like to clarify, in respect of the scarecrow competition, that all cream teas were purchased by myself. In addition, I donated the second prize in the competition so that both children who entered received a reward for their efforts. Yours sincerely,

Tony Jolly

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Diary Dates

Saturday 30th Sept. to Sunday 15th October
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Mid Suffolk Local Plan drop in event, Eye p19
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Saturday 7th October

1st Fressingfield Scouts Quiz, HVH p6

Friday 13th October

Film Night, Their Finest, HVH p10

Saturday 14th October

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Baby and Child First Aid Course, WB p13

Thursday 19th October

Hoxne Garden & Social Club Talk, HVH p33

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BVH Brundish Village Hall
DVH Denham 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



1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Quiz Night

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Saturday 7th October

7.30pm

Teams of up to six

Bar and Raffle

Bring a picnic for half time!

£5.00 a head

To book your table

Call Michael Knights on **01379 668060** or

Email daganyafarm@tiscali.co.uk

Village Sunday Lunch at Hoxne Pavilion

Sunday 22nd October

from 12.00 noon

£8 for two courses, children £4

Menu

Steak and Ale Pie or

Chicken and Leek Pie

With Seasonal Vegetables

Selection of deserts

Children: Fish Fingers or

Sausages and Chips

Bar will be Open

Tickets available from:

Carole Smith **01379 668210**

Julie Bryant **01379 668126**

All profits for upkeep of the Playing Fields

Hoxne School Association

are organising a **QUIZ** on

Saturday 14th October

7pm start

St Edmunds Primary School

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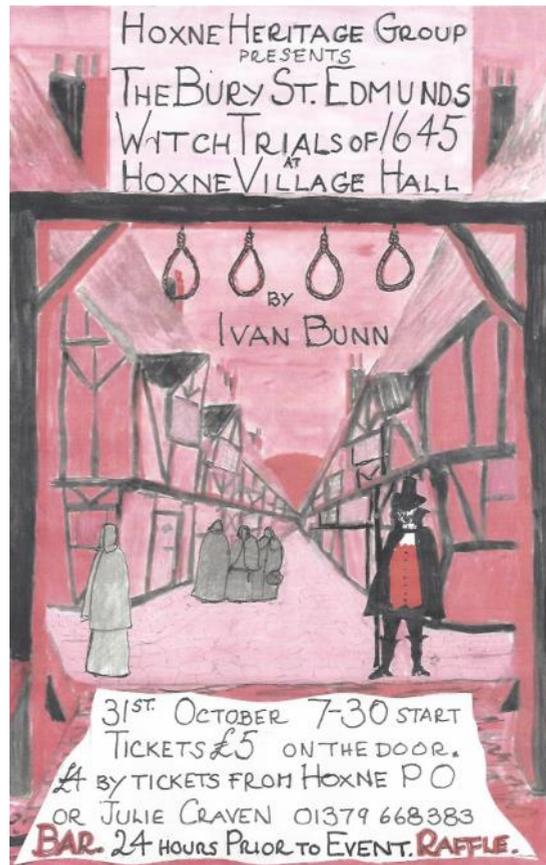
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IN AID OF THE HOXNE MUSIC FESTIVAL



St Edmund Rediscovered!

Sunday 19th November

The story begins at The Swan Inn,
Hoxne at 11.15am. But how will
it unfold? A certain bridge, a
number of arrows and a wolf may
well have a part to play. Join in
to rediscover the legend.



Stained glass window depicting
the crown of St Edmund at
St Peter and St Paul's, Hoxne

Don't miss this Christmas Cracker!



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Village Hall

Saturday 25th November

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Best Pubs for Sunday Lunch in Suffolk

Congratulations to both of our locals for featuring in the East Anglian Daily Times *Suffolk* magazine's recent compilation "20 of the best pubs for Sunday lunch in Suffolk".

The **De La Pole** in Wingfield was highly praised, not just for its Sunday Lunch & Carvery (booking essential), but the diversification of the traditional pub with deli, café and interior gift area.



The De la Pole, 01379 384983
www.thedelapole.co.uk

The **Hoxne Swan Inn** was equally commended for its varied menu and the welcoming atmosphere, while recognising its recent CAMRA award for North Suffolk pub of the year.



The Swan Inn, 01379 668275
www.swaninnhoxne.co.uk

What's on at the Swan?

To compliment the regular **Thursday Busker** nights, there's a full line-up of events on the cards: **Saturday 30th September** live music from 8.30pm with the excellent duo Steve & Greta,

returning due to popular demand from last year. **Saturday 28th October** Halloween Party, fancy dress competition and live music from 8.30pm with Gabie Starbuck. **Sunday 19th November** from 11.00am, Beer & Hymns to celebrate **St Edmund Day**. **Saturday 25th November** Tim Ritchie, live music from 8.30pm.

Bookings are also now being taken for Xmas parties, starting from **Friday 1st December** and including Xmas Day.

Rural Coffee Caravan

The Rural Coffee Caravan delivers information and friendship across Suffolk. Knowing what's going on in our own community isn't always easy.

Information is power - and the Rural Coffee Caravan befriends people and offers them access to the information they need to empower them. The caravan provides coffee, tea & homemade cakes, along with all sorts of information about organisations and the services they offer you. The caravan will next be in **Wingfield** at Castle Crescent, 10am - 12pm on **Tuesday 17th October** For more information:



Telephone: 01379 855338
ruralcoffecaravan.org.uk

Suffolk Libraries – Mobile Library Routes

Syleham and Wingfield

Next stops: **6th October and 3rd November**

Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 12:15 to 12:35
Wingfield, Post box from 13:45 to 14:10

Hoxne and Denham

Next stops: **26th October and 23rd November**

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

Calling every 4 weeks on **Fridays**

Calling every 4 weeks on **Thursdays**

Hoxne Village Hall

A quiz is being held by the 1st Fressingfield Scout Group on **Saturday 7th October** at 7.00 for 7:30, for more details, see page 6.

Our next film on **Friday 13th October** is *Their Finest*, 12A. A British film crew attempts to boost morale by making a propaganda film after the Blitzkrieg. Starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy.

This is followed on **Friday 10th November** by *The Sense of an Ending*, 15. A curmudgeonly, divorced man (Jim Broadbent) is forced to confront his past when he receives a mysterious legacy from the mother of his university girlfriend, Veronica. Co-starring Charlotte Rampling and Harriet Walter.



Their Finest

The Hoxne Heritage Group presents the *Bury St Edmunds Witch Trials of 1645* by Ivan Bunn on **Tuesday 31st October** at 7:30, bar and raffle. Tickets £4 from Hoxne PO or from Julie Craven 01379 668383 24hrs before or £5 on the door.

Jitterbugs return for an evening of 40's and 50's music and dance on **Saturday 4th November** from 8.00.

Waveney Valley Folk presents Kirsty Merryn & Jack Harris in concert at 8.00, **Saturday 11th November**, see page 11.

There will be a quiz to support the Hoxne Music Festival on **Saturday 18th November**, 7:30 for 8:00, see page 7.

The Hoxne Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 25th November** 12:00 - 3:00, further details on page 7.

Sharon Knights and Jane Langley are now sharing the Booking Clerk role; Sharon is arranging one-off bookings and Jane is dealing with regular hirers and invoicing. Contact details are **07876 215269** hoxneVHbookings@outlook.com

Keep up with Hall news on our website www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

John Langley



The Sense of an Ending

The Produce and Craft Market will be held on **Saturday 28th October** and **Sunday 26th November** with stalls offering a range of products from 9:30 to 12:30.



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The Waveney Valley Folk Collective

presents

Kirsty Merryn & Jack Harris in Concert



Sat, 11th November, 8:00pm

**St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne,
IP21 5AN**

The WVFC are delighted to present this 'double header' featuring Kirsty Merryn and Jack Harris, two of the UK's finest young folk singers.

New Forest born singer songwriter Kirsty Merryn tells stories of boxing champions, forgotten heroines and frozen winters. She has become a regular on London's folk scene, delighting the crowds with her delicately introspective piano based songs and sophisticated musical style.

Jack is a Welsh-born folk singer-songwriter, musician, and poet. He is multi-award winning, most notably winning the 2005 New Folk song writing competition at Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, the first non-American to do so. An enthralling and enchanting evening of music awaits. Tickets £10 on the door or £8 in advance from:

waveneyvalleyfolkcollective.co.uk

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday 2nd September saw about 30 people joining us at Syleham and Wingfield village hall, postcode IP21 4LT, to hear from Martin of the Community Heartbeat Trust. He gave some insight into the causes of sudden cardiac arrest, of which there are many, and the actions to be taken before going on to talk about the use of a defibrillator.

He assured us that we cannot harm anyone when using a defibrillator, but that if we do nothing the person may die. All defibrillators have verbal instructions. Defibrillators like ours at Syleham and Wingfield village hall, are in locked boxes to avoid misuse. **The code to your nearest box will be given by the 999 operator when the emergency services are called.**

Thanks again to Syleham parish council who assisted in the purchase by securing

some grant funding. We hope not to have to use it, but it is located on the front of the building, under a light with a sensor, in the bright yellow box.

Bingo continues on the **last Friday of the month**, with session funds currently being put towards the Senior Citizens' annual meal in **January 2018**. If anyone has any local worthy causes they would like us to consider, please get in touch, come to the hall on a Bingo evening, or join us at the Social club which is open each **Tuesday and Friday**. Membership of the Social club is £3.50 per year.

**Julie Thompson, 07929 794636
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Wingfield Barns

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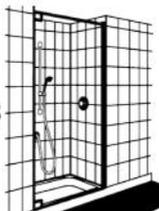
Royal Photographic Society Nature Group Exhibition, Gallery 1 and 2, Saturday 30th September to Sunday 15th October. The exhibition displays all accepted print images from the 2017 Members' Exhibition of the RPS Nature Group. The displayed prints are from two categories, the first 'All Creatures' (birds, mammals, reptile, insects, marine life et al) and the second 'All Plant Life' (flora, fungi, lichens) and 'all other subjects' (including geological, microscopy, patterns, design and form).

Open Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 4pm. **Baby and Child First Aid Course, Wednesday 18th October 9.30-11.30am.** If a baby or child in your care had an accident or fell ill, would you know what to do? Whether you're an expectant parent, parent, grandparent or carer, we would do anything to protect the mini people in our lives. This 2 hour class provides the knowledge and skills to save a life. The class covers; Choking, CPR,



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Catharine, is threatened with a risky brain operation in a desperate bid to prevent her publicly voicing her devastating account of the death of her cousin, Sebastian, and the secrets of his life. Sebastian's mother, Violet, will stop at nothing to protect her son's reputation. But will the doctor invited to examine Catharine's state of mind recommend the operation goes ahead and, by doing so, guarantee a

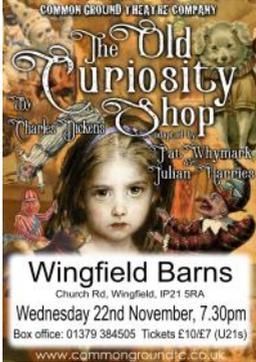
generous cheque to help finance his new and controversial psychiatric unit? Can he separate truth from illusion? David Green directs a highly experienced cast in Tennessee Williams' drama of a family in crisis. Elizabeth Taylor and Katharine Hepburn starred in a 1950's movie based on the play. It was followed in 1993 by a television adaption starring Maggie Smith and Natasha Richardson.



Angel Snow and Ida Wenøe, Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm. As an in-demand songwriter and acclaimed independent artist, Angel Snow's road twisted and turned to get to this point. She wrote three songs on Alison Krauss's Paper Airplane, as Nashville's Music Row crowned her, "Nashville's next stealth pop weapon." Her 2012 self-titled debut

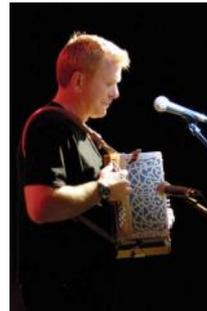
spawned "These Days," which notched 6 million-plus Spotify streams. Ida Wenøe is an indie-folk artist of the highest calibre, with tinges of Americana and a Nordic inflection, the sum of the musical parts creating a rare beast and a thing of great beauty. The two come together here at Wingfield Barns as part of an upcoming UK tour.

'The Old Curiosity Shop', by Common Ground Theatre Company, **Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm.** Common Ground Theatre Company return with this riotous, theatrically inventive production.



Wingfield Barns
Church Rd, Wingfield, IP21 5RA
Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm
Box office: 01379 384505 Tickets £10/£7 (U21s)
www.commongroundtc.co.uk

Tickets on sale now £10/£7 (U21s). **Lester Simpson in Concert, Friday 24th November, 7.30pm.** Lester (formerly of the renowned Coope, Boyes and Simpson)



is running a singing workshop the following day here at the Barns for the **Village Voices** choir, and has very kindly agreed to treat us to a concert also. Tickets for the concert are available via the Wingfield

Barns Box Office, £12. For more information on the workshop, please contact: villagevoicesjk2@icloud.com

For ticket sales, please contact the Box Office on **01379 384505**

Wingfield Barns
Church Road, Wingfield, IP21 5RA
www.wingfieldbarns.com

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Eye Goes Greener

The Eye Goes Green autumn fair will be held on **Saturday 14th October** 10am to 4pm, at Eye Town Hall, Broad Street, Eye IP23 7AB. Entrance free. There are a wide variety of local producers and craftspeople in the area who help to give Suffolk its unique character. The Eye Goes Green autumn fair will reflect this.

Come and find a wide range of stalls selling local, seasonal, fair trade and organic produce including fruit & veg, jams, chutneys, olive oil, honey, cakes & savouries. Bring your apples for identification by Paul Read of the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group.

Discover stalls selling and promoting eco arts & crafts, many featuring recycled materials such as paper, wood and glass. Get information on: growing food,

allotments, composting, nature conservation, tree planting & aftercare and management of local woods. Meet people involved in wildlife conservation

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EGG is producing durable sustainable cotton shopping bags with the 'I SHOP IN EYE' logo. These are available from many shops in Eye.

For further information email Frances Jannaway: francesjannaway@gmail.com or Simon Hooton:

simon.hooton@phonecoop.coop



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You are invited to a **fun day of singing** led by Leslie Olive, conductor of Eye Bach Choir, Stowmarket Chorale and English Arts Chorale. Come and sing excerpts from our 2017 to 2018 programme:

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Registration from 9.30am; start at 10am. Contact **Christine Hooker** for more information and to book: **01379 871272** or **07960 170790**.

www.eyebachchoir.co.uk

Eye Bach Choir Concert Saturday 25th November

Eye Parish Church 7.30pm
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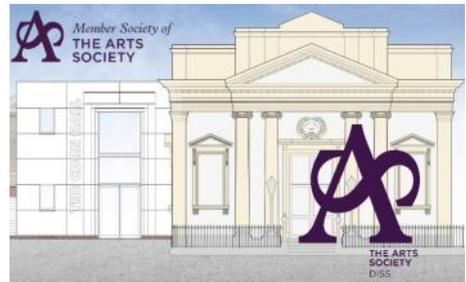
Antonio Vivaldi - Gloria
J.S.Bach - Magnificat
J.S. Bach - Cantata ‘Gloria in Excelsis’
With the Kingfisher Sinfonietta

I think I might be barking!

In my dictionary, the meaning of ‘to retire’ is defined as ‘to give up work, withdraw, go away, exit, depart, shut oneself away, absent oneself’. Having no wish ‘to absent myself’ when I retired, I made it my mission to find something new which would be both enjoyable and enlightening.

Now, over two years on, I have witnessed fire exploding through the Houses of Parliament, mined Afghanistan for treasured lapis lazuli, photographed the dazzling friends of Julia Margaret Cameron, and rescued Jews with the Cook Sisters. Over the next few months I will get tips on Swedish style from the Larssons, visit the Sackville-West’s garden, and explore the Wilderness of Zin with T.E. Lawrence, and all from the comfort of my chair in the newly renovated Diss Corn Hall auditorium.

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Samuel Johnson (1709-1784) said ‘*Don’t think of retiring from the world until the world will be sorry that you retire. I hate a fellow whom pride or cowardice or laziness drives into a corner, and who does nothing when he is there but sit and growl. Let him come out as I do, and bark*’. I think I might be barking. I do hope so.

Sue Horne
The Arts Society Diss



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For more information please contact Tom Clarke **01379 854800**.

Hoxne Parish Plan Review Group

The opinion gathering meetings scheduled for early October have been postponed. The group have received additional information and are now considering the implications before deciding what approach might be in the Parish's best interests.

hoxne-parish-plan@outlook.com
Stephen Nixon (meeting chairman)
01379 668785

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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Thurs 26th - Chip Inn, Long Stratton, £6

November 2017

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Ride + Stride

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride

I am the Denham Church organiser for the ride, but I did not want to miss out on the fun of cycling on Saturday 9th September. It started out lovely and sunny and not windy, which was quite a contrast to the previous day's 20+ mm of rain. I did not aim to visit as many churches as possible in the day, but more to enjoy looking around each of them and to enjoy the journey between. Not quite the pace of the previous day's 'Tour of Britain' cycle race!

This year I decided to visit some churches new to me and so had a different route which sent me along roads I do not normally travel. I had not been to Southolt church before and was it was nice to be shown around and discover that in the 1970s the church was declared redundant, but the village eventually bought it back and it is now managed by Trustees, with a few services a year.

At Horham Baptist Chapel, I met up with a group of fellow cyclists from the Eye area, enjoying the ride.

I was welcomed at all of the churches with a smile and offer of refreshments,

Start of the day at Denham



emphasising the fact that recorders, as well as riders, all contribute to the events success. Showers later in the day did cause a few riders to get a bit wet, but hopefully they still enjoyed their ride.

So a big thank you from all of the local organisers to those of you that were riders, walkers, recorders and of course sponsors.

We won't know how much was raised until mid-October (after this VV has gone to press), but I will let you know how we did in the next issue.



Friends leaving Horham Baptist Church



The end of a long day

Sue Roberts
Local SHCT ride
organiser for St
John's Denham



Village Voice

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

Don't forget that Mid Suffolk District Council are holding a drop in event on **Thursday 5th October** from 2pm to 7pm at **Eye Community**

Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye IP23 7AJ. Here you may find out more about the current consultation they are running for their next "Local Plan" - this will eventually set out how our area will develop over the next **20 years** and the policies that planning applications will be considered against. The Local Plan will identify where **new housing** will be built and also consider business/retail growth. You can add your input to the consultation process and the easiest way is online at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan You can also complete comment forms available from **Eye Library**, where a paper copy of the consultation is meant to be available too. All comments, whether online or paper, **MUST** be received by **5pm on Friday 10th November 2017**. Part of the consultation allows you to voice how you think new housing is distributed within the area, i.e. the rural/town balance. This decision relies on how **settlements** are classified going forward. You should look at the **maps** to view the new **boundaries** and the **evidence** document "Settlement Hierarchy Review" to see how good/bad your village services have been assessed. Also view the "Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment" (SHELAA) document as this gives evaluations of all land that has been submitted for potential **development**, particularly in **Hoxne** and a lesser extent in **Denham**. Be aware that new **site submissions** for future development can also be made at this time too. There will be further consultation likely due early 2018...

...but that doesn't mean you shouldn't comment now!



Tour of Britain

More than a hundred cyclists sped past Shingle Hill, Denham on 8th September, as a well coordinated rolling road closure snaked through Suffolk. A surprisingly small group of spectators had gathered at this great vantage point and viewed a mesmerising swarm of racers as they whizzed along the remaining 60 miles of the day's stage enroute to the finish line in Aldeburgh.

Great Britain's Connor Swift from "Team Madison - Genesis" led the breakaway group and also won the Stradbroke sprint section

Caleb Ewan from "Team Orica - Scott" was stage winner of the day

Primoz Roglic and Gijs Van Hoecke from "Team Lotto.NL - Jumbo" led the Peloton group



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Reflections

Starry, starry night

As the seasons turn into Autumn the shorter days bring with them not just long, but ideally clear nights. This is the ideal time for gazing at the stars, and we live in an ideal part of the world for doing that; no street lights means no light pollution.

Perhaps it's from gazing at the stars, maybe it's the thought that another year on the calendar is drawing to a close that has an effect on us, but whatever it is, we often find ourselves pondering on what has happened, or what went on.

So, it is no real surprise that this is the time of year when we find ourselves thinking about those who have gone before us in the festival of All Hallows. Again this year Hoxne church will host a thanksgiving and commemoration of the departed service at the end of October, when we can do just that.

Star gazing is not just about pondering the past. Stars are great for navigating; for helping us to work out where we are and where we are planning on going. Ironically, something so remote can help us to know precisely where we are on earth.

And of course, stars are the original dot-to-dot; human creativity is such that we can't help but join them together to make patterns and to bring order, we see constellations in the stars above.

For many those fixed dots of light are like the things they believe, but the way they join them up, the constellations change with the passing of the years; there are still things that they believe, but how they go together is now different. Perhaps in this season of long nights and deep reflection, we'll find our own constellations of faith changing.

Michael Womack
01379 388889
hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

I would like to invite you and your family to a special service of
**Thanksgiving and Remembrance on Saturday 28th October at 4.00pm in
Hoxne Parish Church**

This is a service where we can remember with thanksgiving loved ones who have died. During the service we will be reading out the names of those we wish to remember, and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. We will be taking more names on the day just before the service.

Grief affects us in different ways; there are no easy or quick answers to the pain of losing people we love, but sometimes being with others who have also experienced the loss of a loved one and remembering together can help us not to feel so alone.

Certainly grief is no respecter of boundaries, so don't feel that your loved one can't be remembered at this service because they've been gone a long time or lived far away- it will be our honour to recall their name during the service.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me.
Rev Michael, 01379 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

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**

Wingfield - John McCracken, Catelyns, tel.: **01379 384181**

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 1st October

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion
4pm Syleham Messy Church

Sunday 8th October

11.15am Hoxne BCP Morning Prayer
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion
3pm Syleham Harvest Festival

Sunday 15th October

8.30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion
10am Syleham Village Praise with Wingfield
11.15am Hoxne Community Service

Sunday 22nd October

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion
10am Hoxne Family Service
11.15am Denham Family Service
6.30pm Wingfield BCP Evensong

Saturday 28th October

4pm Hoxne Commemoration for the Departed

Sunday 29th October

11.15am Wingfield Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 5th November

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion
4pm Syleham Messy Church

Sunday 12th November Remembrance

8.30am Wingfield BCP Holy Communion followed by 9am Act of Remembrance
10.45am Hoxne Act of Remembrance
3pm Denham Act of remembrance

Sunday 19th November

8.30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion
10am Syleham Village Praise with Wingfield
11.15am A Pageant for St Edmund at The Swan Inn, Low Street, Hoxne (see page 7)

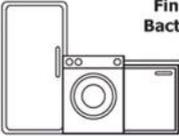
Sunday 26th November

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion
10am Hoxne Family Service
11.15am Denham Family Service
6.30pm Wingfield BCP Evensong

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Church News

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Church activities continue to occupy the calendar in October and November with a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on **Monday 9th October**; the annual Harvest Lunch organised by the Friends of the Church, **Sunday 22nd October**; the annual service to Commemorate the Departed, **Saturday 28th October** 4pm, see page 21; the Remembrance Service, **Sunday 12th November**; St Edmund Pageant, **Sunday 19th November** and the Christmas Fair, **Saturday 25th November** 12 noon to 2.30pm, see page 7. Friends' coffee mornings and book sales continue on the **third Saturday** of each month.

Two weddings in September concluded a run of four at Hoxne during the year showing an increase in significance of both the ceremony and the church as a venue. The renewal of wedding vows by Colin and Hannah Mayhew in August also filled the church for a moment to remember.

The annual Lammas service on 2nd August attracted representatives of the farming community from many parts of the county to support the farming charity the Addington Fund. Heavy rain put a damper on plans to hold the hog roast on the usual spot outside. Not to be outdone, Peter Havers carried the prepared pork in through the main door and served 'supper' at the rear of the church. Much appreciation all round! **Visitors** are often found exploring the church and showing their appreciation with comments in the visitors' book.

These are just a few of the most recent: "A lovely church. And I love the history of St Edmund connected to this area." "Beautiful and interesting. Lovely to find the church open." "Beautiful church. Lots to upkeep. Very interesting history."

Planning for the future, an area of the churchyard covered with undergrowth and scrub has been cleared to provide space for when all plots are filled in those areas presently being used for burials. The space will be worked on again in the Spring when the ground has settled and then seeded with grass.

Book the date of Hoxne's Christmas Fair - **Saturday 25th November** in the Village Hall from 12noon to 2.30pm. Lots to buy and enjoy. Always a wonderful way to start the Christmas season.

Flower rota

1st October - Sue Thornett

8th and 15th October - Sarah Buckley

22nd and 29th October - Suzanne Lewis

5th and 12th November, Altar - Cathie McGregor; Porch - Eleanor Hart

19th and 26th November - Pru Day

Thank you to all the flower arrangers for your contributions to keeping our church a welcoming place for 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 Mothers' Union meets on the **third Monday** of the month at 2.15pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne. New members are always welcome.

Monday 16th October - Branch meeting with Eleanor Goodison.

Monday 20th November - 'I Chameleon' shop at Halesworth. The North Suffolk Area MU branches are taking over the 'I Chameleon' **pop up shop** in the Thoroughfare, Halesworth (postcode IP19 8AR) from **Friday 17th to Wednesday 22nd November**. Come and visit us for cakes, preserves, cards, calendars, gifts and a range of quality second hand goods and much more. Any donations would be welcomed. Contact Branch Leader Cathie McGregor **01379 668434**.

St John, Denham

The monthly Family Services are on **Sunday 22nd October** and **Sunday 26th November** at 11.15am with refreshments and fellowship from 10:45am as usual. There will also be a Remembrance Day Service on **Sunday 12th November** at 3pm. The monthly Benefice Communion services will continue on the evening of the **second Tuesday** each month at 7:30pm. The October service will be in the church, but from November they will be around the village in warmer homes, so join us for the November service at The Brambles in Church Road.

St Margaret, Syleham

The labyrinth day hosted by St Margaret's on Saturday 15th July was memorable for those few who attended. We learnt the history of labyrinths and had fun creating our very own as a team, using bird seed, in the churchyard. We have thought of making a permanent, but seasonal, labyrinth but this idea is just work in progress at present

A family fun day and BBQ was held on Saturday 26th August, at Syleham Hall by kind invitation of Roy and Rosemary Goodwin. This was for the whole benefice and we were rather disappointed by the attendance, but



those families and adults who came did seem to enjoy the time, as there were plenty of things to do. Sincere thanks to all who worked hard to put the event on; some generous donations contributed to a total of £437 to be shared between participating parishes.

Ride & Stride - St Margaret's had no riders, but was again open for visiting cyclists and we had the usual good number through the door. Thank you to all the recorders.

Harvest Festival will be in the church with Revd Michael at 3pm on **Sunday 8th October**. This is an extra service to our usual schedule, but we feel it important to mark this significant season in rural life, so do come for traditional harvest hymns and thanksgiving.

Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday 14th October**, in the Village Hall. 7pm for 7.15pm. It would be really helpful to know if you plan to come; the cost will

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Toilet twinning - we have twinned our portaloos and were pleased that our allocated twin turned out to be a latrine in Kagera, Tanzania, the partner diocese to St Edmundsbury & Ipswich; our churches helped to support the Kagera Lent Challenge with special fund-raising earlier this year.

Messy Church, open to all families in the benefice, continues on the **first Sunday** each month (4pm at the Village Hall) with sessions planned for **Sunday 1st October** and **Sunday 5th November**.
Contact

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



Top marks for the Syleham Family Fun Day and BBQ

St Andrew, Wingfield

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The Hoxne Slaughterhouse and Butcher's Shop

Exterior of the slaughterhouse showing the main doors

The Slaughterhouse at Bridge Farm and the Low Street Butcher's Shop were once part of the Oakley Park estate. In 1920 they were occupied by Gordon E Witton, who then purchased them for £750, together with a carpenter's shop, cottages and 23 acres of land. Witton, who lived in Bridge House, continued in business there until 1950 as a slaughterman and licensed dealer in wild rabbits and poultry. In 1950 he sold the butcher's shop to Cannell's of Diss. In 1955 it was sold on to Herbert W Neve, who also owned or rented the slaughterhouse, the Bridge Farm buildings, a barn on the site of Hegelisdun, Sandpit Meadow, and a stackyard where the track to the pumping station now lies. Unlike Witton, Neve did not live in Hoxne.



Overgrown with ivy is a small door, leading into an ante-room which extends beyond the modern wall on the right. Pigs, 2 or 3 at a time, were herded through the small door into the ante-room, divided from the main slaughterhouse by a slatted gate. They were then taken one by one into the main room for slaughter.

Inside the main room, with its large double doors, there are still signs of the activity there. By the 1950's a humane killer was used to fire a finger-thick bolt into the centre of the animal's forehead.

Pigs then had their throats cut, and were bled. The blood ran into a drain in the middle of the floor, connected to a blood well, over 6' deep, in the nearby stackyard. Pig carcasses were hung up, by a meat hook through the hind hock. A large wheel about 4 foot diameter suspended high in the roof, with a rope around it connected to a pulley, was cranked to raise and lower a carcass headfirst into a great coopered tub, 5 or 6 foot in diameter and 2 foot high.

In one corner was a copper for boiling water. The brick surround and stoke hole can still be seen, and the copper bowl is still in situ. The butcher used to bucket boiling



water over the carcass in the tub to scald it, then scraped off the bristles with a metal scraper. After this the carcass was raised again and the pluck (the heart, liver, lungs and kidneys) was taken out and hung up. This, together with the sweetbreads (pancreas), was sold as "pig's fry". The intestines were washed



out for sausage skins.

By the 1950's the meat went into a large cold store in the next building, but in earlier times ventilation by slatted louvres was used to keep the buildings cool.



Beside the main doors is a very large square post with a ring bolt at its base. Cattle were brought in through the main doors. Bulls and bullocks were

fastened head down by the ring in their nose to this bolt, and cows were probably fastened to it by a halter, putting them in position for slaughter by a poleaxe. It is not known when the slaughterhouse went out of use.



Butchers at the shop regularly sharpened their knives on the parapet of the Swan Bridge until the shop closed in 1974 or 1975; by then the meat for sale was brought in by van from elsewhere.

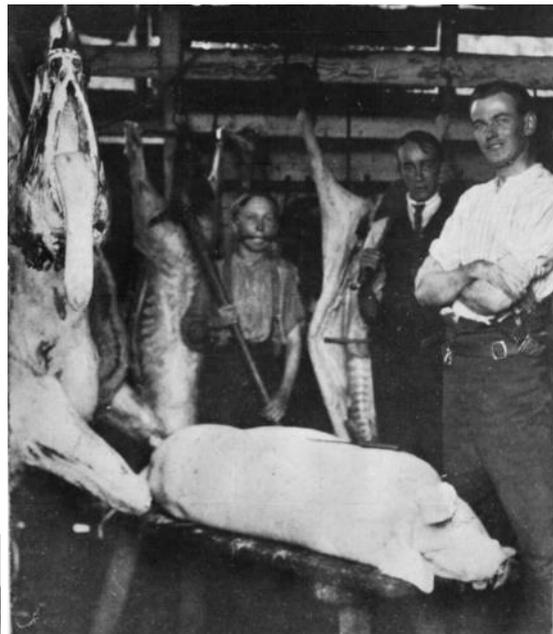
The following photographs are reproduced by kind permission of Mrs Doreen Weller (originals are in Hoxne Church). The first shows the shop before its present front was added. It had an open front porch, supported by two posts. Sides of meat are hanging from the ceiling of the porch.



A view of Low Street in the 1800's



This shows the shop in the 1920's. A caption reads "The shop front was put at the turn of the century by a Mr Ward, who made a speciality of these fronts and probably worked on the Shambles in Diss."



Believed to be the slaughterhouse in the 1920's. Much of this information was supplied by Allen Burridge who once worked in the slaughterhouse. For full article, see www.hoxnehistory.org.uk

Julie Craven

Wingfield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be about Bees on **Thursday 26th October** in Brundish Village Hall at 7.30. For further information, email: priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

Hoxon Hundred get back to base

Morris dancing has many styles and some of them tend to be seasonal. Hoxon mainly dance out in the summer from May until July or August. In September we return to our base at Hoxne village hall where we can plan and practice the next year's presentations and enjoy a relaxed social time with time to dance and time to talk a good dance over a cup of tea. Winter is the ideal time to introduce new people to the Morris dance, come along and give it a go, whether to play the music or dance the dance.



This season we are planning to introduce dances from the Winstler style to our repertoire. Dance styles are often designated by the name of the village where they originated and the Winstler style is particular to the Derbyshire village of that name. Although the Winstler originated as an all male side

half the dancers were referred to as ladies and marked by wearing flowers decorating their hats.

Such gender awareness within Hoxon is long gone, if it ever existed, so it will be bells, baldrics and bare heads all round when Hoxon dance. There are many other Morris sides that are gender specific. The Morris has something for everyone.

If and when you are able to watch Morris dancing, do you observe a different ambience depending on whether the side is all male, all female or mixed? It's an interesting study.

Tempted to give Morris a try? Details of venues and times can be found on our website hoxonhundred.co.uk or phone Chris Gibbons, **01379 678169**

Fressingfield Scouts

At Fressingfield Scouts we had a busy last few weeks of term before the Summer break. The Open Evening on our new site was a good event where members and family mixed together taking part in a variety of activities, from axe throwing and bouncy castle, to tag archery and rifle shooting. Congratulations to those young people and leaders recognised for their achievements.

Progress on the building of the new headquarters feels slow, but we are gradually getting everything in place so that we can make a start.

25 members from Explorers, Adventurers and Pioneers had a great week long Summer Camp at The Quarries campsite at Cosgrove near Milton Keynes. We went on the campsite climbing wall and in their caving complex, 2 hikes, swimming, sledging on real snow at Milton Keynes Snowzone, trampolining and had a day out at Woburn Safari Park.

The Explorers recently went gliding at Rattlesden Gliding Club, while Richard, one of our assistant leaders and a member of the ICENI Network (18 to 25 year olds) went on a Network organised trip to Finland on a tall ship for a weeks sailing.

Activities programmed across the sections for the autumn include: visits to the Observatory at Seething, climbing, an Explorer Camp, photography, cooking, shooting and archery. A priority later in the term will be planning and rehearsing for our Gang Show, which this year will be at Hartismere High School on **Friday 15th December**, we hope to have even more people attending this fun event at the bigger venue.

Remembrance Sunday is an important part of our autumn programme, we expect that all members will attend either the Fressingfield Service and Parade or the smaller service at Hoxne Church on **Sunday 12th November**.

We are having a Fund Raising Quiz at St. Edmund's Hall on **Saturday 7th October**, please come and support us. Teams of 6, £5 a head, 7 for a 7.30 start. Telephone **01379 668060** to book a table or see page 6 for more details.

Michael Knights

Hoxne Phoenix Group

We have a special talk arranged for November on the subject of the Cretingham Murder. It will be presented by Mark Mitchels who taught English and History at Woodbridge School for many years, before being appointed Head of Cultural Studies. Over the years he has become involved in several local historical projects - one of which is the Cretingham Murder.

Mark is an excellent speaker and really brings his subjects to life! Well worth listening to - we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 14th November**, 7pm at

Hoxne Village Hall. Please see page 7 for full details and ticket information.

If you are interested in coming along to any of our regular meetings on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, you will be very welcome. All we ask is for a visitor fee of £2.00 to include coffee or tea and biscuits. If you would like to know any more about the group, contact either Viv Bradford or

*Pat Green, Secretary, 01379 668379
patandbryan1@gmail.com*

Witches and witchcraft are coming to Hoxne

Hoxne Heritage Group are hosting a unique meeting for Halloween, **Tuesday 31st October** - *The Bury St Edmunds Witch Trials of 1645* by Ivan Bunn. It's going to be a fascinating evening, hearing about Matthew Hopkins, the self-proclaimed Witchfinder General and his role in the demise of several Suffolk 'witches'. This is likely to be a very popular meeting so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment. See the page 6 poster for full details.

The group was very disappointed to hear that outline planning permission has been granted, despite strong objection, for the housing development which will obstruct the view of our most iconic monument to the legend of St Edmund. We will continue to assert our disquiet in the hope that the planners will reconsider.

Finally, a reminder that our regular meetings are held on the **first Tuesday** of each month at The Swan Inn.

*Margaret Sillis
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In the Kitchen

Now is the time to harvest culinary apples and pears. These delicious fruits can be bottled, pickled and poached, or baked into delicious pies, tarts, crumbles and puddings. Roast pork needs apple sauce and a chunk of cheese needs chutney and a crispy apple, perhaps served with a cool glass of juice, Cider or Perry.

Bengal Chutney

A take on *Keith Floyd on Britain & Ireland (BBC 1988)*. Makes about 7 x 1 lb (450g) jars.

Ingredients

- 4 lb (1.8kg) mixture of cooking/dessert apples and firm pears, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 lb (454g) brown onions, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 lb (454g) raisins
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 tsp medium curry powder
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp English mustard powder
- 1 tsp dried crushed chillies
- 1 1/2pt (900 ml) malt vinegar
- 1 lb (454g) granulated sugar

Method

1. Place all the ingredients except the apples, pears and onions into a preserving pan or your largest saucepan.
2. Prepare and add the apples, pears and onions.
3. Bring to a slow boil stirring continuously to ensure the sugar dissolves and all the ingredients are well combined.
4. Turn down to a simmer and continue to simmer without a lid, stirring occasionally for about 1 1/2hrs or until the chutney is thick.



5. In the meantime put clean, washed and dried jars into a pre-heated oven 110C/gas mark 1/4, Aga simmering oven for 10 minutes.
6. Spoon the cooked chutney into the warmed jars, seal with jam pot covers or metal lids. Cool and label.

Fidget Pie

A tasty and economical pie which is delicious served hot or cold. Serves 8 - 10. Use a 10" (26cm) shallow tart tin.

Ingredients

- 600g shortcrust pastry
- 1 beaten egg for glazing
- Filling
- 1 lb (454g) pork sausages
- 100 ml Perry
- 6 fresh sage leaves, finely chopped (or 1 tsp dried)
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 dsp brown sugar
- 4 rashers smoked bacon finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, 1 large Bramley apple, 1 medium potato; each peeled and finely chopped
- Pinch of salt and pepper

Method

1. Combine all the filling ingredients in a large bowl.
2. On a lightly floured surface roll out 2/3 of the pastry to a large circle and line the tin, pressing well into the sides and pile the filling into the tin, pressing down.

Bengal Chutney

Fidget Pie

Simple Poached Pears

3. Brush the edges of the pastry case with egg and roll out the remaining pastry to form a lid.
4. Cut a cross in the centre, decorate with any remaining pastry and glaze.
5. Bake in a preheated oven 180C/Gas mark 5, for about 45 minutes until juices are bubbling. For Aga, use roasting oven floor 20 mins, simmering oven middle shelf 25 mins.

Simple Poached Pears

Ingredients

- 1 litre of liquid (I used 750ml apple juice and 250ml of water, but for a special occasion try 3/4 red wine and 1/4 water)
- 250g caster sugar
- 2 mulled wine bags
- Squeeze lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste or extract
- 8 hard conference pears peeled

Method

1. Place all the ingredients except the pears in a large saucepan, stir.
2. Add the peeled pears, bring pan to a gentle boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover with lid and cook gently until the pears are soft about 25 minutes.
3. Serve hot or cold with chocolate sauce, cream, ice cream or yoghurt.



Enjoy.
Gill O'Connor

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Hoxne Garden & Social Club

I do not know if I should tempt fate, but here goes. The annual Garden Party was held on the 20th July, and a very enjoyable evening it was too, but in terms of the weather it was a close run thing. In recent years we have been lucky with the weather and whilst last year it was perfect, if we had been a day earlier it would have been a washout. It was even closer this year with the day of the event extremely windy and threatening rain all afternoon, but by 6 o'clock the sun was out and we had a wonderful warm evening. Let us hope that such good fortune stays with us!

At the time of writing, the annual Flower & Produce Show has just been successfully held. The number of entries appeared to me to be up overall, but we were a bit light on handicrafts.

I am sure that there are some more talented people out there who produce some wonderful examples of handicraft. The judge of the fruit and vegetable section gave some very kind feedback on the quality of this year's entries.

The trophy winners this year were... the same as last year! For those who cannot remember last year (like me) Lin Batey holds on to the Rose Bowl with the most points overall, with the other trophy winners as follows: The Maisie

Egerton Goblet for Cooking and Handicrafts went to Claire Whiting; the Ivy Triggs Shield for Flowers and Floral Art to Sue Flagg; the Gladys Baldwin Vase for Fruit and Vegetables to Lin Batey.

Now a reminder for non Garden Club ramblers that there is a ramble on **Thursday 26th October** starting at the Fressingfield Swan (the one at the bottom of the hill!) starting at 10.00am led by Roger Knight. Roger kindly asks that walkers comply with the following:

If you wish to walk, but not dine, please find alternative parking and if the weather is foul and you choose not to walk, please honour your meal booking. Let Roger know if you are dining one week beforehand and order from the pub direct by 10.00am on the day. You walk at your own risk.

We have various talks arranged through to the end of the year. Sheila Ashe speaks about how to keep your flower beds full all season with 'Mind

the Gap' on **Thursday 19th October** and we have a representative of St Peters Brewery with us on **Thursday 16th November**. All start at 7.30pm at St Edmunds Hall. If you want see if the Club is for you, come along on one of these nights, pay your £2 non-members entrance fee and if you like it you can join there and then.

*Gordon Lacey
Chair, Hoxne Garden & Social Club*



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In The Garden

Autumn is now well and truly upon us and the long lazy days of summer behind us. The clocks change in October and soon we will be looking at the shortest day and Christmas once again! But there is still work to be done and rewards to be had in the garden.

Do it now?

Check out the tree and shrub nurseries for their bare root offerings. Now is a perfect time to order trees, roses and fruit.

If you still have tomatoes outdoors, dig up the plants and hang them in your green house to help the last few fruits ripen. This also works with chillies! Cover your pond with netting to help reduce the number of leaves that fall in.

General Maintenance

A good thing to do at this time of year is to go around and check all your tree ties and any climbing plants at have ties. It's a simple enough job to adjust them or replace them as necessary to avoid damage to the plants or wind damage in the winter.

Now's also a good time to help your lawn out. If moss is a problem, go over the area with a fork to help reduce compaction and help with drainage. You can also apply

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lawn sand to kill the moss. Leave it a couple of weeks, then using a spring tine rake, remove the dead moss and any dead grass and debris. If you have a large area, hiring a petrol scarifier will make the job much more enjoyable and get it done significantly quicker.

Plant spring bulbs like crocus, daffodils and grape hyacinth, but leave tulips until the middle of November to reduce the risk of the fungal disease tulip fire. You can also plant new shrubs, roses are often sold cheaply in root wraps (bare rooted plants in small bags of compost, sealed at the neck) at this time of year, so if you were planning a new boarder now's the time to get started. Just wait until the spring for evergreens or conifers as they move and transplant better when the weather is warming, not cooling!

You can also lift and divide herbaceous perennials and herbs like chives, marjoram and mint. Leave the late flowering plants until the spring.

5 Minute Jobs

Make sure you clean your bird feeders and keep topping the food and water up. Lag your outdoor taps or turn off the water supply and drain your irrigation systems and hose pipes, storing them in a frost-free place.

Lift terracotta, glazed and stoneware pots off the ground, then wrap them in bubble-wrap or a bag filled with straw, to help protect them from frosts.

In the veg garden

You can now take heel cuttings from woody herbs like lavender and rosemary. Plant out spring cabbages, sow winter hardy varieties of broad beans like "Aquadulce Claudia" in October or "The Sutton" under cloches, but make sure you plant a few extra to allow for a few failures due to the cold or mice!

If you're leaving your beds empty over the winter, sow green manures or cover with a layer of manure or compost for extra 'body' in the spring. You can also give hardy peas a go in pots in an unheated greenhouse.

If you still have root crops in the ground, cover them with straw to prevent the ground freezing and to make harvest easier.

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Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

The final figure raised by the curry lunch was an excellent £680. My congratulations and thanks to our committee members for their splendid work and to everybody who supported us.

Following the harvest lunch on **Sunday 22nd October**, our next fundraising event will be a quiz, in St Edmunds Hall on **Saturday 4th February**. Tables up to 6, £5 per head, bring a picnic supper, book your table with Margaret Brawn on **01379 668352**.

Details of our trip to Lichfield and Coventry in May have been issued to those who have already expressed an interest, if anyone else would like details, please contact me as below.

Just a reminder, book sale and coffee morning, every **third Saturday** in the church from 9:45 till 11:15.

If you would like to join the Friends and help us to maintain the fabric of the church, then contact Maureen Johnson **01379 668478**. Annual membership is only £12.50.

John Brawn (Chairman)
01379 668352

Hoxne Charities Clay Shoot

The annual clay shoot was held on Sunday 10th September at Oakley Park. The organisers are very grateful to all who helped with preparation for this event and those who came along to help at the event. As well as help and support, we have some kind sponsors who enable us to put on this event and to raise a good deal of money for our chosen charities. This year's funds will go to Hoxne School Association and Hoxne Playing Field.

Thank you to this year's sponsors who include Howdens Joinery of Diss, Kings Farm Kennels in Cranley Green, Cherry Tree Vets of Diss, Stuart clay traps of Melton, Jubilee finance of Thurston, CMC Commercial / Taxi hire of Hoxne, Ed's fish bar calling at Hoxne and other villages, Cowham Car and Commercial, and Easey Pigs Ltd.

A report on the event and final funds raised will appear in the next issue of the Village Voice.

Julie Thompson

Superfast Hoxne - No. 3

Who'd have thought it? The recently installed green cabinet on Green Street is up and running, so your favourite internet Service Provider will now be accepting orders for superfast fibre broadband.

The area covered by the new cabinet no. 3 runs from Elm House along to Park View, including Church Close. Amazingly, it's also connecting us "bandwidth challenged" dwellers down the B1118 hill, but at proportionally reduced download/upload speeds.

The benefits of superfast broadband will be more than apparent in multiple device house-holds, in offering stutter-free online TV viewing for all. But perhaps more importantly, previously slow photo and movie uploads to social media or data backup and file sharing to *the cloud* will be far faster in all cases.

The Openreach website shown below will allow you to confirm superfast availability wherever you are and also to proceed to a provider to check out the package options and costs if successful: www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx

Further information on the roll-out of superfast broadband can be found here: www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com

Bones

Parish Council Reports

Denham

AUDIT - The Council has received a clear bill of health from the external auditors with no matters arising from the year ending 31 March 2017.

MEETINGS - The Parish Council met on Wednesday 27th September and the minutes of this meeting will be available in due course on our website www.denham.onesuffolk.net. It is likely the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 29th November**, but please check the website for further details. As usual, the agenda will be published on the four notice boards within the village.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - the Parish Council understands that Mid Suffolk District Council will undertake their community governance review of Denham and how the electorate wishes it to be 'parished' once the Local Government Boundary Commission has finalised its electoral review (warding arrangements) for Mid Suffolk.

Sarah Foote, Clerk, 07554 733621

Hoxne

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Mid Suffolk District Council is the Planning Authority for determining applications and the Parish Council are statutory consultees along with a range of other bodies such as Heritage, Highways etc. The District Council has recently granted permission for the erection of four dwellings on Abbey Hill. This was contrary to the recommendation of the Parish Council, the Hoxne Heritage Group, and several parishioners who submitted objections directly to the District Council. At the September Parish Council meeting the much larger than usual group of parishioners were able to ask questions of District Councillors and Officer about why

this application outside of the settlement boundary, on greenfield land and on a site of historical importance was approved based on one Officer's opinion, and without consideration by the Planning Committee, and in spite of so many objections. The answers provided at the meeting were not conclusive and at the time of the Village Voice going to press the Parish Council has submitted a formal complaint to Mid Suffolk District Council. All Planning applications being considered by the Parish Council are published on the meeting agendas (available on website, noticeboards and in Post Office stores). Your views are very much welcome - please engage during these important consultation processes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - the Parish Plan Review Group has finished its work and a copy of their results is published on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council would like to thank all involved for the time taken to review the Action Points designated in the 2010 Parish Plan and look at how these have been delivered and what has changed. The next step? Planning for the future of the village could be in your hands. If the Parish Council were to commit to a Neighbourhood Plan then much expertise from local people would be needed to assist in the production of this document which could have legal weight when planning applications are being considered. If you are interested in being involved in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hoxne, which would be adopted by referendum of the whole electorate, please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible. In the meantime, please do submit your personal comments on the Draft Babergh & Mid Suffolk Local Plan, as mentioned in the last issue of the Village Voice. The deadline is Friday 10th November and comments can be submitted via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES - there are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk for further details. Co-option to these vacancies will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on 5th October.

CAN YOU SPOT OUR WORK? - soon there will be a defibrillator on the external wall of St Edmund's Hall and a new litter bin at the top of Water Mill Lane. The Parish Council will be facilitating a defib training session with the East of England Ambulance Service and more details will follow. Work continues on design concepts for a Village Sign and we have just ordered a re-print of the very popular Hoxne Heritage Walk leaflets (available from the Church, St Edmund's Hall car park and the Post Office stores). A traffic calming buildout will be constructed on Green Street in early October.

MEETINGS - The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be **Thursday 5th October** at the Playing Field Pavilion and **Thursday 2nd November** at St Edmunds Hall. Both meetings will commence at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Sarah Foote, Clerk, 07554 733621

Syleham

Our last meeting took place on 6th September. We discussed the following:

Broadband: According to Openreach Syleham is within scope for updating to a superfast service, but no definitive plans are available. We will notify Better Broadband for Suffolk, the authority responsible, that Syleham must not be left behind in the programme to bring fibre technology to rural areas.

Defibrillator: There was some confusion on how to use this machine now installed at the Village Hall. We hope that Julie Thompsons report on page 11 in this issue of Village Voice answers these queries.

Joint Local Plan: The consultative document prepared by Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils was presented to the Council by the Clerk. It classifies Syleham as a hamlet, in which the village would either remain classified as open country side in the settlement hierarchy or be allowed infilling of the existing housing stock - clarification will be sought. Mid Suffolk is holding a public drop in event at Eye on **Thursday 5th October**.

Roads: Low Road has a number of deep pot holes at the side of the road, often obscured by standing water and a drainage outlet that has been damaged. Both will be reported to SCC Highways Department.

Meeting: Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 8th November** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

David Young, Clerk, 01379 668556

Wingfield

At our last meeting on 28th July we sadly had to announce the death of David Jenvey who had served Wingfield as both parish councillor and clerk for the past ten years. We will miss his experience and good humour. Our condolences go to his wife Catherine and family.

The meeting was again well attended by residents whose involvement we much appreciate.

Fibre broadband availability remains the hot topic in the village. Despite numerous sightings of Openreach vans and holes in the road we have no definitive news on who gets what when. Keep looking at the website for updates on the "Superfast highway" coming to Wingfield.

On matters where we do have some control, the Parish Council approved the following:

1) "Topping" of the Green, in a 4-year rotation, to improve the grassland and enhance its appearance.

- 2) Installation of an electronic 30 mph warning sign at the entrance to the village from the Green.
- 3) The purchase of a new bench for St Andrews graveyard dedicated to the memory of David Jenvey.
- 4) Installation of the flower planters, kindly donated by Mr Lee Smith, at Castle Crescent.
- 5) Consideration of alternative uses for the renovated phone box at our next meeting. The front runner, according to

the village “twitter sphere”, is a location for our own defibrillator. Something where we would need external financial help to execute.

Finally, we would like all residents to make themselves aware of Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation Document (available for viewing on MSDC’s website). The future development of Wingfield is under review.

David Young, Clerk, 01379 668556

Hoxne Bowls Club

Big Crowd Enjoy Bowls Final Day

Attracted by top quality bowls finals, fun events for all and a bar-b-q, a large turnout enjoyed a sunny finale to Hoxne Bowls Club’s season.

Following the club’s third successive year as champions of the Norfolk and Suffolk Border League, competition was both tense and entertaining.

In the first round of games, Kristian Garnham beat Roy Wilkinson in the final of the Mixed singles, while his father, Alan Garnham was losing out to Maurice Hurry in the Over 60s singles.

Next, competition organiser, Viv Wilkinson defeated Jenny Burton in the ladies singles, while Maurice Hurry was winning his second title of the afternoon by overcoming Kristian Garnham in the Men’s Singles.

In the final round of games, Maurice Hurry and Kristian Garnham defeated Errol Feavearyear and Alan Garnham in the pairs, while Kevin Cook was triumphant over Chris Burton in the Non-Winners Singles.

Meanwhile, the onlookers tried their hands at target bowls in-between the burgers and hot dogs. All in all, it was a fitting end to a successful and enjoyable season.

Roger Knight

* Stop Press *

Upper Waveney League Competitions Finals
On the final finals day of the outdoor season - GREAT success for Hoxne Bowlers.

Four Wood Pairs:

Maurice Hurry & George Large *Runners-up*

Three Wood Triples:

Maurice Hurry, Alan Garnham & Kristian Garnham *Champions*

Mens Singles:

Kristian Garnham *Champion*

Champion of Champions:

Alan Garnham *Champion*



AFC Hoxne



The great adventure has begun with AFC Hoxne more than holding their own in the Suffolk & Ipswich League, Senior Division. The opening Game was a home fixture against last season's runners-up Crane Sports of Ipswich. A 5-3 win put us second in the table after the first round of games.

Our second game saw a 3-0 defeat at Haughley, which was a bit harsh, though the home side deserved to win the game. Next, at home to Westerfield we led 3-0, but it became 3 -2 late on before suffering a last-ditch equaliser.

We became the first side to take a point off the league leaders Felixstowe Harpers, with a 1-1 draw at Trimley. Finally, on 9th September as we go to print, Hoxne lost at home for the first time this league season, 1-2 to Benhall. We conceded two late goals and dropped down the table.

The next Senior Division fixtures during this issue of the Village Voice are:
 30/09 14:30 **Home** Achilles
 07/10 14:30 **Away** East Bergholt United

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21/10	14:30	Home	Leiston St Margarets
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Village Walks...

This time we move out of the Village Voice area for a ramble around Redgrave and Botesdale. The route should be walkable throughout the year. The paths are generally wide and well used. Wild flowers are abundant in summer and fine views are exposed once the crops are in. The villages are quaint and the slight hills afford a variety of panoramas.

Warning: the stretch along the B1113 has ample grass verges on which to walk, but the traffic here is fast. Take Care!

Refreshments are available at the Cross Keys and Village Shop in Redgrave. While there are a choice of hostelrys in Botesdale, plus shops, a chippy and a takeaway.

Parking is available at Redgrave Playing Fields. Should you wish to enjoy some

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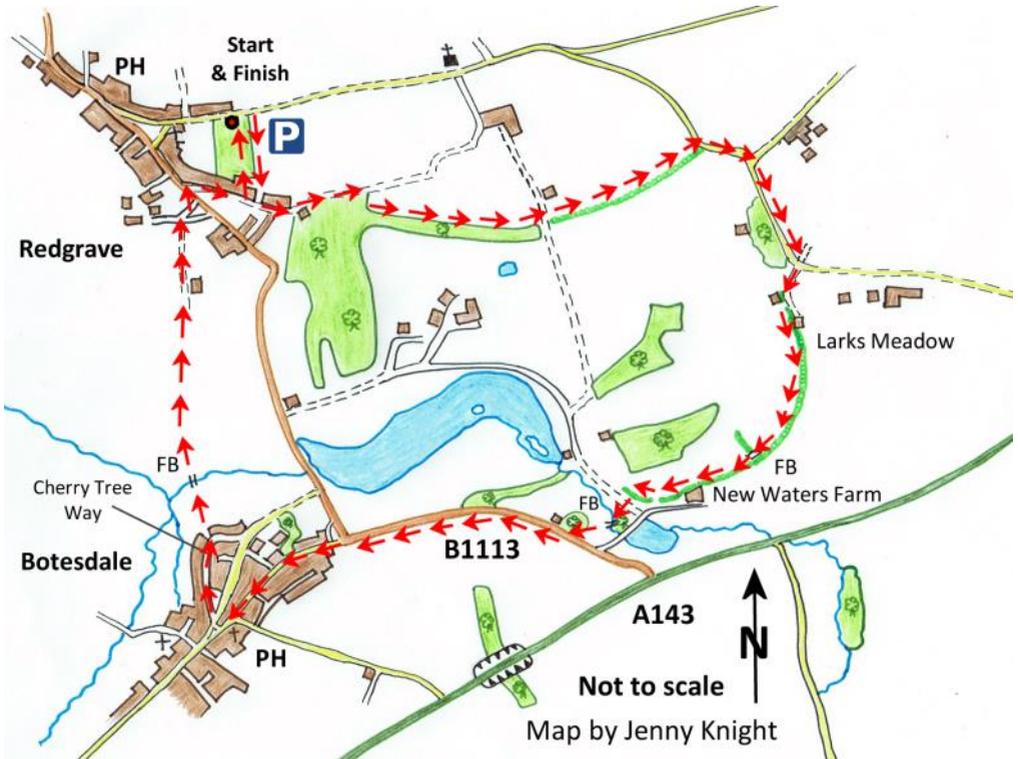
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refreshment at the end of your walk, you might prefer to start/finish there instead.

From the playing fields' car park, climb the steps and bear left. The footpath runs on the outside of the field. Dog owners should use the road to access the beginning of the footpath.

At the end of the playing fields, the path passes between houses to a road, **Turn Left**. Follow the road until a footpath sign on the left points through trees. Continue on this path until a finger post points to the left, **Turn Right**.

The path quickly turns left and continues in a straight line, following field edges for half a mile. Where the path



enters some trees, encompassing a farm storage area, **Continue Ahead**, ignoring the farm roads to left and right.

The path continues for almost another half mile on the left of a hedge to steps descending to a road. **Turn Right**.

The road bends left, right, then ahead for a little over a quarter of a mile before bending left.

Just after the bend, two gravel drives meet the road. **Turn Right** onto the right hand one, signposted *Larks Meadow*.

Follow the drive around a left handed bend until a gap appears in the hedge on your right, just before a telegraph pole. A footpath sign hides in the hedge and directs the walker with eyes in the back of his/her head to follow the left hand edge of the field before them.

Follow the field edge. Cross a footbridge and continue downhill, still keeping to the left edge of the field.

At the bottom of the hill, past *New Waters Farm*, a wide gap appears in the hedge, giving a fine view of the lake. Do not pass through the gap, but continue along the field edge until you pass through a smaller gap to a track.

You now need to cross the track and bear about sixty degrees to the right (or two o'clock) and cross a field. Aim between the two oak trees, where you will find a footbridge playing hide and seek. And, as if that were not enough, at the time of writing, the last plank on the bridge is broken. **BEWARE**.

The path now heads diagonally uphill. If the path is not well defined, though it was when we walked it, aim for the corner of the field by the road. There is a narrow path here through some trees onto the B1113. **Take Care and Turn Right**.

Walk the verge beside the road, turning left into the road to Botesdale.

Either, you can walk all the way to *Market Place* where you will find refreshments and then **turn around** and take the fork now **on your left**.

OR after the Church and opposite the take-away, there is a lane **on the Right** cutting off the long corner. **Turn Right** at the end.

Shortly, **Bear Left** into *Cherry Tree Way*. Where this road turns right, **Turn Left** and pass between houses on a footpath.

The path descends to cross a footbridge. Ignore the path that crosses and **continue head**, up the hill and onward for half a mile until you reach houses and a gravel road.

Continue ahead on the road, following it round to the right. On reaching the tarmac road, cross it and take the path ahead.

Reach another road and **Turn Right**. In a short distance, you will find the gated path from which you emerged at the beginning of the walk. Retrace your steps to the end.

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The Lunch Bunch Visits...

The sun shone and the sky was blue as we arrived in the carpark of The Black Horse in Thorndon. The Lunch Bunch had heard interesting things about this hostelry, a pub that offers a lunch time carvery and an evening takeaway menu! With a community shop in the carpark, we had to check it out.

We didn't book a table, but were greeted warmly at the bar and offered menus and a table in the restaurant. Just one thing to remember in this pub are the low ceilings and the beams in the bar, so just bare this in mind as you walk in!

After ordering drinks we were shown to a table which lead us past the amazing smelling carvery! The carvery was Beef or Turkey with all the trimmings. Now there isn't hundreds of options on the menu, but there was a really good range including some nice "to share" type starters as well as individual ones. There was traditional burgers and fish 'n' chips, as well as Ploughmans or roll and chips offerings. I was really glad to see at least two proper vegetarian options to choose from as well.

We decided to share the Tortillas topped with melted cheese, sour cream & salsa, almost a meal in itself. Followed by a couple of carveries and a Falafel & Spinach Burger with hand cut chips. They have the timing of all this down to a fine art, the carvery is a "queue and be served" affair, our waitress came and suggested those who had ordered the carvery go join the line a few minutes before the perfectly spiced burger, topped with grilled halloumi in a toasted brioche bun was brought to the table. This meant we all ate together

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and no-one was left watching the others over an empty plate.

The carvery meat was perfectly cooked and vegetables bright and seasonal, not overcooked mush. Even the gravy was thick, just like your grandma made, all topped with a delicious Yorkshire pudding.

By this time the pub had become quite busy and there was a lovely buzz about the place. Everyone was laughing and all friendly - it was a great atmosphere that showed just what a wide appeal the Black Horse had. There were three generations of ladies on one table behind us chatting about the cinema, while the youngest played on the floor with a bucket of toys the waitress brought over as they sat down; then there was the elderly couple who looked like regular diners enjoying another lunch-time; and also the four gentlemen bemoaning the demise of beer mats to wedge under a table leg, though this hadn't stopped them all clearing their plates and ordering dessert!



While we didn't "need" a dessert, I have never found that "need" comes into the conversation when asked if you would like one! So soon warm waffles with ice-cream were brought out for our pleasure, which rounded the meal off perfectly.

While we didn't try the takeaway service (yet!), I think that based on our lunch, it would make a perfect change from the normal fast food outlets.

So all in all, if you fancy something a bit more interesting, served with a smile, give the Black Horse a visit.

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A Word from Wingfield

Coping or Caring

Much is written about the challenge facing Western society arising from a rapid change in what experts call the demographic profile. Or, put another way, that many of us are living longer, with a rapid increase in the number of dependent elderly, not all of whom have been able to make provision for their old age. The challenge arises from a variety of factors, not just the number of survivors as a result of the success of the NHS, but the expanding financial cost of social services and care for the elderly.

Many poorer countries cope through the extended family system. I recall long ago in Uganda a typical granny in a smoke filled hut, keeping the fire going, cooking the daily meal, sharing night shelter with a small herd of goats, and during the day keeping an eye on the children either not yet old enough for school or unable to afford school and too young to help on the land.

When we returned from Africa, we converted our stable hayloft into a "granny flat". In those days, when one parent died, some of us were able to provide a place and close support for the other bereaved parent as the marginal cost of so doing was quite small.

Another successful arrangement was by the provision of a group of single housing units with the provision of a sheltered housing warden. Institutional provision, mainly by county councils, but also by the private sector flourished successfully for a while until these moved into the private sector and costs and related fees rose, institutions closed, and families and social services found it hard to raise sufficient money for rising fees.

The current crisis is made evident through what was called "bed-blocking",

but is now termed "delayed transfers of care", whereby an elderly sick person who has recovered and for whom there is no social service plan to provide the care needed to live independently.

I recall the Griffiths Report entitled "Care in the Community", which sought to tackle this emerging problem some 20-30 years ago, but has now been overtaken by the enormity of the problem and a shortage of funding.

The elderly journalist, Kathleen Whitehorn, seems to have found a viable solution whereby she offers free board and lodging to a student in London, providing her with a suitable place to live in exchange for some domestic help, so enabling her to cope without an expensive live in carer. The high cost for British tertiary level students living independently away from home leads many into debt that they come to regret.

There is an interesting international scheme which brings together potential hosts and short term guests called Workaway, which provides a mutual solution, matching the complementary needs of young and old. Similar schemes might help with the problem of housing asylum seekers and refugees, many of whom have to turn to traditional support with their own expatriate communities. This would save on the use of private contractors such as G4S.

It is now evident that imaginative solutions are required to deal with the considerable scale of this emerging problem in rich countries where the needs of the elderly to be able to cope alone at home fall short of the rising costs of social care.

The recent disaster at Grenfell Tower highlighted some of the issues that arise in 21st century Western communities, for example the plight of isolated elderly persons, and the role and response of the surrounding community, both formal and informal. The Notting Hill local church

community was present and able to mobilise help faster than official bodies.

Unrelated to this, but relevant, was headlined in this week's Church of England newspaper where the front page reported research stating that "Church's community work is invisible to the Public", and that 74% of people in the UK were unable to name any other activity taking place in their local church apart from services and religious festivals.

Before the reformation 500 years ago, the monasteries played a crucial part in providing social services - not just religious, but also food and shelter for travellers, and medical services, in effect an ancient version of the NHS.

Rural communities, which are neither too big nor too small, still remain aware of, and respond to, local needs and foster the goodwill to provide help when needed. With the roll-out of fast rural broadband, the provision of a free electronic tablet to all pensioners when

they retire, might help those stuck at home to be part of community, but they might need to get a younger person to show them how to use it.

The gradual disappearance of local bus services has led to innovative travel arrangements such as Borderhoppa, car sharing, superstore grocery deliveries and the mobile library. Some local shops thrive. "Wingfield Neighbours" on nextdoor.co.uk is a new organisation which may help strengthen our local community. It is said that democratic local government at County level had its origin in the need to replace neglected toll roads and to provide suitable roads for the motor car. New ideas are needed to cope with old problems which will not be solved by sweeping economies of scale such as the centralisation of hospital services in distant towns.

A village voice is needed to identify and solve the challenge faced by the elderly.

Tommy Gee

The New Reeding Woods Group

Visitors to Pound Lane Wood can now see that this hectare of land is now established as a woodland. The tallest trees are over three metres tall and even those planted as year old seedlings are identifiable as trees. Along the hedgerow, the berries and hips provide rich pickings for the birds and the meadow and rides were recently cut to provide more than fifty bales of hay.

Upkeep of the fences, meadow and the pond are ongoing tasks for the New Reeding Woods Group, ensuring that this is a safe place for children and dogs to play, and a notice board has now been installed by the meadow gate to encourage walkers to list the birds and bugs that are spotted and also to give

details of working parties. The hope is that younger people will come along to learn about woodland management and help to keep this community space vibrant.

Through the year, the wildlife is observed with ongoing surveys of small mammals, birds and bats, and as the trees grow, bird and bat boxes built by the group will be installed. A specialist will visit to identify the newt population and the wild flowers are monitored through the spring and summer to list the rarer flowers native to this area.

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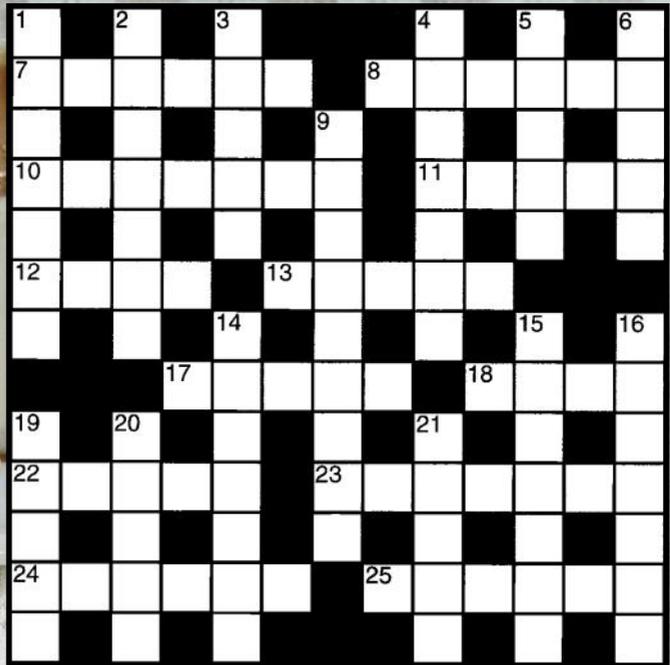
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Puzzle No. 120

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Across

- 7 Hot pepper sounding distinctively cool (6)
- 8 I hear it is the origin of the piquant flavouring (6)
- 10 Can I be friendly and pleasant (7)
- 11 Aristocrat gas maybe (5)
- 12 Require some alteration to Eden (4)
- 13 Bury somewhere in the hinterland (5)
- 17 Partially stomach a punctuation mark (5)
- 18 Traditional knowledge of the rules perhaps (4)
- 22 Pronounced that the faith was all tied up (5)
- 23 Cigar in bed interrupted by brave man (7)
- 24 I muted the boredom rather confusedly (6)
- 25 Vendor from the basement? (6)

Down

- 1 Skinny enough to make a swan cry (7)
- 2 Tim lied about the boundaries (7)
- 3 Whacks one with part of the deck (5)
- 4 Indication of the breed of dog (7)
- 5 Exist around a bone - there's a sweetener (5)
- 6 Discourage in an intermediate way (5)
- 9 I free corn in order to strengthen (9)
- 14 Rum sort found on a platform (7)
- 15 Visual aid afford singular help (7)
- 16 Elect Ernie partly to make a pulpit (7)
- 19 Condition of Hawaii (5)
- 20 Mildly curse the duck (5)
- 21 Len Goodman's lucky number? (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 119 was: Mrs P Heffer, Hoxne

Answers: **Across** 1) Beef 3) Burghers 9) Offer 10) Weather 11) Kin 13) Malignant 14) Regain 16) Twitch 18) Satisfied 20) Nun 22) Imagine 23) Start 25) Elements 26) Herd **Down** 1) Brook 2) Elf 4) Unwell 5) Glasgow 6) Enhearten 7) Stretch 8) Pram 12) Nightmare 14) Respite 15) Inspire 17) Digest 19) Dash 21) Noted 24) Axe

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