

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a Christmas cake. The cake is covered in green marzipan leaves with detailed vein patterns. Several bright red, round berries are scattered across the greenery. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the marzipan and the gloss of the berries.

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## It's a "Fur" Cop...

Recent press coverage has drawn attention to the analysis of a woman's skull unearthed in Hoxne, thought to be 1100 years old. All credit to "Steve's mum" for passing on the news, which has determined the cause of death to be Leprosy caught from squirrel fur that was likely traded by Vikings of the time.

The same strain of Leprosy has been found in some existing Red populations and not the more maligned Grey squirrel, as it's a relative new comer to these shores and somewhat blameless in this instance. The back story and the provenance of the skull, is just one aspect that the Hoxne Heritage Group are interested in exploring for a future report and seek any further information, see page 39.

While you may not be wrapping yourself in cosy Red Squirrel fur this Christmas, you could perhaps try a Turkey Wrap from this issue's *In the Kitchen* on pages 28-29, or indeed any of the festive recipes.

However, if you're looking to eat elsewhere, then the *Lunch Bunch* may well

...and you thought these were the bad guys?



have the answer in Wingfield, whether you're Good, Bad or Hungry, see page 49 for their review.

In this issue though, there's also some less positive news from Wingfield's St Andrew and from Hoxne, which sadly reflects the recent Police reports. Sgt Brian Calver of the Rural Crime Team said: "*Communities can act as our eyes and ears, and by making a note of any suspicious activity of people or vehicles we can deter thieves. Don't ignore anything that you think looks out of place - report anything you think may be suspicious to the police.*" Call 101 to report suspicious activity. Always call 999 in an emergency, or if you think a crime is in progress. This is sensible advice for all to note, which should ensure your property doesn't become someone else's icing on their cake. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Bones**

A green poster with white text and graphics. At the top left is a white recycling symbol with a heart in the center. To its right is the word "recycle" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this is the text "Your Christmas trees at Hoxne Village Hall car park" in a smaller white font. Two black silhouettes of Christmas trees are positioned on either side of the central text. The background is green with small white dots.

'Real' trees can be left at this site from 7am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, until 6.30am on Monday. 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Trees must be less than 7' tall & must have all decorations, stands & pots removed.

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# Letters to the Editor

## HAVE YOU SEEN CARI?

**O**n the 2nd of August our light Ginger & White cat bolted from his cat box and made a dash over the fields in the Goldbrook area of Nuttery Vale Hoxne. He's 10 years old, quite small



and has dark spots on his ears. His name is Cari (Caramac). Some posters went up when this occurred, but we have heard nothing and it's been a few months now. If a family/household have taken him in, I would be very happy just to know he's ok.

*Jane Diliato, 20 Pipers Meadow, Worlingworth, 01728 628446*

## BUILD-OUT BEWILDERMENT

**W**ho thought traffic calming on the road east out of Hoxne would be best effected by building a concrete peninsula into the road to prioritize traffic flow close to a blind bend? I have twice found myself on the wrong side of the road negotiating said obstacle as a speedster or juggernaut hurtles round the bend going east out of the village. And people going west into the village have been seen to speed even more than they used to in a bid to get round the obstruction while the road's clear. So let's make the roads even more

dangerous by putting concrete things in it in stupid places.

*John Whyte-Venables, Syleham*

*[Since receiving John's letter, road signs are now in place to give some warning of the new layout – Ed]*

## PROMPT PRAISE

**W**henever I need a job done in my home - decorating, maintenance, repairs, etc. I look first among Village Voice advertisers and have been well served over the years. However, I would like to give special thanks to John Woodard at Hexpek.it - Computer Repair and IT Support. I had occasion to call him recently to help with a computer hardware problem (caused by my own carelessness). He arrived at my home, fixed the problem with no fuss and was gone again within the hour! Thank you John!

*Dawn Lodge, Hoxne*

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# Diary Dates

## Weekends of 2nd, 9th and 16th December

(Saturday and Sunday) Christmas tree sales, Market House, Low Street, Hoxne p7

### Friday 1st December

Lost In Translation and Friends WB p12

### Saturday 2nd December

Made2Measure Theatre Company WB p13

### Thursday 7th December

Hoxne Parish Council HVH p40

### Friday 8th December

Film Night - Viceroy's House HVH p9

Karaoke SWH p11

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### Saturday 9th December

Cocktail & Canapes, Abbey Farm Hoxne p6

### Tuesday 12th December

Hoxne Phoenix Group Meeting HVH p43

### Sunday 17th December

The Produce and Craft Market HVH p9

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### Monday 18th December

St Edmund's Primary School Carol Service p24

### Tuesday 19th December

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### Wednesday 20th December

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### Friday 29th December

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### Sunday 31st December

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### Monday 8th January

Hoxne Heritage Group Talk HVH p6

### Thursday 4th January

Hoxne Parish Council HVH p40

### Friday 12th January

Karaoke SWH p11

### Sunday 14th January

Puzzle House Pantomime Cinderella HVH p9

### Thursday 18th January

Hoxne Garden & Social Club, Talk HVH p35

### Friday 19th January

Hoxne Schools Association Quiz SWH p11

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Senior Citizen Meal SWH p11

### Sunday 21st January

Puzzle House Pantomime SWH p11

### Wednesday 24th January

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### Saturday 27th January

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### Saturday 10th February

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### Thursday 15th February

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### Saturday 24th February

Hoxne Schools Association, Cabaret HVH p9

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For AFC Hoxne fixtures, see p45

For AFC Hoxne Veterans fixtures, see p32

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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

### PRE CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL & CANAPE EVENING

Abbey Farm, Hoxne

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**Saturday 9th December**

from 7:30pm

Tickets £20 pp to include 3 cocktails and a large selection of homemade canapes. Bar available.

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Gail Jackson

**01379 668186 or 07503 318136**

Hannah Mayhew

**01379 668200 or 07774 327836**

All proceeds to Hoxne Music Festival and Hoxne Playing Field

### Children's Christmas Party

Hoxne Playing Field Pavilion

**Sunday 24th December**

from 1pm till 3pm

£3.00 per child including a scrummy tea and a present from Father Christmas. Bar open. Please contact:

Hannah on **07774 327836** or

Gail on **01379 668186**

### Syleham Carol Singing Wednesday 20th December

Would you like to join us carol singing? Or would you like us to sing carols for you? We want to organise village carol singing once again for the children's charity, EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). If you would like to sing, please let us know and come and join us at **The White House Farmhouse, Whitehouse Lane, Syleham**, between **6.00pm and 6.30pm** for a glass of wine and something to eat before we set off. If you would like us to come and sing some carols, please give us a ring on **013379 669320**. Last year we had a good evening and raised £550. So why not come and join us or ask us to sing for you? We always like to involve new people, so do get in touch; we're happy to go as far as **Wingfield or Weybread!** In the letter of thanks that we received from EACH, they said: *"Your support is invaluable as it enables us to continue delivering care to local families."*

**Jane and Adrian Knott**



### Hoxne Heritage Group

Presents:

## Wallpaper!



A talk by Philip Aitkens on its history and use in some of Suffolk's historic houses

Date: **Monday 8th January at 7.30pm**

Where? In St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Tickets: £4 in advance or from the village shop, £5 on the door

Some of us may have found scraps of very old wallpaper in our houses - bring them or photos along for possible identification.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas Trees will be available again this year, up the drive of **Market House, Low Street, Hoxne**

Last year we raised £770 and customers were delighted with both quality and price! This year we hope to raise £1000, with your support.

**On Sale** over the weekends of **2nd, 9th and 16th December** (both **Saturday and Sunday**) between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Hoxne Playing Fields.

Carole Smith **01379 668210**  
Andrew Banham **07767 653260**



## Hello to all the children of Hoxne

**I**t is very cold here at the North Pole, so I am really excited about coming south in a few weeks time. As you know, I always make a special appearance in Hoxne on Christmas morning to deliver all of your presents. The elves have been extremely busy all year making some wonderful toys, so my sack is getting very full. As always, I have employed some local elves to help me and they tell me they are really looking forward to all those lovely mince pies and refreshments you kindly give us. Just remember, I need you to tell me if you have any visitors staying or I will deliver their presents to the wrong address.

I have filed a flight plan with the Airways Authority and expect Rudolf to land the sleigh in **Denham Road** about **6.00am**. This means we will reach **Nuttery Vale** about **7.00** and **Low Street** about **8.00**. Just in case we get lost(!), can you make sure all presents are marked with full name, address and telephone number.

**Peter**, my friend in the village shop, will advise and help you if needed. So please contact him before **Monday 18th December**. If you need a label please use the one below, Peter will have some spares.

*Lots of love and cheer,  
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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**.

## Hoxne Village Hall

The film on **Friday 8th December** is *Viceroy's House*, 12A. A tribute to the millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims who were uprooted or killed in what remains the largest mass migration of people in history. Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence. Starring Gillian Anderson, Michael Gambon, Hugh Bonneville and Simon Callow.

The **January** film will be the first of the new season, chosen from voting by the November audience; look on the website in December.



The Produce and Craft Market will be held on **Sunday 17th December** with stalls offering a range of products from 9:30 to 12:30, there is no market in January.

On **Sunday 14th January**, Puzzle House Pantomimes return to Hoxne for the

twelfth year to present a traditional family pantomime based on the story of **CINDERELLA**. Join in with the songs, solve the puzzles on the way, and try to make sure that Cinderella's dreams are not destroyed by her Ugly Sisters. Six actors play a range of characters in a show full of songs, live keyboard music, thrills, spills and fun! All tickets £7. Telephone **01379 384656**. The show starts at 3.00pm, finishing at 4.50pm.

The sharing of bookings by Sharon Knights and Jane Langley is working well; 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](http://www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk)

*John Langley*

### HOXNE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

will be holding an evening of

## **cabaret**

On **Saturday 24th February** at  
Hoxne Village Hall

This evening will include a three course meal, table magic by an award winning magician, a comedian and a six piece covers band called midlife crisis.

Tickets for this event will be £30.00 per person and tables or single tickets can be purchased.

For more information or to book you place please call Hannah Mayhew on **01379 668200** or **07774 327836**

## What's on at the Swan?

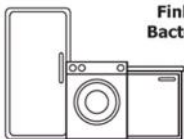
**B**ookings are now being taken for Xmas parties, starting from **Friday 1st December** and including **Xmas Day**. In addition to regular **Thursday Busker** nights, there's also a **New Years Eve Disco** on the cards.

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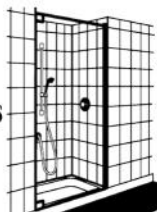
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# Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

**T**hank you to all who supported the previous Bingo sessions in aid of the Debenham Girls Group and the November's session in aid of the annual Senior Citizen's meal. Look out for the next Charity/good cause that we will be supporting.

## Sunday 31st December, New Year's Eve

Come and join us for the New Year's Eve celebration from 8pm. We have Wally's disco booked, and the bar will be open. Tickets, £5 for Sports and Social club members, £8 for non-members, can be obtained from Viv **07884 075003** or Dick **07711 610938**.

## Friday 19th January, HSA Quiz

The annual quiz in aid of Hoxne School Association quiz will be held at Syleham and Wingfield village hall. Teams of four are needed at a price of £5 each person to include a buffet supper. Come along about 7.30 ready for an 8pm start. There will be a raffle, and the bar will be open. Book with Julie by text **07929 794636** or [j.thompson@wvpschools.org](mailto:j.thompson@wvpschools.org), or with John **01379 668150**.

## Saturday 20th January, Senior Citizen Meal

The Sports and Social club enjoy the atmosphere at this annual Senior Citizen event. We have a list of people to deliver invitations along to, but we are anxious not to forget anyone that may now be getting to that certain age. If you, or someone you know, has reached that level of maturity and has not received an invitation in the past, please do get in touch with Julie by text **07929 794636** or [k.thompson156@btinternet.com](mailto:k.thompson156@btinternet.com). The meal is free on the day, although we do hold various fundraising events during the

year. We would be pleased to see everyone for a cuppa at one of the Coffee events or come along to one of the evening music events.

## Sunday 21st January, Puzzlehouse Panto

Please look out for details for the pantomime performance at Syleham and Wingfield village hall from 3pm. These pantos are always so brilliant and such good value at £7 per person.

## Dates for your diary

On **Saturday 10th February** we welcome back **Red Glass**. This group of four young lads calling themselves Red Glass are all fantastic local musicians. They have played at Syleham and Wingfield village hall a couple of times already and we have enjoyed their enthusiastic music. On this visit they will be launching their first EP. They are so excited and so are we. Please do come and find out what all the fuss is about. Entry £5 each, doors open 8pm, music from about 8.30pm, bar open.

**Eastern Angles** return to Syleham and Wingfield village hall on **Thursday 19th April** for a production involving the stories of three generations of women. More information coming soon.

## Sports and Social club

Membership of the Sports and Social club costs just £3.50 per year with £3 for concessions. Social club open **Tuesday and Friday** from 8pm when the bar is open. The **first Friday** of the month sees Open Mike, **second Friday** is Karaoke, **last Friday** there's the Bingo session.

*Julie Thompson, 07929 794636  
k.thompson156@btinternet.com*

## How to book the hall

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## Wingfield Barns

**A**fter an extremely busy November, we've got a few more events lined up to keep us going on the run up to the festive period.

Friday 1st December, 7.30pm  
Lost In Translation and Friends  
Locals Pat Blanchet and Roy Goodwin have been performing individually in one form or another for more years than they would care to admit. They started singing together as a duo, 'Lost in Translation', about 6 years



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ago. Their varied repertoire, tailored to their audiences and interposed with a bit of banter can include folk, some original songs and covers from the 50s up to the present day. With an increasing number of gigs under their belts - locally and in Cambridgeshire - they decided that this was the year to organise an event, with the help of a few musical friends, to raise some money for Roy's main charity - The East Anglian Air Ambulance. They are delighted to be able to do this in the beautiful surroundings of Wingfield Barns. Tickets £10.

**Saturday 2nd December, 7.30pm  
Harwich for the Continent -  
Made2Measure Theatre Company**

Welcome aboard the 'Spirit of Gouda' ! Pride of the Emmental Line. We are bound for Holland, along with a motley assortment of fellow-passengers. Meet the refugee from the Lonely Hearts column, with a broken heart but a GSOH. The reluctant pirate. The bored lounge singer. But something odd is going on aboard this ferry. Why is the chef so grumpy? How many art experts does it take to deliver a lecture on 'Cooking with Van Gogh'? And who is the mysterious beauty in fur coat and dark glasses?

**New Year's Eve, 8pm  
Ceilidh with Harbour Lights Band**

Following the huge success and enormous fun had by all last year, we are holding another ceilidh at New Year. As before, tickets include a 2 course hot supper and a glass of fizz to welcome in 2018. Whether you're a dab hand at a barn



dance or completely new to the idea, this is a brilliant way to spend an evening with friends and family dancing out the old and welcoming in the new. The bar will of course be open too! Tickets £20.

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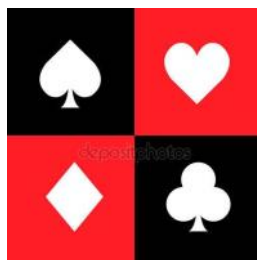
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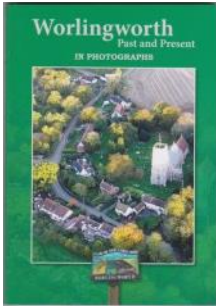


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The WLHG is a vibrant group of folk, numbering 70+ members who just enjoy studying the colourful history of the village and the surrounding area. The group meets four times a year, where a speaker covers a particular aspect of local history.

Worlingworth is a parish of some 2,400 acres of strong clay land, located in the agricultural heart of Suffolk in East Anglia. The village straggles along an unclassified road which roughly heads south-east to north-west from the direction of Framlingham to Eye.

The topography is typical of a Suffolk



parish, a long "street" with isolated groups of dwellings and the occasional narrow side road leading off to a neighbouring parish. The church and the inn form the centres of the two main settlement clusters

and visual evidence of the ancient village green - the former common land - exists today with the preservation of Great Green on Shop Street.

For the latest WLHG information, visit our website: [www.wlhg.org](http://www.wlhg.org)

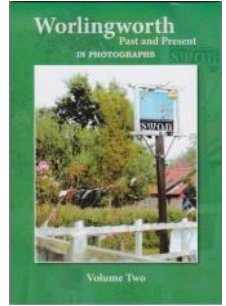
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Books available from Adrian, email [superflyer69@icloud.com](mailto:superflyer69@icloud.com) or telephone on 07826 217840.



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#### December 2017

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**F**ressingfield Scouts are trying to contact anyone who was involved with Scouting in Fressingfield in the past. The Old Boys, and Girls, Network is an informal group with the simple aim of meeting up, reviving memories and catching up with old friends and colleagues.

We plan to have two or three get together a year as well as supporting Scout Group social activities.

Whether you were involved as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venture Scout, Explorer, Leader, Helper or on the Group Executive (Parents) committee in the past, please get in touch to join this informal network.

Here is an archive picture, we think from the early seventies, can you see yourself or can you name some of these young people?



If you were a member of the group, but do not wish to join the network, we would still be very interested in any memorabilia such as badges, uniforms, books, and especially photographs you may have, either as a gift to our archive or to copy. Please contact us if you have anything. Thank you.

*Michael Knights*

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### Friends of Eye Surgery

Readers may not be aware of this charity that exists to serve patients of the Eye Surgery. Exclusively for patients, a modest fund exists for the purchase of equipment or provision of services that the NHS would not usually provide. As an example, blood pressure machines have been acquired and lent out; also spirometer, defibrillator and machine for cryo therapy have been bought.

The trust is not a fund raising organisation as such, but receives spontaneous donations of cash; these being the sole source of funds. I am Bob Ashworth and I am a trustee representing people covered by the circulation of this magazine. If you would like to contact me on issues rising from this notice please contact me: at [bobashworth@echointernet.net](mailto:bobashworth@echointernet.net) or 01379 668021. Please be advised that there is an official notice, that gives further detail, posted on the board adjacent to the reception desk of the Medical Centre.

*Robert Ashworth, Hoxne*

## Halloween, Low Street Green, Appeal for Information

Several people under the guidance of a new couple in Hoxne, spent a lot of time and money making a display of carved pumpkins and dressing the trees with ghosts and witches. It was timed to coincide with a party at the Swan Inn on the Saturday - we intended to leave it for the village until Halloween.

Unfortunately someone had different ideas; on the Sunday morning, no pumpkins or decorations. We eventually found some of the pumpkins albeit damaged, but the rest remained stolen. We think the sheer size and weight of the carvings meant they couldn't carry them.

It was not anyone from the Swan Inn party - all was peaceful and in place at 2am Sunday morning. It is definitely someone in the village.

We eventually managed to put a show on for Halloween, much to the pleasure of the Trick and Treat brigade.

Since then I have been informed of a number of minor thefts and mean damage. The police now have a file. If you have been on the receiving end of this awful person please contact the police - **Call 101** and it can be added to the file already set up quote **Ref 82 30/10/17**.

We need help to stop this. Hoxne is a very special village and this behaviour will not be tolerated. All other village gatherings and displays are potentially under threat. Please help. Thank you.



A few of the ingeniously carved pumpkins in the Halloween display on the Low Street Green

# Halloween



Thanks to Hollie Kenningham, Kristian Garnham, Gillian Short and Joan Garnham



## SHCT sponsored cycle ride - The final count up

The last episode of the cycle ride saga - how much money was raised! Half of the amount below will go to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and half to the individual churches.

It was very gratifying for me, being able to look through the Denham sponsorship forms, to see that nearly 60% of the village contributed as sponsors. Some of the parishes suffered a bit as they did not have any riders, but you can still sponsor the recorders who are needed if your church is to participate.

So a very big thank you to all of you that supported this fund raising effort as riders, walkers, recorders and sponsors.

Church	Visitors to the Church	Money Raised
St Peter, Athelington	35	£340.00
St John the Baptist,	13	£987.16
St Mary, Horham	28	£120.00
St Peter & St Paul,	15	£678.00
St Andrew, Redlingfield	21	£150.00
St Margaret, Syleham	19	£0.00
St Andrew's, Wingfield	15	£150.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,425.16</b>

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



## Hoxne Charities clay shoot - Summary

The weather again this year stayed sunny with a brisk wind that added more than a little competition to the day. Once again the event was very well attended with 186 rounds sold and from the continued kind comments we hear, the competition is one of the most well received within the local shooting calendar year.

The winning score was 38 by Glen Garnham, three people tied on 37 for joint second, Chloe Pearce, Gary Love & Robert Carlton. Ladies section was won by Chloe Pearce with a score of 37 and the juniors section won by James Reynolds with a score of 26 with Aiden Jolly second on 23.

I am pleased to say that we raised £2170 this year, which is to be split between the Hoxne's Playing Field & Pavilion, together with St Edmund's Primary School.

Each and every year I feel truly humbled at the level of support we receive from our sponsors, competitors and staff who man the traps, not least forgetting Mr P Saunders the landowner!

*Alan Bryant*



"I thought you said this was easy?"

"Tom, look, I need to sit down..."



## Fressingfield Scouts

The group members have been busy through September and October with outdoor activities such as archery and air rifle shooting. There have been visits to the Norwich Astronomical Society Observatory at Seething to work on Astronomy badges, Bewilderwood for the Beavers, an Activity day at Eaton Vale Activity Centre and to Alpha Gym in Eye for a taste of Martial Arts. The Explorers have had a weekend camp near Wells in North Norfolk.

Over the first weekend of the half-term break the two Scout Troops (ten and a half to fourteen) combined to put on an Expedition Challenge for the over twelve and a halves. Seven Scouts took part, they hiked from Eye to Hoxne via Brome and Oakley on the Saturday afternoon, camped overnight in Hoxne then hiked to Stradbroke via Denham. They used footpaths where possible and navigated with map and compass. On the way they

assessed churchyards for wildlife benefit and footpaths for accessibility. During the entire weekend they were accompanied by Storm Brian which made for an interesting overnight camp and some slightly nervous leaders! The group have to produce a report and presentation before they are awarded their badges. Everyone enjoyed the experience and learned a lot. It was especially good to see members of the two troops working together so successfully, the leaders have been asked to set up this Challenge again.

On 7th October we held a Quiz in St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne and raised over £500, thank you to everyone who supported us to achieve this fantastic result.

The focus for the second half of this term will be preparation for the Gang Show on **Friday 15th December** at Hartismere School, there is also a senior sections bowling trip to look forward to on **Friday 1st December**.

*Michael knights*

## The New Reeding Woods Group

A poster in the newly installed notice board at Pound Lane Wood had advertised our "Putting the wood to bed for the winter" day, and on a bright but cold November morning a small army of volunteers arrived. Armed with shears, secateurs, rakes and hedge cutters they set about clearing the fence and ensuring that the rides remain free of overhanging brambles and branches. A few of the more able replaced the wobbly fence posts and repaired the netting so that this woodland remains secure for children and dogs and mainly free of deer and rabbits.

Encouraging new enthusiasts to get involved in the task of maintaining the

woodland has become more pressing as this project will need support for many years. As they worked on this bright, but cold day there, were buzzards soaring overhead, a skylark was singing in the oaks along Pound Lane and a kingfisher was observed on the pond, this area has is now an established wildlife area.

A note book in the notice board encourages visitors to list flora and fauna observed during their visit and so far has mainly been used by children during the half term holiday, but we look forward to the entries of all our visitors.

If you are interested in any aspect of maintaining this woodland please come along to one of our working parties to see how you can help to keep this project going. Watch the noticeboard or call **Mike Reeves** on **01379 668179** for details.

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# Reflections

## The Dark Side of Christmas

### 'Christmas is coming, the doors are being locked'

As you've probably noticed, there are hardly any trains on Christmas Day, and when I worked on them there weren't any at all; but sometimes there would be a big engineering project and signalmen were needed to work. It always struck me as very sad how they would 'phone up and beg to work, yes the overtime rate was monumental, but they were also desperate to get away from families and relatives.

And they were not alone, alas divorce lawyers know that January is a busy month. The ones who make it that far are the lucky ones, as Christmas always sees a peak in suicides and self-harming.

That all comes after we've got through December with a constant demand to go and buy things, and to be made interested in adverts wanting us to buy things (No! I don't want an exclusive preview of your new advert, I'm sure to see it more than enough very soon). These things have to be paid for with the big credit card bills that arrive in January! All of which puts a huge stress and strain on us, so much so

that it can be no surprise if many people aren't convinced that Christmas is about the birth of the Prince of Peace.

It makes me wonder, where did it all go wrong? How did the commemoration of a displaced baby born to an unmarried, and very young woman to a carpenter because such a frenzy of expense and extravagance to such a degree that rather than celebrating the coming of new life, so many will experience various forms of despair?

In Christianity, Christmas isn't even the biggest festival - that is Easter, in the Eastern Church, Christmas passes without a murmur as the attention is on Epiphany in early January. Indeed St. Mary's gospel has no Christmas story in it at all and although we always read from St. John's gospel, the passage isn't really about the birth of Jesus!

Please don't get me wrong, I don't mean to sound like Scrooge and dismiss it all with a, 'Bah Humbug!', but this section is *Reflections* and my Christmas wish is that we'd all think about what really matters? What is important (and to borrow from the Dog's Trust), is 'not just for Christmas, but for life'. Because Christmas is meant to be about the coming of the Lord of Life; Happy Christmas!

**Michael Womack**  
**01379 388889**

**[hoxnebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebenefice@gmail.com)**

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### **Hoxne and Denham**

Calling every 4 weeks on **Thursdays**

Next stops: **21st December and 18th January**

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

# Church services

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## 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**

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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](mailto:hoxnebenefice@gmail.com)

#### Sunday 3rd December

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer  
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion  
3.30pm Syleham Messy Church

#### Sunday 10th December

11.15am Hoxne BCP Morning Prayer  
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

#### Sunday 17th December

8.30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion  
10am Hoxne Christingle  
11.15am Syleham Amici Carols for Christmas  
3pm Denham Carol Service  
4pm Wingfield Carols by Candlelight

#### Tuesday 19th December

7.30pm Hoxne Carol Service

#### Sunday 24th December

11.15am Denham Family Communion  
3pm Wingfield Crib Service  
11.30pm Horham Midnight Mass

#### Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Wingfield Family Communion  
11.15am Hoxne Family Communion

#### Sunday 31st December

11.15am Denham Benefice Holy Communion

#### Sunday 7th January

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

#### Sunday 14th January

11.15am Hoxne BCP Morning Prayer  
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

#### Sunday 21st January

8.30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion  
10am Syleham Village Praise with Wingfield  
11am Hoxne Plough Sunday

#### Sunday 28th January

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

## Church News

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### St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

August seems a long time ago now, but those who remember the Annual Lammas Service at St Peter and St Paul, will recall the unfortunately timed downpour which could have put a damper on the always-enjoyed hog roast



that follows the service. But, after a few whispered permissions from the churchwardens, Peter Havers carried the roast into the church and served the succulent meat from the west end to ensure a successful event. The service raises funds for the farming charity, the Addington Trust, but a thank you letter from the trust went astray and it was only during November that we heard that the excellent total of £2,490 had been achieved - with grateful thanks to all who contributed.

Thanks too, on behalf of the Waveney Food Bank, for the impressive array of food stuffs brought by the pupils of Hoxne Primary School when they came to church for their Harvest Festival Service. Always an enjoyable event, the church was filled with more than 75 children and 80 adults. Please remember that the church is a collecting point for the bank all the year round with a box for tins and packets of food placed by the font.

The annual service to remember 'those we loved, but are no longer with us' was again greatly appreciated with the congregation increasing in number this year to 57. Many thanks to those who organised or contributed to the array of cakes served, with tea and coffee, in the north aisle to allow time for conversation after the service.

Christmas is just around the corner with the church being very much the centre of attention - beginning on **Sunday 17th December** with the Christingle Service at 10am (please note the time); followed by the St Edmund's Primary School Carol Service at 2.30pm on **Monday 18th December** and the Village Service of Carols and Readings at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 19th December**. We very much look forward to this service especially as the Village Voices Choir will be there to sing two Christmas pieces and help us 'rend the night air' with the carols.

The fun and games of the Hoxne Christmas Fair - held to raise funds for the day-to-day running costs of the parish church - will be over when *Village Voice* comes through your letter box. But it's never too early to start thinking about next year, especially as the present organising team will not be 'seeking re-election' in **2018**. So there is an opportunity for new faces with new thinking to take up the reigns on the reindeer to ensure this always popular event remains a highlight of village festivities.

### 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.

No meeting in December, but we will join with Fressingfield for their Advent celebration. **Monday 15th January** is our Annual General Meeting. Contact Branch Leader Cathie McGregor **01379 668434**.

### Flower rota

There are no flowers during December apart from the Advent Candle.

The flower rota for Christmas will be sent out at the end of November.

**7th and 14th January:** Altar - Cathie McGregor

**21st and 28th January:** Altar - Eleanor Hart.

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**.



*Candles of commemoration at the service of memorial and thanksgiving for those we have loved, who have died, no matter when and where at St Peter and St Paul on 28th October.*

## St John, Denham

There will be four services in Denham during **December** beginning with the monthly Benefice Communion, this will be held at Willow Cottage, Hoxne Road at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 12th**. The Village Carol Service is at 3pm on **Sunday 17th** at the Church, and will be followed by refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies.

On **Christmas Eve** at 11.15am you are invited to a Family Service with Holy Communion, and then on **New Year's Eve** at 11.15am we will be hosting the Benefice Service, where we invite everyone from all seven parishes to join us.

In **January** the evening Communion will be on the **Tuesday 9th** at a venue that will be announced, and our regular Family Service will be on the **Sunday 28th** at 11:15am with fellowship and refreshments from 10.45. Services at St John's are friendly and welcoming so join us if you can.

## St Margaret, Syleham

Our thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest Festival and supported our Harvest Supper in the village hall. Following the Harvest Festival, we were pleased to send £75 to Waveney Food Bank; and the Supper boosted declining church funds by £465.



**Messy Church PARTY** - On **Sunday 3rd December**, we are holding a party with an entertainer (starting at the earlier time of 3.30pm) for regular attenders and other invited families. If you would like an invitation, please get in contact. Messy Church is normally held monthly at the village hall in Syleham and is open to all families in our benefice. The January session will be on **Sunday 7th January** at 4pm.

**Carols with Amici** - our popular Christmas special, will be on **Sunday 17th December** at 11.15am. Our very grateful thanks to Adrian Knott and his choir for joining us for so many years.

**Christmas Day** - a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am.

**Advance notice** - a repeat of our hilarious *Call my Bluff (Wine) Evening* will be held during **February** so watch this space for more details!



### Contact

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

## St Andrew, Wingfield

We're very much looking forward to the seasons of Advent and Christmas, and details of all the services can be found elsewhere in this copy of *Village Voice*. We're particularly grateful to Jane and Peter for providing mulled wine and mince pies in the College after Carols by Candlelight on **Sunday 17th December** - service begins at 4pm.

There's a lot of news about the church building. The work on the wooden frieze at the top of the chancel wall finally took place on 13th October. It took much longer than we had anticipated to find first, a cherry picker which could fit

inside Wingfield Church and secondly, a builder who was familiar with operating such machinery inside a church. It is therefore very pleasing to be able to report that the piece which fell has been repaired and placed back, and that it and all the other pieces which didn't fall down have been fixed securely to the base of the roof timbers to prevent a recurrence of the problem.

It was a great pleasure to welcome the rest of the benefice to Wingfield on 29th October for our All Saints service. But it took its toll on the building - the floor at the step into the chancel gave way. When the Victorians laid the current floor they bedded the tiles in concrete. In the intervening century and a half, the ground under the concrete has fallen away in places, and where this is the case, the concrete base for the tiles forms little bridges over the shallow void. It is one such bridge that broke on 29th October.

We've made a temporary repair with a piece of hardboard. The bad news is that the temporary repair will be in place for quite some time, and we don't know just how long. This is because we need to find out more about how the problem arose, and what will be the best long-term solution. In addition the Diocesan Advisory Committee which oversees work on churches has asked their archaeology expert to explore whether there are any further issues that need to be taken into account, for example if we should find that there are tombs under the tiled areas that need repair.

The upside to this latest development is that it will make it easier for us to take a joined-up approach to renewing the flooring in the nave, looking both at the tiled areas and the pew platforms.

In a less positive development, someone used a jemmy to force their way into the church on the night of 24th October, damaging both the North and

South doors, the locks on both doors and the surrounding masonry. They then used the jemmy to try to open the wall-safes, but were unsuccessful. Taken all together this damage is quite disfiguring, and it will be expensive to put right. This is another issue on which we are seeking advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

We would ask local residents to please keep an eye out for unusual or suspicious activity around the church to help prevent further damage. Secondly, we are all aware that many people are experiencing hardship and finding difficulty in making ends meet. Most people in this position do not turn to crime, but it is possible that some people may be tempted by the small amount of coins that might be found in a church wall-safe.

This is an opportunity to remind readers that there are a number of local charities that can offer help to people in need. Some are so local that they are limited to individual parishes, like the John Trower Trust in Wingfield. If you know of somebody who might benefit from the help that these village-based trusts can offer, please have a word with the Rector who will be pleased to give further advice.

On a brighter note, we continue to make progress with the major project to stabilise the tower buttresses and the South-West corner of the church. We are preparing applications to be submitted to the various bodies which might contribute funding to this work. The more we can demonstrate to these bodies that local fund-raising is helping to finance the work, the more likely they are to give us assistance. We are very grateful for all the fund-raising that has taken place so far, and we hope that readers will be able to be generous when we launch further fund-raising initiatives in 2018.

## In the Kitchen

### “Nollaig Chridheil agus Bladhna Mhath Ùr”

The Scottish Gaelic for “Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year”!

#### Tiffin

Tiffin was invented in the early 1900s in Troon, Scotland. McVities Cake Company in conjunction with Master Chocolatier Barry Colenso created something similar for the wedding of William and Kate in 2011. Here is my recipe: use whichever dried fruit you prefer e.g. dried apricots, glacé cherries, sultanas, cranberries etc. and nuts e.g. peanuts, brazil nuts and walnuts etc. Why not try getting the children involved?

#### Ingredients

- 225g full fat butter
- 2 Tbls golden syrup
- 225g good quality 70% dark chocolate in pieces
- 300g Rich Tea biscuits
- 300g of equal quantities of nuts and dried fruit, chopped fairly small

#### Method

Place the butter, syrup and chocolate in a bowl that will fit snugly over a saucepan of simmering water (the bottom of the bowl should not touch the water) and melt. Stir occasionally to amalgamate. Place the biscuits in a strong sealed freezer bag and hammer with a rolling pin until the biscuits are the size of large crumbs. Place the crumbs in a larger bowl, add the melted ingredients and stir thoroughly. Oil a shallow tin approximately 28 cms x 17 cms (11” x 7”) and line with cling film overhanging all round. Pile mixture into the tin and



smooth level. Refrigerate overnight. Turn out onto a board and cut into ‘small’ pieces. Best kept in the ‘fridge.

#### Mushroom Wellington

This Wellington is an impressive meat free alternative for Christmas. Do not rush this, if possible prepare the filling the day before and allow to chill in the ‘fridge.

#### Ingredients

- 320g ready rolled puff pastry
- 4 Tbls of mild olive oil
- 1 large red onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 6 sprigs of fresh thyme, leaves only
- 4 large field mushrooms whole (remove and chop stalks)
- 250g chestnut mushrooms, chopped
- 2 Tbls brandy (optional)
- 230g prepared baby spinach
- 225g Stilton or Brie cut into thin slices
- Salt and pepper to season
- 1 egg, beaten

#### Method

In a large frying pan, add 2/3 Tbls of olive oil and, gently fry the onion and garlic for 5 mins, add the chestnut mushrooms, thyme leaves, pinch of salt and pepper to taste, stir and continue to cook until mushrooms are cooked through. Add brandy if required, and continue to cook until no liquid remains. Place



mixture in a colander to drain. Add the spinach to the pan, cover with a lid and gently wilt. Place in a colander to drain. Add the remaining olive oil to the pan with the field mushrooms, cover, cook over a gentle heat, turning once, until tender. Transfer to a plate and once cool, cover with cling film. Put the drained mushroom mixture and spinach into bowls and cover with cling film. Place in the 'fridge until chilled. Remove the pastry from the 'fridge and leave 30 minutes. Unroll pastry and lay onto its paper wrapping. (This will make it easier to transfer to the baking tray). Place a sheet of baking parchment,



larger than the pastry on a baking tray, leaving a 5 cm (2") border all round. Place the mushroom mix down the middle third of the pastry. Lay half the cheese along the length of the mushroom mix and top with the field mushrooms, overlapping a little if necessary. Lay spinach on top and cover with remaining slices of cheese. Brush the beaten egg along the borders. Fold in ends and sides of pastry to cover the filling. Place on baking tray so the pastry joins are at the bottom. Brush with beaten egg and score the top of the pastry.

Bake in a preheated oven, 220C (200C fan assisted), Aga Roasting oven 3rd shelf, for approximately 45 minutes.

## *Tiffin*

### *Mushroom Wellington*

### *Turkey Wraps*

## Turkey Wraps

These wraps are a great way of using any meat left over from the roast and especially the Christmas Turkey.

### Ingredients

**500g** cooked turkey, torn into shreds  
**3** peppers, halved, de-seeded and cut into strips  
**2** red onions, peeled and cut into slices  
**3** garlic cloves, peeled and chopped  
**2** Tbls mild olive oil  
**2 - 4** tsp or to taste, curry powder or seasoning of choice  
**4** or **5** Tortilla wraps  
 To serve:  
 Natural yoghurt  
 Shredded crispy lettuce



### Method

In a large frying pan, heat the oil, add the onions and garlic and gently fry for about 10 minutes. Add the peppers and continue cooking until the peppers just start to soften. Add the cooked turkey, 2/3 tsp of curry powder and mix to taste. Cooking until the turkey is piping hot. Warm wraps as instructions. Spread a large spoonful of yogurt on the wrap, followed by some of the turkey mixture and top with shredded lettuce. Roll and cut each wrap in half.

*Enjoy.*  
*Gill O'Connor*

# St Edmunds School

The pupils of St Edmund's were very pleased to have the company of parents, friends and members of the village for our colourful, joyful harvest festival held at St Peter and St Paul's Church.

At St Edmund's Primary, we are learning Latin in year 6, and

understanding more about the Romans and how they lived. Latin is part of the Romance languages, of which English is one. Latin assists in helping us to understand other languages and enables us to understand the meanings of many quite difficult words. It helps with grammar and helps speed up the learning of modern languages such as French, Spanish and Italian. We have also been learning about everyday abbreviations we use, such as PS (post scriptum), RIP (requiescat in pace), e.g.



(*exempli gratia*) etc. (*et cetera*). As part of our Latin course, Mrs Gladwin has run a Medusa Head competition. The children have put in a super amount of work to produce some amazing Medusas.



During the lessons, they have made some Roman biscuits, created birthday cards and acted in a play. They are also learning about how the Romans 'borrowed' what they liked best about

their conquered countries, such as the Gods and stories from Greece.

As Christmas approaches, we will be rehearsing our KS1 nativity entitled 'A Midwife Crisis'. We look forward to entertaining the residents of St Edmund's House and The Depperhaugh with carols and cheerful Christmas songs. We hope that you will join us for a festive treat as we sing around the village Christmas tree; look out for posters nearer the time.

Wishing everyone peace and joy at Christmas and a happy new year, from all at St Edmund's Primary School.



## The Maynard Trust

### Can the trust help you?

Many of you may not know about this long established charity. The Maynard Trust (previously The Foundation of Charles, Lord Maynard) is a registered charity whose main objective is to provide grants for educational and training purposes to individual residents of Hoxne Parish. The Trust also provides an annual grant, 'The Maynard Award' to St Edmund's Primary School which is used for purposes decided by the school board of governors.

All parishioners are welcome to apply and the trustees would be delighted to hear from any applicant. The trustees meet four times a year and the awards are made at their discretion.

In order to ensure that the trust has a sufficiency of resources, we are always grateful to receive any donations or bequests.

Please make your application to: [secretarymaynardtrusthoxne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:secretarymaynardtrusthoxne@hotmail.co.uk)  
The Maynard Trust, c/o Little Park House, Church Hill, Hoxne, Eye IP21 5AT  
We look forward to hearing from you.

One of the wonderful entries of the Medusa competition

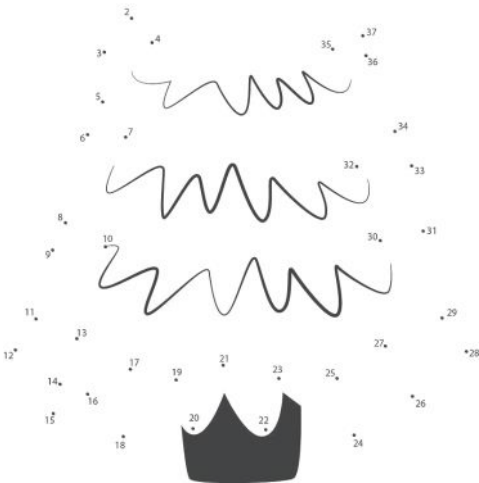
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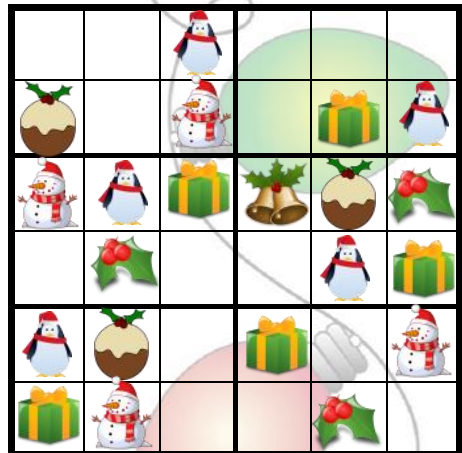
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| Elf     | Tree    |
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| Ice     | Xmas    |

## Join the dots!



## Picture Sudoku

Each row, each column and each of the 6 large boxes should have one of each of the images. Fill in the blanks!



# AFC Hoxne Veterans

So after a few drinks between friends at the Swan in Hoxne an idea came to light to start a veterans football team in Hoxne.

Colin Mayhew, who began his football career for AFC Hoxne back in 1999 when the team was first founded, and who was also the youngest signing of the time at the tender age of 16, decided to become manager for the team.

With the help of Paul Chapman, director of Chapman civil engineering and Charles Doe from John Doe carpets and furnishing, who generously sponsored the idea with the initial set up fees, the idea became a reality in September 2016.

With the use of Facebook and a few messages, past players of a certain age were all up for the challenge. New players then came forward in their dozens.

The veterans had an extremely great season last year, beating established teams of a higher standard and coming second in their league gaining promotion to the Division One (North) league. This showed the strength of the squad already.

This season we started by travelling all the way to Cromer on the North Norfolk coast, and with the passion to win after going a goal down, we came back fighting to a 4-1 victory.

Our football team plays on a Sunday afternoon at Hoxne playing field. This really is an afternoon for all, with both wives, children and grandparents all coming along to support the team.

If you are 35 or over and fancy joining this family friendly team, please get in touch with Colin Mayhew on 07502 303336.

**Hannah Mayhew**  
*Top WAG, secretary,  
treasurer & kit washer*

Other results as we go to press: In the league cup, a 4-3 win at home to Spexhall Huntsman & Hounds and in the league, a 6-2 win at home to Newton Flotman.

The next fixtures during this issue of the Village Voice are:

03/12 14:00 Home Kirkley & P'field Res

10/12 13:30 Home\* Coplestonians Res

17/12 14:00 Home Waveney

07/01 14:00 Home Cromer Crab

\*League cup match

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## Obituary

### Jonathan “Jobo” Stephen Paul Hulley (Hoxne)

“He left a legacy of love, laughter and kindness” they were the moving words of Paul Hulley summing up the life of his son Jonathan Hulley, who died, age 19, on 1st October as a result of a road traffic accident in Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

St Peter and St Paul’s Church Hoxne was packed on 27th October for the funeral service of a much-loved student at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester. In an emotional eulogy Mr Hulley said that his son engaged with people brilliantly - he was loyal, courteous, humours and quick witted.

Jonathan had moved with the family at the age of 11 from Olney in Buckinghamshire to the Red House in Wittons Lane, Hoxne. He attended Brandeston Hall school and Framlingham



College. An outstanding young cricketer, he had played for Suffolk and was mentioned in “Wisden” (the cricket bible) on three occasions. A true family person, he also enjoyed dogs, rugby union, soccer, holidays and socialising.

The service was conducted by the reverend Brian Bayman, Chaplain of Framlingham College who said Jonathan had lived a “rich rewarding life”. Prayers were led by the reverend Michael Womach, the rector of Hoxne. Jim

Kirkham was the organist and James Gaisford did a bible reading. Jonathan was buried in Hoxne church yard and a reception was held at Framlingham College. Donations in memory of Jonathan can be made through Susan Whymark Funeral Service Ltd, Chestnut House, 12 Progress Way, Langton Green, EYE

IP23 7HU. This will go towards a lasting memorial to Jonathan and a contribution to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

*Clive Baxter*

## Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**T**hank you to all who attended the Harvest Lunch in St. Edmunds hall on Sunday 22nd October. In particular thank you to the ladies of the committee for providing such a wonderful selection of food.

We are still awaiting the third quote for the kitchen, but hope that progress can soon be made to see this project through.

Mid Suffolk have now passed the plans for the toilet, so this can also now go out for tender.

Our next fund raising event is our Family Quiz on **Saturday 3rd February** in St.

Edmunds hall. Tables of up to six, £5 per head, bring your own picnic supper, the bar will be open! Contact Margaret on **01379 668352** to book your table.

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.

Lastly, from your committee, enjoy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

*John Brawn (Chairman)*  
**01379 668352**

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## Wingfield & District Gardening Club

**O**ur next meeting will be on the morning of **Saturday 27th January**. We will be visiting a garden in Wilby and one in Pixey Green, plus coffee/tea and delicious cake. For further information, contact Priscilla Williamson on **01379 388034** or email: [priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com)

## Hoxne Garden & Social Club

**T**he ramble, led by Roger Knight, that was held on the 26th October was another successful event with about 20 participants. Fortunately we walkers enjoyed some fine autumn weather and the pub (the Fressingfield Swan) was very well organised delivering our food orders to the table efficiently so we were all able to eat together. Roger has agreed to arrange another for 26th April next year.

The club year runs through to March and the talks for the first three months of 2018 comprise two non-gardening subjects (we are a Garden *and* Social Club) and one gardening subject. On **Thursday 18th January** we have Brian Heard, a retired police forensic scientist, whom we have

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Equipment will be provided which can be stored at the Parish garage.

had before talking about his experiences in 'the Met', but this time he will speak about his time in Hong Kong! **Thursday 15th February** brings David and Jane Gook to Hoxne, with some of their birds, to talk about 'The Hawking Experience'.

Ben Potterton from Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery returns on **Thursday 15th March**, this time to speak on 'Woodland Perennials'. We do try to alternate gardening and non-gardening talks, but ultimately we are driven by speaker availability. You don't have to be a member to come to a meeting, you just pay £2 rather than £1 for the privilege and you will be very welcome!

Currently our Treasurer is John Langley and those of you who know John and Jane, will be aware their house is on the market and that they will potentially be leaving the village in the not too distant future. The Club is therefore seeking a replacement for John as soon as possible. You don't necessarily have to be interested in gardening to fulfil this role, as long as you have the necessary skill and community spirit. If you think you might be interested, please let me know.

**Gordon Lacey**  
*Chair, Hoxne Garden & Social Club*



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## In The Garden

**W**ith Christmas and the long dark days of winter just around the corner many gardens get a bit neglected at this time of year. I know it's not nice out there with the rain, sleet and snow often making jobs impossible. But on bright clear days there is still plenty to do.

### Do it now?

The first couple of weekends in December are traditionally the times most fresh cut Christmas trees are sold. Remember, cut an inch or two off the bottom and put in a bucket of water as soon as you can. Leave the trees outside in the cool until the very last minute to avoid all the needles ending up the vacuum cleaner before your Christmas dinner is served. After Christmas, don't forget to recycle your tree - see page 3 for details.

It's also nice to include a few plants from your garden in seasonal or winter floral displays. So if you don't have any winter interest plants, pop a few flowering plants like *Chaenomeles*, *Chimonanthus*, *Forsythia*, *Lonicera fragrantissima*, *Viburnum x bodnantense* and witch hazel. You can also add a few evergreens like *Euonymus 'Emerald Gaiety'*, *Pittosporum tenuifolium*, *Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'* and holly varieties with and without berries, to your Christmas list.





If you need to work off some of the seasonal indulgences, digging over the veg beds or raking up the last few leaves are always worth doing if the ground isn't frozen.

## General Maintenance

On frost free days you can still be planting bare root trees and shrubs. Roses are often sold as "root wraps" around now and are much cheaper than container grown ones you can buy in the summer. Wait till the spring to plant evergreen or anything delicate.

If you have apple and pear trees, I like to prune them now through to February. Just make sure that frost isn't forecast, and prune on mild days to avoid any accidents with cold hands and sharp tools!

You can also remove suckers from shrubs and roses, ideally pull them off, below the surface of the soil.

While the trees and shrubs are leafless you can check for canker and signs of coral spot. Cut out and burn any diseased branches. Apple, beech, hornbeam, magnolia, maple and pyracanth are often affected.

## 5 Minute Jobs

It's always a good idea to give your nest boxes a clear out once a year, and it's also interesting to take a look inside at the nest. Remove the old nesting material and wash out with plain boiling water to kill any remaining parasites. Let the box dry out thoroughly before replacing the lid. Do not use insecticides or flea powders. Any unhatched eggs you find should only be removed between September and January - and legally must be destroyed as you not allow to keep them. Often people only put up boxes in spring and summer, but if you leave them up all year, it can give the birds a safe place to roost over the winter and you also stand a better chance of the box being used in the spring.



Salt paths if inclement weather is forecast, but avoid areas where rain could wash it in to beds and boarders.

If any amount of snow arrives, make sure you brush it off delicate shrubs as the weight can snap branches. Also remove snow coverings from cold frames as it will block precious light at this time of year.

## In the veg garden

You should now be harvesting your sprouts, kale, leeks, parsnips and other winter veg.

If you haven't planted garlic yet, pick a sunny spot that doesn't get waterlogged or badly frozen and give it a try.

If you grow runner beans or sweet peas, now is a good time to prepare the ground. Dig a 30cm deep trench and over the next few months, fill it with all the soft garden waste you would normally put on your compost heap. Don't use kitchen scraps as this can encourage unwanted scavengers. The waste will help provide nutrients and retain water in the spring. Before planting cover the trench with soil.

*Claire Horne  
BBC Radio Suffolk Gardening Expert*

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## Audience spellbound by Heritage Group's talk on the Witch Trials

**A**n enthralled audience of more than 50 villagers listened to Ivan Bunn's fascinating talk about the 1645-46 Witch trials of Bury St Edmund's. He spoke of Matthew Hopkins, the Witchfinder General, who is the most notorious name in the history of English witchcraft.

In conjunction with his henchman and fellow witch-pricker, John Stearne, Hopkins was responsible for the condemnations and executions of 230 alleged witches in a 14-month period in 1645-6. He was described as a religious zealot, an extreme Puritan and violently anti-catholic. He was the son of James Hopkins, a minister of Wenham, near Maningtree and was finally buried at Mistley, Essex, having died in his late twenties of tuberculosis. There is some evidence that he worked in the legal profession, as evidenced from his performances when giving evidence during the trials, although he was probably not a lawyer.

Ivan went on to describe how Hopkins and Stearne did not have to prove the accused had committed malicious acts, but the fact they had made a covenant with the Devil. The greatest sin of all was that they had become heretics to Christianity and, as such, it was necessary to gain a confession, frequently by torture. Methods such as sleep deprivation, being tied to a chair and submerged in water to see if they floated (those that floated were deemed to be witches) or cut with a blunt knife.

Female assistants were hired to watch suspects and to examine the accused for the Devil's mark which would not bleed (probably a mole or birthmark). It was believed that the witch's familiar, usually a cat or dog, would suckle from this mark.

The accused were sentenced by justices of the peace at the assizes and usually hanged if found guilty.

Hopkins and Stearne, accompanied by their 'pricking assistants' became famous and their services were requested all over East Anglia. They claimed to be officially commissioned by Parliament, although there is no record of this. They were very well-paid for their services, which appeared to be the main motivation. The expense to the local community was such that a special tax had to be levied in Ipswich in 1645.

The witchfinders ran into opposition very soon after their work began and John Gaule, vicar of Great Staughton, began a programme of sermons to suppress witch-hunting. The justices of the assizes in Norfolk questioned Hopkins and Stearne about their torturing and fees and suggested that their methods could possibly be construed as witchcraft as well. By the time the court resumed in 1647 both witchfinders had retired.

Ivan finished his talk by showing interesting archived records relating to some locally convicted witches. A gruesome, but fascinating tale and Matthew Hopkins lives on as 'an anti-hero and bogeyman'!

**Plea for information** - Hoxne Heritage Group are seeking any information on:

- 1) The provenance of the Hoxne Skull allegedly dug up in a Hoxne garden possibly in the 1960-70s.
- 2) Any knowledge of Oriel Countess Poulett (aka Oriel Ross) who is believed to have ended her days in Hoxne?

Any information on either would be very welcome. Please contact me on **01379 668395** or via the contact page on the website.

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

*Margaret Sillis*  
**[www.hoxnehistory.org.uk](http://www.hoxnehistory.org.uk)**

# Parish Council Reports

## Denham

As part of the Council's pledge to use various locations in the parish for meetings, we held a productive meeting at St John's Church at the end of October. The County Councillor, District Councillor, three members of the public and the full Council were in attendance. The Council made comments on the Mid Suffolk Draft Joint Local Plan affecting development in Denham and Mid Suffolk as a whole. The Council also discussed supporting the Village Hall with its renovation plans and how to progress this to ensure the Hall accesses public funding available.

**COUNCILLOR VACANCY** - We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to do make a positive difference to your village and have the opportunity to influence decisions that affect your community, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details of the co-option process.

**USEFUL CONTACTS** - To report problems on the Roads, i.e. potholes, flooding, road surface etc. please use the County Council on-line reporting tool at:

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**MEETING DATES** - The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 24th January** (at Hoxne Playing Field Pavilion as other locations are not suitable for mid-winter use). Members of the public are welcome at all meetings. Notices of meetings and detailed agendas are displayed on the four notice boards in Denham. For further details, please check these or our website: [www.denham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.denham.onesuffolk.net)  
**Sarah Foote, Clerk, 07554 733621**

## Hoxne

**STREET CARETAKER** - Our loyal and efficient Street Caretaker, John Lambert, will be hanging up his broom in the spring after over three years of keeping the village clean and tidy. I am sure you will join the Parish Council in wishing him well and thanking him for his outstanding efforts. The Parish Council will seek to appoint a new Street Caretaker from 1st April. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please see the job advert on page 35.



**GREEN STREET TRAFFIC CALMING** - The Suffolk County Council scheme to calm traffic entering Hoxne from the east has finally been completed. The Parish Council's Vehicle Activated Speed Sign will record the data post installation of the scheme and comparison figures will be analysed in due course.

**VILLAGE VOICE MAGAZINE** - Prompted by our Parish Clerk, the Village Voice magazine was entered into the Suffolk Association of Local Councils **Newsletter of the Year** competition and was awarded joint runner up



*Pictured: Richard Whiting, Editor of the Village Voice along with Gordon Mussett, SALC Board Member.*

*John enroutte at Goldbrook*



in the larger village category at the recent SALC AGM. Well done to Richard and all the team who produce such a brilliant magazine for the four villages.

**VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR** - A new display cabinet for the village defibrillator has been mounted on the front wall of The Village Hall to the left of the main door. The defibrillator will soon be moved to this location where it will be more accessible to the whole village. Thanks are due to The Village Hall Management Committee for allowing the use of this site and to Mick Prochner and Mike Dudley for their hard work in assembling the cabinet and electrical installation. It is hoped to arrange instructions in the use of this important piece of equipment in the near future.

**COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - We are still looking for two new Parish Councillors. Please come forward and ask the Clerk for further details.

**MEETING DATES** - The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be held on **Thursday 7th December, Thursday 4th January and Thursday 1st February** at St Edmund's Hall and commence at 7.30 pm.

*Sarah Foote, Clerk, 07554 733621*

## Syleham

Our last meeting took place on 8th November at the village hall. District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries was in attendance and outlined the background behind the Joint Local Plan being prepared by Babergh/MSDC district councils.

**Joint Local Plan:** The merged councils have a desperate need for building land to meet local and national government targets for new homes. As a result, the long-established restrictions on development in the village could be lifted. In response, your parish council is

drawing up its own plans to protect the village from undesired housing development.

**Broadband:** An alternative supplier of superfast broadband has become available. **B4RN** (Broadband for Rural East Anglia) is already in discussion with Billingford and Brockdish in supplying a superior service to BT/Openreach's slow and patchy rollout. This will be of interest to anyone with a **668** telephone number. All interested should contact Gerry Branigan on **01379 668513**.

**MSDC Locality Awards:** Syleham Parish Council has been awarded a grant to renovate both notice boards at the Village Hall and Syleham Bridge. This work will take place as soon as possible. The Council has also been offered monies to buy its own **VAS** (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) which has been accepted.

**Roads:** The temporary (red) fencing on Syleham Bridge has been an eyesore for too long. The Council has agreed to contact the authorities to have it replaced with a replacement more in keeping with the architecture of the bridge.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 8th March**, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

*David Young, Clerk, 01379 668556*

## Wingfield

The Parish Council has met twice since our last report. On the 29th September we had a scheduled meeting and on the 25th October, an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning applications. The outcome of both was as follows.

**Joint Local Plan:** It had been identified in the documentation that Wingfield had been incorrectly classified as an hinterland village and thus vulnerable to reduced development protection. The authorities have subsequently been



notified and the village reclassified as hamlet/countryside.

**Wingfield Green:** Improvements to the western side of the Green have continued and the Council appreciates the positive comments from residents. The work will continue with a programme of tree planting that we hope provides the evidence supporting grant applications necessary to fund renovation of the eastern side.

**Flower Planters:** The Council would like to thank Trish Peruzzi for her kind donation of topsoil that now fills the planters.

**MSDC Locality Awards:** This year MSDC has been very generous to the village, funding renovation of the phone box, new benches for the church graveyard and a substantial donation to the acquisition of a defibrillator. We now have been given the opportunity of buying our own VAS

(Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) and thus avoid the limited use of these signs available only on a shared rota system with other villages.

**Broadband:** All residents with a telephone number starting **668** may wish to look at the alternative to BT/ Openreach offered by **B4RN** (see Syleham report).

**Planning:** Two applications came before the Parish Council:

DC/17/04577 - The Old Forge, Church Road: Opposed on all counts

DC/17/05260 - Sanderopa, Vicarage Road: Accepted but with the proviso

that the colour of rendering should be in sympathy with its surroundings

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting takes place on **Friday 8th December** at 7.30 at Wingfield Barns

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# Hoxne Phoenix Group

Since the last issue we have had a very informative illustrated talk by Ian Limmer from Peter Beales Nursery. Ian has been at Beales for the last 42 years of the 50 years since it was started by the late Peter Beales. With the help of slides, he went through a year in the nursery from growing and cultivating through to the finished products which are shown at Chelsea and other shows throughout the U.K and abroad (including Japan). We are hoping to organise a trip to the Nursery at Attleborough next year - so keep your eyes open in future *Village Voice* editions if you are interested in joining us.

We have also had an enjoyable (but extremely wet) trip to Holt. Having had a dry run up to Sheringham (where most of us had a quick cup of coffee, but some

energetic people did a quick burst down to the beach!), as we got on our reserved coach on the steam train to Holt, the heavens opened. "A scenic view" they advertised as we went along the North Norfolk Coast - that would be alright if the windows weren't steamed up and pouring rain outside!

The coach met us at Holt, but by then it was torrential rain for the relatively short walk (or paddle) to where the coach could park. One member even had to resort to buying some new dry clothes at a charity shop as she was so wet! Holt came up to its usual standard and most people seemed to enjoy the couple of hours we had there.

Our Christmas social meeting takes place on **Tuesday 12th December**. If you fancy listening and watching, (and taking part) in handbell ringing we are being entertained by the Harleston handbell ringers. Seasonal food and drink will be on offer after. So if you would like to come along for the evening we just ask for a visitors fee of £2 - if you are bringing a party it would be useful if we had advance notice!

Regular meetings are on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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# AFC Hoxne



I am pleased to say that we are holding our own in the top flight. After a disappointing 3-1 defeat away to Capel Plough, we thrashed bottom team Ransomes Sports 9-1 at Ipswich. The visit of current League leader Achilles (Ipswich) on 30th September attracted a large crowd. The team rose to the occasion and we deservedly drew 3-3 and the only point Achilles have dropped so far.

An uneventfully 0-0 draw at East Bergholt United was followed by another cracking home match against Cornard United in the Suffolk Senior Cup. We triumphed 4-1 on penalties after a 4-4 draw. I had the pleasure on that occasion of doing a commentary on the game for visually impaired John Slocombe of Lowestoft. He told me that Hoxne was the 1,651st non-league game he had been to in 30 years.

We comfortably beat Leiston St Margarets 3-0 at home and then lost by a similar score line at Crane Sports (Ipswich). On 4th November we drew the high-flying Wenhaston United 1-1 at home.

The second XI (top of their league) and the veterans (unbeaten) are both doing well, so it's really a very exciting time to be involved with AFC Hoxne.

The next Senior Division fixtures during this issue of the *Village Voice* are:

02/12 14:00 **Home** Ransomes Sports  
09/12 14:00 **Away** Henley Athletic  
16/12 14:00 **Home** Capel Plough  
23/12 14:00 **Away** Achilles  
30/12 14:00 **Home** Henley Athletic  
06/01 13:30 **Home\*** Felixstowe Harpers  
13/01 14:00 **Away** Westerfield United  
20/01 14:00 **Home** Coplestonians

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On the way to goal number two for Hoxne at home to Leiston St Margarets

## The Workhouse at Hoxne

In 1601, an Act of Parliament laid down that each parish in the realm was to be responsible for the maintenance of its own paupers. The burden was to fall on annually appointed overseers of the poor, who would have the power to levy a rate, and those poor folk that were deemed to be able bodied were to be accommodated in workhouses. In Hoxne, an ancient Guildhall, built in about 1525 with monies left by Peter Gower in his will, stood in front of the parish church on what is now Green Street

On a plan of “Hoxne Newe Parke”, made for Sir Robert Southwell in 1619, the Guildhall is shown as a substantial two storied building with single storied extensions, and an arch for carriages and carts.

The parish overseers acquired the building towards the end of the 17th century, by which time it seems to have fallen into disrepair, and over

three or four years, spent various sums in renovations to equip the place for the use of the poor.

One of the first inmates was Thomas Riches for whom the churchwardens paid 2/- in 1712 for carting him. Their accounts of this time also record payments of 3 shillings and two pence halfpenny to four men for removing William Mayston from the workhouse, most of which money went in food and drink and in 1747 the large sum of £1/17 for moving Daniel Lawes' worldly

possessions into the building. At this time, though, the facility was still referred to as the Guildhall - It was not until 1755 that the churchwardens called it the 'workhouse'.

In that year, they decided to entirely revamp the old building and John Press, the overseer, with a small delegation, was sent during April to view the workhouses at Eye, Harleston and Stradbroke (sic) to see what arrangements those towns had in hand. A further meeting at the Swan in Hoxne in the May resulted in a plan for the alterations. Rules were drawn up, a few pounds spent on sundry work and a Mr Girling paid 3 guineas for manning the house up until Easter.

Early in 1758, the Hoxne parish officers entered into a new written agreement with William Page, “upon taking the workhouse”, and agreeing to allow him 1/6d a head for every person coming under his care for working. Mr Page promised to “keep the said persons with proper food and maintenance & likewise to keep them as clean and neat as the place will afford.” The officers agreed to take him on from Monday 3rd April, and promised to keep the workhouse with proper “linning and clothes.” The church terrier of 1777 proudly referred to “one large house situate near the church now used as a common workhouse for our aged poor families.”

After many years of relative obscurity, when references to the workhouse are very scant, the infamous Poor Law Amendment Act was passed in August 1834, which sought to set up Poor Law Unions, requiring smaller parish workhouses such as those at Hoxne, to be amalgamated into larger purpose built institutions, catering for a much bigger catchment area. The Hoxne Poor Law Union came into being in June of the following year, and a large edifice was erected at Barley Green near Stradbroke







*The imposing new workhouse at Stradbroke  
(Photograph courtesy of Stradbroke Village Archive)*

which could accommodate 300 inmates, and cost £8,274.

The furniture and effects of the Hoxne house were put up for auction at the Swan in May 1836 and appeared in the Suffolk Chronicle thus, “12 good featherbeds, 4 straw beds, 23 pair strong hemp sheets, almost new, 12 pairs blankets, 12 coloured cotton counterpanes, 14 stump bedsteads, 70 & 46 gallon coppers, large and small beams and scales, 4 bushel mash tub, 3 water tubs, 3 deal wash keelers, 2 large meat tubs, 6 beer casks, 5 porter barrels, strong kitchen range, 10 water pails, 4 oak linen chests, 3 excellent meal hutches, large ‘beaufet’, 2 long oak tables, 3 deal tables, 6 long and short forms, 2 chests of drawers, stout tin bath, quantity of deal shelving and a general assemblage of household requisites.” Mr Moore, the auctioneer

received £44/17/10 for his services in selling the lot.

A further sale of the old building followed in October 1837 and appeared in the newspaper as “Comprising a large and substantial Freehold Tiled Messuage or Dwelling-House, for many years used as a Parish House or Workhouse.” A brief description gives us some idea of the size and layout of the building. It contained 12 sleeping rooms, and a frontage of 70 ft, with 10 rods of garden ground, secured by a brick wall of 150 feet and 7 to 9 feet in height, abutting on the churchyard of Hoxne, and fronting the road at the top of the street. It was sold with an adjoining plot of land, to Sir Edward Kerrison, the Lord of the Manor, for £245, some of the monies being used to pay off a loan borrowed by the parish for their share of the building of the Union House at Stradbroke.

The Hoxne overseers’ accounts for 1837 record the transport of the first eight paupers to the new Union House with a horse and van for which they spent 7/- . Kerrison subsequently erected six almshouses on the site of the old guildhall, for the poor and aged persons of the village, which in 1923, came into private ownership. They still stand adjacent to the entrance to the churchyard.

*Chris Johnson*



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## The Lunch Bunch Visits...

**O**n a beautiful warm and sunny autumnal day, the “Lunch Bunch” ventured out to a café, not a pub for our lunch. The Good, The Bad and The Hungry Café has recently gone from just opening at the weekends to 7 days a week. Situated within the GWC equestrian centre, clearly signposted from the B1118 Stradbroke road, the café has lots of parking and beautiful views of the fields and countryside.

The café building itself is near, but very separate from, the stable yard. We were warmly welcomed and told we could pick our table. The room itself is decorated with interesting “western” and horse related knick-knacks and in our case as Halloween was just around the corner, a few “scary” cobwebs, spiders and skeletons too!

Our waitress quickly brought over the menu and asked if we had been here before and as our reply was no, she went on to explain how everything was cooked to order and that there was a few specials, soup and pie etc. on the specials board. We ordered some soft drinks (remember this is not a pub) and then looked with interest at the menu.

Breakfasts, pancakes, omelettes, burgers, chilli, crostini sandwiches even a good old Ploughman’s. We were all quite taken by the variety. Our drinks brought and our lunch order taken all very efficiently. Two cyclists we had seen on the road in, pulled in for a cuppa.

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benches in the garden area. On a summers day I can easily imagine the place filled with , dog walkers, families and car drivers alike, stopping in for a lunch time fix.

They also offer a take away service, so don’t be put off if you can’t stop, or are enroute to somewhere else.

Lunch arrived, the sweet potato chips with the Halloumi Burger were delicious, the double fried hand cut fries with the Ham, Eggs and Chips, hot and crunchy and the Ploughman’s was a work of art. The room was filling up by this time, so we got to see lots of the other delicious items on offer. The American Pancake Stack looked just like those on the telly and the rarebit made me want to order again! All the meals were beautifully presented and everyone was making all the “right” noises to show they agreed.

After a short wait for our table to be cleared, we ordered tea and coffees from their new “on demand” coffee grinder and gave the home-made cakes and deserts a look. Backwell tart, chocolate cake and lots of other fabulous looking offerings.

We all enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere and one in our party was already making plans to return visit. A great ‘café’ and well worth a walk, cycle or even a drive to visit.

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*The Lunch Bunch*

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Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

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## A Word from Wingfield

### Maps, not forgetting atlases, charts and cartographers

Maps seem to be going out of fashion which is rather a pity. The origin of the term Atlas, which refers to a collection of maps, is said to derive from that of Gerard Mercator, which carried a representation of Atlas supporting the heavens as a frontispiece.

I first learned about maps from the one inch Ordnance Survey variety. The next encounter with them was during my service with the navy where one of my duties was to draw weather maps of the Indian Ocean. I recall on my 21st birthday feeling somewhat queasy in a very stormy sea off Mauritius on the bridge with the captain pouring over the latest map based on barometric pressure and wind direction and speed reports from ships and weather stations from Africa across to the Far East.

My specific task was to predict the path of the hurricane which was causing such high seas as the Captain wished to sail away from the eye of the storm. We had battened down all hatches and in the ward room took precautions to protect china, glass and bottles of gin. The hinged edges of mess tables were turned upwards to keep plates from sliding on the floor.

I was on the bridge showing the Captain the weather map when he said to me "*if we lose the ship, I shall hold you, Gee, responsible*". This puzzled me, as I thought he would have gone down with the ship, and possibly me too. She was an 11,000 ton cruiser which must have been worth several million pounds with a crew of 700 men. But we arrived safely at Mauritius continuing on the same course from Trincomalee. To find our way across seas and oceans from port to port we used the ubiquitous Admiralty charts. These differ from maps as they reveal the depths of water rather the height of the land, but

both have common boundaries, and show many items in common such as harbours and lighthouses. In our map chests, we carried the large scale Mercator charts of the waters to which we were posted, and small scale for the rest of the world. They all used the cylindrical Mercator projection which enabled us to navigate using straight lines on charts to set and follow our course at sea. After two years at sea, my next encounter was with maps, not charts, on safari in Uganda. Exploration on land led to the definition of roads, ferries, bridges, forests, rivers and swamps and then of administrative centres, townships, settlements, and crucially of boundaries and land ownership. Survey, then maps, preceded the building of roads and railway. Detailed survey of the height of land and river preceded the building of the Owen Falls dam.

Some 25 years ago I came across a Historical Atlas of Suffolk. It has some seven dozen small outline maps of the county on the right-hand pages, and opposite each map an excellent explanation of each map covering different topics such as the physical setting, administrative units, early settlement, medieval and Suffolk since 1500, communications, industries, leisure, urban growth, architecture, and finally post medieval fortifications (the first edition precedes the discovery of the Hoxne hoard). The atlas is a cornucopia of information.

About this time West Sussex Council had invited ideas on how the county might best commemorate the Millennium. The only idea floated was a rather expensive concert hall which generated controversy about the location. I suggested that we should follow the Suffolk example and to my surprise the idea was taken up by the two counties of East and West Sussex, and with the help of Sussex University, especially their cartographer, and the archaeological society, the atlas was published in 1999, just in time for the millennium.



Subsequently many other English counties have produced similar publications, an idea which originated with the Suffolk Institute of History and Archaeology and the Suffolk County Planning Department. I don't know how much it has been studied in the Sussex school libraries which received a copy.

Today, if you want to find your way, unless you are a hiker or rambler, you don't use an Ordnance Survey map. Instead, you get out your GPS enabled 'phone or put a Tom-Tom on the car windscreen and enter your destination. Rural finger posts on narrow country lanes designed for travellers on horseback rather than motorists, get damaged by wide vehicles or they may be covered with grime or foliage, joints rusted and fallen on the ground. Financial stringency and the emergence of GPS are probably responsible for the decay that seems to have set in. National road signs remain ok.

Some years ago, Wingfield produced a parish footpath map with copies on sale in the back of the church for £1 to promote tourism and guide keep-fit walkers. Perhaps one of our worlds most famous maps is the medieval Mappa Mundi in Hereford Cathedral, drawn on vellum circa 1300. It has been restored and hung in the new cathedral library. I found its location too high and ill lit for serious perusal and the tourist replicas on sale were not easy to follow. Mappa Mundi does reveal how little we knew about our world 700 years ago.

Today we are trying to map not only our solar system, but the entire universe, which is a fantastic task. We now know not only the direction of trillions of stars, but also their size, composition and distance. In my youth I learned how to navigate using the stars and nautical tables, a theodolite and a chronometer. Now that we have satellites circling the globe, we can find out exactly where we are using our mobile.

In the 50s, I was curious to learn about the systems used by traditional Arabs sailing Dhows, which for centuries had plied

the trade routes between Africa and the East, and was taken aback to find that their crew not only had the same Admiralty charts that I was using, but similar instruments and tables. Polynesian Pacific navigation is another interesting story. Air navigation was similar, but with greater reliance on airport radio beacons and topography. When we switched from sea to air travel to save time and money, the pilot would circulate a regular hand written progress report to his passengers saying where we were and what to look out for on the ground. Flying down the Nile helped find the way.

Geography was once dominated by maps. A good example on display in the Dutch House at Kew Gardens, the nursery of George III's children, is a map copied by one of the royal infants from the jig-saws used by their governess to teach them geography. Us oldies still recall our classroom maps or a globe with half the world proudly coloured in red depicting the British Empire. And even today, if you turn to the back of your bible, you will find maps to illustrate and explain what you learned in Sunday school about the holy land.

Churchill's six volume history of WW2 which I bought as they were published year by year from 1948 to 1954, have essential explanatory maps beautifully drawn by one Richard Cribb, no doubt a derivative of Captain Pim's famous Churchill map room.

Much of the success of Churchill's strategic war planning was dependent on maps as was Britain's exploration of the world by sea and land. Can it be a coincidence that he lived at Chartwell?

We have travelled a long way following maps from those of Ptolemy and now Google. They have played an important part throughout the world. Is their end now in sight, or have they simply, like us, succumbed to the electronic age?

*Tommy Gee*

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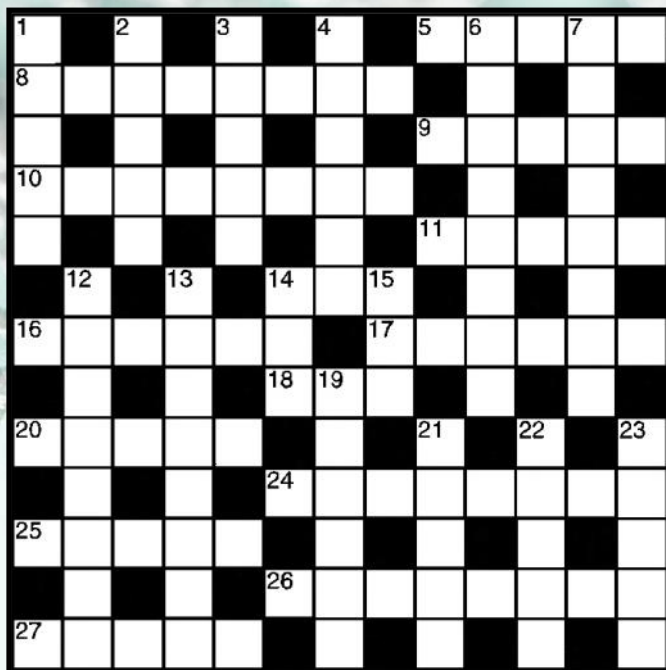
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## Crossword Puzzle No. 121

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### Across

- 5 Royal entourage found at Wimbledon (5)
- 8 Audibly snoozing when one should be breaking flints (8)
- 9 Modifies the tides (5)
- 10 Runs true and cherishes in a way (8)
- 11 Container for an old banger (5)
- 14 Annoying creature found in the outback each autumn (3)
- 16 Unmoved by radio interference (6)
- 17 Some halfwit hinders matters (6)
- 18 Self interest in Legoland (3)
- 20 Slow down for a rest by the sound of it (5)
- 24 Unvarying origin of old Turkish city (8)
- 25 Hiding place for ready money? (5)
- 26 Cause pain and give rage - Out of order (8)
- 27 Be aware of three directions (5)

### Down

- 1 Hard up family found on the road (5)
- 2 Matches fruit apparently (5)
- 3 Go on and on about part of a kettle (5)
- 4 Confine during winter night (6)
- 6 Stubborn rude boat (8)
- 7 Rodents have lank locks of hair (8)
- 12 View celebs through a telescope (8)
- 13 Affixes to embassy official (8)
- 14 Hot shot pilot - Quite a card (3)
- 15 Minimum requirement for a tango (3)
- 19 Automatic pilot supersedes kings (6)
- 21 Consumers not necessarily addicts (5)
- 22 Mated and became domesticated (5)
- 23 Guide a bullock (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 120 was: **Colin Revell, Syleham**

Answers: **Across** 7) Chilli 8) Source 10) Amiable 11) Noble 12) Need 13) Inter 17) Colon 18) Lore 22) Trust 23) Cheroot 24) Tedium 25) Seller

**Down** 1) Scrawny 2) Limited 3) Clubs 4) Pointer 5) Bribe 6) Deter 9) Reinforce 14) Rostrum 15) Monocle 16) Lectern 19) State 20) Ruddy 21) Seven

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