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Letters to the Editor

RICHARD THURLOW

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our special friends and neighbours for their love, kindness, incredible help and support during the last weeks of Richard's illness and in recent months. Thank you to the Rev Michael, to Anna and everyone that helped at Wingfield Barns, to Susan Whymark for her very special care and to everyone that attended the service to remember Richard. Thanks to generous donations we were able to send £760 to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to help support the Palliative Care Team.

*Alison and family
Green Farm, Syleham*

VILLAGE VOICE BACK ISSUES

I have an almost complete set of the Village Voice dating back to 2001 if any reader is interested in having them all, or just one or two issues. Otherwise, sadly, they will be recycled.

*Jan Murray
01379 668511*

BREAST CANCER TEA PARTY

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported my tea party in Syleham for Breast Cancer Care. It made £440! The care my daughter has received during the past year has made so much difference and I hope this gift of money will make a difference for someone else's daughter.

*Mary Lewis
Little Hemplands, Syleham*

CHRISTMAS TREE INVITE

The Friends of St Peter and St Paul Hoxne are hoping to arrange a Christmas tree display in the

church over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd December. Some years ago a similar event proved to be very popular.



With this in mind we should like to invite local clubs, associations, businesses and volunteer groups to support us by displaying their own Christmas tree with a theme; possibly a Christmas carol or song for example.

Before we go ahead with the planning it's important for us to ascertain the likely level of interest and so it would be helpful if you could reply by email to either:

*davidjhyde@btopenworld.com
 rhonabertie@gmail.com
 anneswann3@hotmail.com*

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

David Hyde

ANYONE FOR BADMINTON?

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Hoxne Charities Clay Shoot

I would like to thank all the many people who supported the annual Hoxne Charities Clay Shoot on Sunday 2nd September. There are too many to thank individually here, but just a tiny mention of Andrew who has now 'retired' from the organisational group after helping at each of the clay shoots after this event started, well at least 10 years ago. Thank you, Andrew. We are indebted to Peter Saunders for the loan of



the lovely piece of land at Oakley Park. Thank you, Peter.

Many came from far and wide to enjoy taking part in the competition or to try out this activity under guidance from an experienced shot.

At the time of writing we are awaiting final calculations, but we are hoping to have raised about £1000 for each of this year's chosen charities - Hoxne School Association (charity number 1102747) and Hoxne Playing Field (charity number 304769). We were also glad to host the drawing of the Playing Field annual raffle. See you again in 2019!

Julie Thompson

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride

My day in the saddle

Saturday 8th September - the day of the SHCT sponsored bike ride - started off fine and sunny. We arrived at Denham church early to put up the balloons and set up the paperwork for the recorders, who would be there throughout the day, and to put out the refreshments for riders, walkers and the recorders themselves. By the time I left to start my ride it had become overcast but still dry. I had planned a new route this year to take in some churches I had not visited before; Worlingworth, Tannington and Bedfield. The SHCT website had a very helpful overlay on Google maps showing the open churches which made it easier to see their spread, then transferring to the OS map for a route, as taking a wrong turning on a bike is a serious matter!

I went from Denham to Horham, then on to Horham Baptist Chapel and down to Worlingworth and was the first to sign in there. Here I met a couple who were also cycling on to Tannington and knew of a pathway that cut off a corner and avoided a hill, I joined them and we chatted companionable as we peddled. They were more seasoned riders than I, but kindly modified their pace for me.

Tannington is a very pretty church and the approach is welcoming. It was the Recorder there that commented on the novel positioning of my yellow SHCT sticker. It was on the back of my head stuck to my hair! My companions had



Tannington Church

seen it, but hadn't liked to comment! It must have come off the back of my jacket as I peeled off layers earlier. One way to advertise the ride!

From Tannington to Bedfield was again across the fields, but this time following a concrete farm track which led almost to the door of Bedfield church via a back gate. It was here that my companions and I parted company, they were going on to Monk Soham and I to Southolt. As I turned off Church Road, I passed The Crown pub and folk were harnessing up ponies and horses with trotting carriages. A couple were warming up their rigs along the Southolt road, a lovely sight though the pace they went was a bit scary!

As I was approaching Southolt church, I passed Tim, also from Denham church, travelling in the opposite direction. We stopped and chatted a while and he reminded me that there were sausage rolls waiting at Redlingfield which put a spurt into my peddling. There was a wedding on at Southolt, which has a long driveway up to the church, so the Recorder was sat under a gazebo on the road side, allowing the two events to progress un-entwined!

Then lunch at Redlingfield, where I met another couple with two young passengers, and on with the final pedal home.

I was pleased with my ride and thoroughly enjoyed it. Many folk visit far more churches and travel much further, but for me the 8 churches and 18 miles was an enjoyable morning's ride.

So on behalf of all of the Local Organisers, thank you to all of those folk that rode, walked and sat in the church recording and of course to the Sponsors who enable us to keep the churches open.

*Sue Roberts
St John's Denham local organiser*

Henry IV

Found in Hoxne!

Henry IV [1399-1413] also known as Henry Bolingbroke [1367-1413] of Bolingbroke Castle, Lincolnshire was the son of John of Gaunt [1340-1399] and his wife Blanche of Lancaster [1345-1368]. In 2010, a single find at Hoxne of a gold noble of Six shillings and Eight pence was located in a field within the village.



This heavy coinage depicting an armoured King standing in a ship holding an upright sword and quartered shield is

a very rare survival within the coin world. It was sold by Spink in



December 2010 and came up for sale again in September 2018.

The heavier 120 grain weight gold noble was issued in the earlier part of the reign of Henry IV and continued at this weight until circa 1412. The lighter 108 grain gold noble was issued in 1412 only for a short period as Henry IV died in 1413 as he had serious health problems. He was not buried at Westminster Abbey, but at Canterbury Cathedral with his second wife Joan of Navarre [d.1437].

Some wealthy person must have been very upset when they lost a gold noble, as the auction estimate today is in excess of £12,000.

Stephen Govier, Elmswell

Hoxne Rocks Again

More rocky decorations have been spotted along the path ways and open spaces of Hoxne. These seemingly anonymous creations may well

appeal to the wider world and there's Facebook groups that could be of interest to budding rock artists such as **Suffolk Rocks UK** or **Norfolk Rocks UK**. Just add the group on the rock and your hash tag so people can snap and share when found. Here is a few of the wide variety spotted since the last Village Voice issue:



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adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com
www.borderhoppa.org

St Edmund's Day

Don't forget it's St Edmund's Day on **Tuesday 20th November**, so please join in and celebrate our true patron Saint. Why not fly the St Edmund flag or put up bunting to show your support? You can buy these very reasonably from the online shop of fellow St Edmund supporters at:



www.welovebse.com

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Find out about the history of St Edmund at:

www.hoxne.net

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What's On Here

Rural Coffee Caravan

The Rural Coffee Caravan will once again be visiting **Wingfield** at Castle Crescent, 10am - 12pm on **Tuesday 16th October**. The caravan delivers information and friendship to rural communities across Suffolk. To get in touch:

Telephone: 01379 855338
ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk

Red Feather Club

The Red Feather Club museum, operated and managed by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is open to the public 10am-4pm on **Sunday 30th September** and for the final time this year on **Sunday 28th October**, which will be a bumper event with military vehicles, stalls and music.

The museum exclusively houses uniforms and memorabilia relating to the 95th Bomb Group who flew out of Horham during WW2.

Red Feather Club Museum,
Coldhams Hill, Denham IP21 5DG
www.95thbg-horham.com

The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum

Come and visit the restored Hospital rooms of the 95th BG, A.A.F Station 119 Horham. Exhibits, tea rooms with free parking and admission. We are open the same days as the Red Feather Club, 10am-4pm, so **Sunday 30th September** and **Sunday 28th October** for the last time this year.

The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum
Shingle Hill, Denham IP21 5EU
www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk
Also open by appointment,
Telephone: 01379 870514

Hoxne Music Festival AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Hoxne Music Festival will take place on **Thursday 8th November** at 7.30pm at the Playing Field pavilion. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Plans are already in hand for a major musical event in May 2019 on a Saturday night at the Village Hall on a date yet to be agreed. More details in future Village Voice issues.

www.hoxnemusicfestival.com



We meet Mondays
7.30 - 9pm -
Winter Venue:
St. Edmunds Hall,
Hoxne - Summer
Venue: St. Peter
& St. Paul's
Church, Hoxne.
Join the fun

We are a community choir, open to all, regardless of ability or previous singing experience and without audition. Songs are taught by ear and there is no need to be able to read music. Lyric sheets, sound files and scores are used to support learning. We enjoy a wide repertoire covering many different music genres and have commissioned work from contemporary British composers. We are based in Hoxne and have members from seventeen villages. Visit our website for further information:

www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com

Village Voices Community Choir during a break in rehearsals for DissFest 2018



Wingfield Barns

Royal Photographic Society

Saturday 29th September to Sunday 7th October - 11am to 4pm Wed to Sun.

Gallery 1, Gallery 2 and Studio 4.

The RPS return to the Barns with exhibitions from the East Anglia Member's Group, the Nature Group, and a special one-off collection from Brian Beaney.

Fagin? – A Kick in the Head production starring Giles Shenton

Saturday 13th October

7.30pm - Tickets £14/£12

Who was Fagin? Was he the Fagin in Dickens' Oliver Twist? Was he the Fagin in Oliver! the musical? Was he based on a real-life character? Join Fagin as he reviews his situation during his final night in prison before being hanged. As madness

envelops him he is 'visited' by some old acquaintances. Think you know Fagin? Think again.

Open Space Theatre Company presents The Browning Version by Terence Rattigan

Thursday 8th November

7.30pm - Tickets £11/£9

Trapped in an unhappy marriage, the thwarted desires of Millie Crocker-Harris are released in the form of spite and betrayal as her ailing, humiliated schoolteacher husband, Andrew - also unloved by his

pupils - faces academic and marital oblivion. But could an unexpected gift from one student help restore some semblance of humanity? Rattigan's finest play is full of moments of great compassion and heartache. A masterpiece.

Other Events

Our regular groups and classes are getting back in to the swing of things after a few breaks over the summer months. Details are as follows:

Tuesdays

Art with John Parker - 10am to 4pm in Studio 4;

Pilates with Emma - 10am for Bring the Baby, 11am for All Abilities in Gallery 2;

Thursdays

Keep Fit with Emily - 10am in Gallery 2;

Fridays

Yoga with Alice - 9.30am in Gallery 2;

For more information on all of the above, to book tickets and for details of all our upcoming events, please visit our website.

www.wingfieldbarns.com

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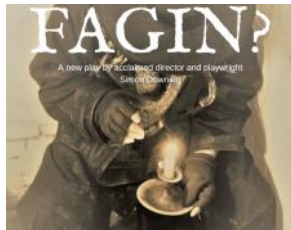
Hoxne Village Hall

Film Nights continue on the **second Friday** of each month. Bar opens 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm with interval. Ice creams and pop corn available. Tickets in advance on 01379 668060 or from Hoxne Deli and Tea Rooms.

Phantom Thread

Friday 12th October

1950s London, dressmaker Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day-Lewis) and his sister Cyril (Lesley Manville) are at the centre of British fashion.



Women come and go through Woodcock's life, until he comes across a young, strong-willed woman, Alma (Vicky Krieps), who soon becomes a fixture in his life as his muse and lover. (15)

The Mercy

Friday 9th November

The incredible story of amateur sailor Donald Crowhurst and his solo attempt to circumnavigate the globe. The struggles he confronted on the journey while his family while his family awaited his return is one of the most enduring mysteries of recent times. Starring Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz. (12A)



The Bromley Boys

Friday 14th December

A funny and touching coming of age football memoir played out to the sights and sounds of late 60's Britain. Based on the hilarious novel by Dave Roberts, it recounts the author's highs and lows supporting the worst football team in the country at the time - Bromley FC. (PG)



Quiz Nights

Saturday 17th November

Quiz in aid of Friends of Hoxne Church. Bar opens 7pm for 7.30 start. Teams of up to 6, £5 per head. Picnics welcome for half time.

Saturday 1st December

Quiz in aid of Fressingfield Scouts. Bar opens 7pm for 7.30 start. Teams of up to 6, £5 per head. Picnics welcome for half time.

To book either or both of the above, call Michael on 01379 668060.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December

12 noon to 2.30pm. Meet Father Christmas, enjoy mulled wine, teas, raffle, cakes, savouries and indulge in a variety of stalls at this ever popular event. See page 25.



Hoxne Produce & Craft Market

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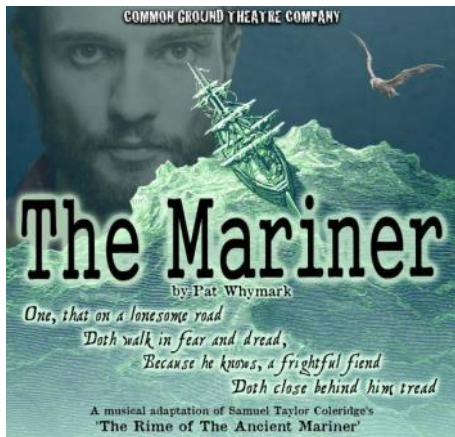
www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Bingo continues on the last Friday of each month at Syleham and Wingfield village hall. We raise funds for locally nominated charities and good causes. Come along on **26th October** and **30th November** when we will raise money to add to the purchase of a defibrillator for Wingfield. We start just after 8pm. The bar will be open and we will run a raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

'Come along for Coffee' on **Saturday 10th November** between 10.30am and 12.30am. Enjoy the tea, coffee, cakes and savouries, as well as a natter. We will have a raffle, cake stall, Osborne books, Jan's jams, jewellery, some crafts. Free entry. Do join us!

Common Ground theatre company will be here on the evening of **Saturday 10th November** with Pat Whymark's musical adaptation of Samuel Taylor Colridge's the Rime of the Ancient Mariner. Please see www.commongroundtc.co.uk for bookings or call **07807 341364**. Tickets £12 or £7 for under 21s. Start time 7.30pm. Bar open. Raffle.



Sports and Social club membership allows you to come along each **Tuesday & Friday** and also to our member events. Just ask at the bar. The **first Friday** of the month also sees Open Mic, while the **second Friday** is Karaoke.

Please do come along to Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall (postcode for SatNav users IP21 4LT) on **Saturday 17th November** for a special event to raise funds for the Children's Liver disease charity www.childliverdisease.org. The evening will include Karaoke and an Open Mic session. Times and ticket prices to be confirmed, so please keep an eye out for posters.

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

Syleham Community Area

The Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to be able to report that the piece of land which was bought last year for the benefit

of the village has finally been cultivated and sown with hardy grass seed. The area had not been cultivated for many years and the grass is struggling to compete with the weeds lurking in the soil but, once we are sure that it is growing strongly, the area will be fenced with post and rail fencing and wooden gates, and then with native hedging. We would be grateful if you did not walk on the grass whilst it is getting established.

Thanks are due to people who have helped to clear the area of stones and debris and to organise the fencing.

This new facility is very much for the village, with families and community events particularly in mind, and before any further development takes place the Management Committee will be holding an open meeting to glean your ideas.

Meanwhile, if you would like to make a little bit of it 'your own' by planting 'your' bit of hedge, do let us know as soon as possible. Hedge planting could take place early in the autumn, so please keep an eye out for posters.

Mary Lewis, 01379 669258
Management Committee Secretary
mary.lewis43@icloud.com

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What's On There

Eye Art Guild

EXHIBITION

The Eye Arts Guild is a friendly group of artists from Eye and surrounding villages who are exhibiting some of their works throughout **October** at the Earsham Wetland Centre, Old Harleston Road, Earsham, Bungay NR35 2AF. The theme is 'The Natural World' and most of the work is for sale. This exhibition will be changed in **November** and the group are also considering displaying their work in The Bank, Eye, in **December**. More details to follow.

Please direct any enquiries to: Jackie Johnson, 01379 668220 or see our website: www.eyeartsguild.org.uk

Harleston

FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

If you enjoy good food and drink and want to support local producers then make sure you are in Harleston on **Saturday 6th October**. Once again there will be stalls in the Market Place between 9.30am and 3.30pm selling cakes and pastries, preserves and jams, cider, apple juice and fruit liqueurs, beautiful flowers and much more. There will be street food too - from Flying Chef, Pepperells, Waffle Works and Harleston's Future amongst others. Once again Shotford Hall Farm and Hill Farm will be open for visitors with lots of exciting displays and the vintage bus will provide a free shuttle service. Too Many Cooks will provide entertainment with songs new and old about the delights of food and drink.

That's not all! For the first time there will also be six Food & Drink Walks which will take place during the day and take in

many of the local shops and eateries where samples will be provided. This is an ideal activity to do as a group of friends, family members or existing group. For further details follow the link from Food and Drink Walk on our home page.

www.visitharleston.org.uk

Wilby

STEPDANCE WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn to stepdance? Bookings now being taken for **Saturday 6th October** at Wilby Coronation Village Hall, IP21 5LR. 11am till approx. 1pm. Tickets £20.00 which includes Tea, Coffee, Squash & Biscuits. Contact Doreen on **07591 499912**.

Beyond the Wall

APPLE DAY

Beyond the Wall will be holding their annual apple day on **Sunday 7th October** from 12 noon to 3.30pm. Come and join us at The Walled Garden, Thornham Magna, Eye, IP23 8HA

www.beyondthewall.org.uk

Eye Goes Green

AUTUMN FAIR



Eye Goes Green had a very successful autumn fair last year due to a wide range of local stallholders and the fantastic creativity of the 6th form Art and Design students of Hartismere School. The students created sculptures and furniture from recycled and found materials. We are building on that success for this years Fair at Eye Town Hall, Broad Street, Eye on **Saturday 13th October** 10am to 4pm.

This year, we have a good variety of stalls including organic fruit & veg, amazing gluten free cakes & cookies,

delicious jams & chutneys as well as fair trade food & crafts, beautifully finished bespoke furniture from reclaimed wood, bird boxes & tables, glass products & cards. All by local people.

New this year, we have a local beekeeper with several types of honey to sample and buy. He welcomes questions about beekeeping and will have a hive and other equipment on display.

Adding to the eco arts and crafts will be Emmaus Suffolk, a charity providing support for unemployed and homeless people, they have upcycled furniture and other products for sale.

Renewable energy, insulation & energy saving are hot topics - get the up-to-date information from a local expert.

Eye allotments and Master Composters will be there along with volunteers caring for local woods and trees. And also RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Friends of the Earth.

Bring along your apples & pears for local expert Paul Read to identify. Visit the EGG stall to discuss local environmental issues and EGG initiatives such as Swift boxes. Café Green will have tasty, seasonal soups, light lunches, scones, cakes, fair trade tea & coffee for sale.

And this year's show by Hartismere School? Come to the fair and find out! See you there. Entrance is free.

Proceeds of the Fair support local environmental projects.

Harleston and District U3A

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www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston

Harleston Players

BLACKADDER GOES FORTH BY RICHARD CURTIS AND BEN ELTON

Throughout the ages, men of finesse, intelligence and courage have played their part in England's glorious heritage. Others, like the long line of deceitful, cowardly and conniving Blackadders, have somehow emerged to claim their wrongful position in history.

This is the story of him, destined to have fortune vomit on his eiderdown and to be forever shackled with a Baldrick (the descendant of an unfortunate meeting between a pig farmer and a bearded lady), Blackadder faced down the slings and arrows of life and got very badly hurt indeed.

Performances at Archbishop Sancroft High School in **October: Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th**, 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets £9.50 (concs. £8.00) from the box office at Robinsons Traditional Stationers, 5 The Thoroughfare, Harleston IP20 9JG or 01379 855027.

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Tickets £7.50 - Book Early (no tickets on the door). Doreen **07591 499912**.

Fressingfield

GRAND PICTURE SALE

Andrew Vessey has held several exhibitions of his Art since retiring to Fressingfield, much of it of local scenes and comprising pastels, ink drawings and oil paintings.

The time has now come for him to have a clear-out of his studio (!) and so Andrew will be holding a **GRAND PICTURE SALE** at Fressingfield's Sancroft Hall, on **Saturday 1st December**, 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Come and buy that special Christmas

present, with pictures priced from £10 - £100. Most of the works are framed.



Andrew says that he intends sending 20% of all sales to one of his favourite Charities, The Woodland Trust, who encourage us to value ancient trees and plant new ones.

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Fressingfield Scouts

Explorer Summer Camp – The Peak District

Members of the Fressingfield Explorers reached the top of Kinder Scout, Derbyshire, after a fairly gruelling climb



up Grindsbrook Booth in near 30 degree heat, although well worth the effort. A fantastic week was had

in the great outdoors ending in a particularly stomach churning visit to the Alton Towers theme park.

Scouts Summer Camp - NORJAM

This year, for the first time in over 30 years, we sent a contingent to our local Jamboree. 3 Leaders, 2 Explorer Young Leaders, and 14 Scouts spent the week at NORJAM at the Norfolk Showground. This was a great experience for everyone. Our allocated subcamp was *The '60s* and we all dressed up in '60s costume for the closing ceremony, look at our website to see the pictures.

The Scouts had two 3 hour long sessions a day of activities, a free cinema for the evenings (and it opened most of the wet day), souvenir shops, a milkshake bar, evening disco entertainment in the main ring and plenty of people to get to know. There was a Breakout day for everyone to either Pleasurewood Hills or Colchester Zoo and a Circus performance which was enjoyed by all.

The available activity sessions included: a craft barn, a zip wire, air rifle shooting, go karts, circus skills, trampolines, bouncy castles and air bags, zorbs, clay

pigeon shooting, abseiling, ninja assault course, caving, archery, crate stacking,

funfair, kayaks, Jacobs ladder, ice skating, drum workshop, zumba, fairground stalls, stilt walking and much more. One of our highlights was a quickly arranged football match - Fressingfield against a contingent from Egypt; two matches were played and honours were even.

The 150 acre site held several wasps, over 2,000 volunteers and approaching 5,000 Young People, who enjoyed 228,000 hours of activities. People came from 21 different countries and apparently 130 miles of toilet roll were used in the week!

The week at NORJAM was a fantastic experience the Scout Group is looking forward to the next one in 2022. The pictures will be collated on to the website so everyone can see what we got up to. For our current newsletter, visit:

www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk/latest-news/autumn-newsletter-2018

New Volunteer Leaders wanted

With the growth of places for young people this also opens up the opportunity for more adults to join our team as volunteer leaders - this is a hugely rewarding way of getting involved with our Group. Leaders receive training, mentoring support, free uniform and discounted cost 'adventure'.

For an informal discussion about joining our team, please contact the Group Scout Leader; Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne on **07908 262623**.

For more information about Scouting in the area please visit our website:

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Michael Knights



Four of our Scouts after completing the Jacob's Ladder team climb

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Hoxne Heritage Group Resumes The Dig for Treasure

By the time you read this, the Heritage Group will have resumed its quest for more clues to our heritage. At the end of September, a group of us will have dug some test pits on Lodge Hill behind Low Street in our search for the lost lodge shown on the 1612 map. Our earlier investigations using geophysics have revealed evidence of what is a almost certainly a WW1 army encampment there.

On **Thursday 22nd November**, John Rainer, the archaeologist leading that study on our behalf, will be presenting his finds and providing some very interesting information about what happened there during WW1. The talk will be held at St. Edmund's Hall starting at 7.30pm so please make a note in your diary. Watch out for posters and information nearer the time.

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

Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

The Friends continue to organise various events to raise funds to help with the preservation of the fabric of our church. The month of October is a very busy one for the committee.

On **Sunday 14th October** the Harvest Lunch will be held in the village hall at 12.30pm, tickets are available from Anne Swann or any committee member at £10 per head.

On **Saturday 27th October** there will be a concert in the church by the award-winning Castleton Band and after the performance there will be a Cheese and Wine Supper. Tickets are £10 per head from any committee member.

Moving on to **Saturday 17th November** there will be a Quiz in the village hall, teams of up to six, £5 per head, bring your own picnic supper, book your table as soon as possible through our secretary, Rhona Bertie or any committee member.

In addition to all of the above we will continue to hold our monthly coffee mornings and book sale on the **third Saturday** of the month. Tea, coffee, cakes and lots of books, 9.45 to 11.15am.

Our thanks go to all who support the Friends, your help is much appreciated.

Our Committee is: Chairman - John Brawn **01379 668352**; Secretary - Rhona Bertie **01379 871850**; Anne Swann, Margaret Brawn, David Hyde, Alison Ingles, Maureen Johnson, Suzanne Lewis and Cathie McGregor.

John Brawn

Hoxne Take The Leagues And Cups By Storm

In their ninety-ninth year, Hoxne Bowls Club are celebrating their most successful year EVER. Border League Champions; Border League Cup Winners; Runners-up in the Mid-Suffolk League (Only two points behind the winners); Waveney League Cup Finalists (see stop press); Waveney League Division Two - Final table pending (see stop press).

But that is only part of the story: Unlike other successful clubs, Hoxne's members are locals. Last year and this, has seen an influx of interest and new members from Hoxne and the surrounding villages. These new players have helped the club

to these new heights with their enthusiasm and love of the game.

Errol Feavearyear reached the national finals and several players have reached the Waveney League semi-finals (See stop press for results).

Club nights have been buzzing and club competitions well supported, culminating in a busy finals day. Results as follows:

Ladies' Singles - Pat Grant

Men's Singles - Errol Feavearyear

Mixed Singles - Maurice Hurry

Over 60's Singles - David Lockley

Non-winners: Singles - Chris Burton;

Pairs - Alan Garnham, Errol Feavearyear.

With our centenary year approaching, this year will be hard to eclipse. But we'll certainly be trying.

Roger Knight

STOP PRESS

Waveney League Cup Final

Hoxne lost to Gissing 60-72;

Champion of Champions

Alan Garnham - Winner;

Men's Four Wood Singles

Maurice Hurry (runner up);

Men's Pairs

Alan & Kristian Garnham (runners up);

Triples

Maurice Hurry, Alan Garnham & Kristian Garnham (runners up);

Waveney League Division Two

Runners up - Hoxne Bowls Club promoted to Division One;

Hoxne Garden & Social Club

In August, Lin Batey organised the Treasure hunt around Harleston and reports: Eleven of us met at the Co-op car park in Harleston and set off following our maps. We had no idea that there were some amazing landmarks in

the town. For example, have you seen the huge sculpture of an eagle? As we searched for clues with much hilarity, we found lovely lanes that none of us realised were there. When we found the culprit, we made for JD Young's for supper. A lovely social evening in good company.

This was followed by a very successful Flower, Craft and Produce Show in September, with new entrants and an increase in the number of entries. The overall winner for The Rose Bowl was

Claire Whiting, The Ivy Triggs Shield was won by Jenny Greatbatch, Richard



Whiting won The Gladys Baldwin Vase for Fruit and vegetables, and Gill O'Connor was awarded the Maisie Egerton Cup for Cookery and Handcrafts. My thanks must go to the Committee and their partners for all their hard work in making it all happen.



We're back in the hall on **Thursday 18th October** at 7.30pm. Our Speaker is Derek Palgrave on "The Origin and Development of English Surnames" which should be interesting to all of us. On

Thursday 15th November Ian Limmer talks about "Climbing and Rambling Roses" with the year finishing with our Christmas Party in the Hall on **Friday 7th December**.

We have another Ramble planned on **Friday 5th October**. All I have been told



is that it is based around Halesworth and involves a train ride! If you are interested please contact me, details below.

We meet once a month usually on the third Thursday of the month in Hoxne Village Hall at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors and new members, please ring **01379 668258** for any other information, or a chat about the club.

Sue Flagg
sue.flagg@hotmail.co.uk

Wingfield & District Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Wingfield and District Gardening Club is on **Thursday 29th November** at 7.30pm in Brundish Village Hall. The speaker will be Jan Michalak and his subject "The Call of the Wild". Non-members welcome - £3 at the door. For further information, please contact:

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Hoxne and the V2

Being a 'Battle of Britain baby', arriving in the front room of a house in a small Northamptonshire village on 12th September 1940 as that epic struggle (not my birth) neared its conclusion, I have long had a fascination with that iconic fighter the Spitfire. My bookcase reflects that life-long interest with new additions still arriving. The latest '*Spitfire Dive Bombers Versus The V2*' came with the hope that it might shed more light on a WW2 incident in which Hoxne narrowly escaped the consequences of Hitler's last gasp weapon.

A V2 rocket just missed the village and exploded in a field off Nuttery Vale. A fractional change in its direction or trajectory and the result of its ton of high

explosive would have been horrendous. As it was, little was made of it then and little since, although I do remember a piece in Village Voice some years ago making reference to the event.

'*Spitfire Dive Bombers Versus The V2*' records that the V2 descended on the edge of Hoxne on 25th September 1944. The 46ft long (14m) rocket was the world's first guided ballistic missile and had been launched from somewhere in Holland. It carried the initial V from its name - the Vergeltungswaffe (revenge weapon).

Allied forces were fighting their way through France and had overrun the launch sites of the V1 Doodlebug which had plagued London and southern England. Holland was still under German rule and became the focus of V2 activity initially aiming for London. At first, our government blamed the gas mains for the sudden and devastating explosions, but

that explanation could not last and it was realised the country was under attack from a weapon to which we had little response.

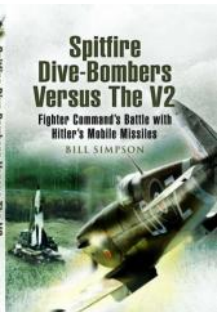
The V2 at Hoxne was significant in that it was the first to be directed away from London and indicated to the RAF that rockets were now being dispatched from a new firing ground.

Finding ways to combat the new menace was proving a challenge. Unlike the V1, which could be shot down or pushed off course by the wing of a fighter, the V2 could not be intercepted in flight. Despite its size, the V2 was also more manoeuvrable than the V1 and could be fired from a transporter. This also made it almost impossible to identify firing spots as the Germans chose locations in suburban areas and woodland. Firing the rocket, however,



was a risky affair as a significant number failed on take off and exploded. Any local people seen to be taking an interest in the launch also ran the risk of summary execution. But there were those who ran this risk repeatedly - the book recalls a member of the Dutch resistance who gathered together enough pieces of exploded V2s to construct an actual size rocket in a secret room in his house - a secret not even shared with his wife.

The RAF's response was to amass six Spitfire squadrons at four airfields in





Brian takes the back seat in a never to be forgotten Spitfire flight around Cambridgeshire

Norfolk - Swannington, Ludham, Coltishall and Matlaske. Equipped with extra fuel tanks the fighters were able to make the journey across the North Sea and back in attempts to locate and attack firing sites. It was a challenging task not helped by poor weather, low cloud - and anti-aircraft fire. The book - by Bill Simpson - takes a long and careful

look at the dive bombing campaign and its disruptive effect on German operations plus, for the Dutch, the morale-lifting crackle of a Merlin engine crossing their skies. He concludes that: *“The airmen threw themselves into the campaign with energy and enthusiasm. They did their best within the limitations of the equipment they were given and there can be little doubt that they saved many lives in the south east corner of England and much damage to property.”*

For Hoxne it’s another note of relevance to run alongside so many others in the history books.

Brian Chester, Oakham

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October 2018

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November 2018

Thu 1st, Taverham Country Shopping Centre £15; Thu 8th, Norwich City Centre £15; Thu 15th, Highways Nursery & Shopping Centre £14; Thu 22nd, Lunch at The Chip Inn, Long Stratton £6;



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Reflections

What do we want to remember?

Although the Armistice bringing an end to fighting in World War 1, famously took effect at 11am on the 11th of the 11th 1918, the Treaty of Versailles officially ending the war was not implemented until 28th June 1919. Which is why the 1800 or so German sailors who scuttled their High Seas Fleet at Scapa Flow a week prior to the Treaty are deemed prisoners of war for breaking the terms of the Armistice.

Ironically, the German navy achieved its first major success of World War 2 within six weeks of Britain declaring war when U-47 under the audacious captaincy of Gunther Prien sailed into the same Scapa Flow, sunk the battleship HMS Royal Oak and returned to an appropriate welcome at Kiel. The news was not so welcome at The Admiralty where the First Lord- Winston Churchill, ordered that Scapa Flow was to be made impregnable.

This major civil engineering project, required a lot of innovation and manpower. The University of Manchester provided the boffins and test facilities, Balfour Beatty were the engineers, but the raw muscle for what were called the Churchill Barriers came from the Italian army; soldiers captured in North Africa were set to work. Except, the Geneva Convention forbids the use of prisoners of war on war work. Somehow this had slipped the mind of the British until the captured Italians brought it to their attention (by downing tools), at which point the Barriers became Causeways to improve communication links for the people of the Orkneys.

Life went on - work on the renamed Causeways went on. But all work and no play makes Marco a dull boy, so leisure time saw the creation of concrete bowling balls and even a concrete billiard table, but

something (and not just the sunshine) was still missing. To satisfy their spiritual yearnings the camp commander set aside a Nissan hut, unlimited concrete and anything they could salvage for the Italians to make a chapel. From a draughty tin hut and such raw materials as could be found on a wartime civil engineering project a work of art emerged; a whole church complete with murals and altar.

The 'Italian Chapel' is now preserved and restored. At their best, both religion and art seek to express the numinous, here is a building that is all of that! And to such a degree that restoration work has been undertaken by a lady who previously worked on the Sistine Chapel. What apart from it's opening has this tale got to do with remembrance? I think this, it asks of us: what do we want to remember?

- Scoundrel Germans scuttling their fleet or noble crews avoiding shame?
- Sneaky submarine commander or audacious lightning strike?
- Shameful British overlooking a section of the Geneva convention, or engineering inventiveness to conceive such a feat?

When we remember the Armistice and the war dead, is it as the glossy colour of the 50p postcard from a gift-shop, or the pastel hush of the Chapel's Madonna of the Olive? Do we want to remember war in all it's complexity or strive for the peace of the olive branch?

Perhaps that last word should go to Bruno Volpi, one of the Italians who returned in 1993 as part of a group marking the 50th anniversary of their arrival: *'The statue of St George was built first. It shows the patron saint of soldiers ready to kill the dragon. It is a concrete representation of the desire to eliminate all evil; all wars that cause pain and injustice to so many people. It is the symbol of a will to kill all misunderstandings among people of different cultures'*.

**Michael Womack, 01379 388889
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Church services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

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Village contacts

Denham - Rev Michael, **01379 388889**

Hoxne - Guy McGregor, **01379 668434**

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Sunday 7th October

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer

11:15am Hoxne Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Messy Church

Tuesday 9th October

7:30pm Denham Simple Communion Service

Sunday 14th October

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

3pm Syleham Harvest Festival

Sunday 21st October

8:30am Hoxne BCP Holy Communion

10am Syleham Village Praise

11.15am Hoxne Harvest Festival

Sunday 28th October

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Harvest Festival

6.30pm Wingfield Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th November

10am Wingfield Morning Prayer

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Messy Church

Sunday 11th November

8.30am Wingfield Holy Communion

followed at 9am Act of Remembrance

10:45am Hoxne Act of Remembrance

10:45am Syleham Act of Remembrance

3pm Denham Act of Remembrance

Tuesday 13th November

7.30pm Denham Simple Communion Service

Sunday 18th November

8:30am Hoxne BCP Communion

10am Syleham Village Praise

Sunday 25th November

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Harvest Festival

6.30pm Wingfield Harvest Festival

Church News

St John, Denham

On Sunday 11th August, Denham hosted its first annual Kubb tournament in aid of Denham church. Although the sun did not shine, the event proved very successful. With scones and Pimms going down a treat and villagers and those from as far afield as Ipswich enjoying the garden games. First prize of the golden Kubb was hotly contested in the knock out competition and after a tense final, it was won by the 'Irwins' with 'Bobby' in second and 'Uxbridge' taking the very well deserved third place. Over £300 was raised at the event for St John the Baptist church in Denham. Thank



you to all those who came to support and we look forward to seeing you and many more next year. Will the 'Irwins' be able to keep hold of their title?



St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Father Christmas will make his first appearance at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 1st December**, 12 noon to 2.30pm at the Village Hall. There will be mulled wine, teas, raffle, cakes, savouries and a variety of stalls. Volunteers to help in any way would be much appreciated and welcome. Please contact Carmel Searle **01379 669123** or Cathie McGregor **01379 668434**.

The tea point for the parish church was delivered, but needed some technical adjustments. However early installation is hoped for.

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne branch of the Mothers' Union meets on the **third Monday** of the month at 2.30pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne. New members are always welcome. Next meetings:

Monday 15th October - Branch meeting;
Monday 19th November - Branch meeting;

Contact Branch Leader Cathie McGregor **01379 668434**.

Flower rota

7th October: Altar, Sue Thornett;

14th October: Altar, Cathie McGregor;

21st & 28th October: Harvest Festival Rota;

4th & 11th November: Remembrance Sunday, Alta Cathie McGregor and Porch Eleanor Hart;

18th & 25th November: Altar, Suzanne Lewis;

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**.

St Margaret, Syleham

We have had another wedding! St Margaret's is seeing good use and we are always delighted to welcome these occasions.

Sponsored swim update - the total raised was £1133! Fantastic - and grateful thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Messy Church continues - at the Village Hall at 4pm on **Sunday 7th October** and **Sunday 4th November**. Fun for families from all our parishes!

Harvest Supper - **Saturday 13th October** 7 for 7.15pm. At the Village Hall. Hot supper and delicious desserts, £15 per person including first drink. Bookings would be helpful.

Harvest Festival - **Sunday 14th October** at 10am. All most welcome - the church always looks lovely with its harvest decoration.

Carol Service - **Sunday 16th December** at 11.15am. Once again, Amici will join us and it is always a very popular service.

Contact for all above: Churchwarden Mary Lewis on **01379 669258** or email mary.lewis43@icloud.com

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Remembering the Wingfield fallen



1918 is the year that the Great War, 'The war to end all wars', came to an end with the armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Through killed in combat or missing

in action, the conflict cost the lives of 702,410 British army soldiers, with around 140,000 later succumbing from wounds and disease. This is a brief story of just 12 of those men, all from Wingfield, who answered their countries call to fight in foreign fields, their names remembered forever more on the war memorial in Wingfield Churchyard.

If any residents can add any information, these will be gratefully received, so that the full story of their lives can be recorded.

(Please contact Melanie Murray 01379 384503 or melanie.murray@virgin.net)

L/C James Batley MM was born 1893 in Wingfield to Peter and Ellen Batley. Living on Wingfield Green he worked as a stockman until he answered his country's call to arms. On 25th November 1915, he went to Bury St Edmunds and was enlisted into 3rd battalion the 'Suffolk Regiment'. In July 1916 he was promoted to Lance Corporal. Shortly after he was transferred to the 9th Battalion, 'Loyal North Lancashire Regiment', he saw action in France in June 1917. For his gallantry in battle he was awarded the Military Medal.

Shortly after his award, he was killed in action on 14th October 1917 and at 24 years of age is buried at Cambrin Military Cemetery located at Doignies, France.

Pte Charles John Brett was born in 1886 in Syleham to Walter and Sara Jane Brett. They lived in Lodge Farm in Wingfield where Charles worked as a farm labourer. In July 1911, aged just 25, he emigrated to Sydney, Australia. In January 1915 when the call to arms came, he joined the 4th Battalion, 'Australian Imperial Force', an infantry unit and was posted to the infamous killing grounds of Gallipoli, in latter day Turkey, to fight the armed forces of the Central Powers ally, the Ottoman Empire. Just 8 months later in a chaotic beach assault, he was killed in action somewhere between the 9th-11th August 1915 and is buried at Lone Pines Memorial located at Gallipoli, one of 61,527 Australian combat deaths, aged 28 years old.

Gnr Robert Pipe was born in 1886, one of ten children, in Wingfield to Robert and Harriet Pipe. They lived at Berrys Farm in Wingfield where Robert was a farm labourer. He joined the 37th (Howitzer) Brigade, 'Royal Field Artillery' and was posted to France. He was mortally wounded and died from his wounds on 2nd March 1916. He is buried at Le Tréport Military Cemetery, Haute-Normandie, France. He was 29 years old.

Pte John James Pipe was born in 1878, the elder brother of Gnr Robert Pipe. He was born in Laxfield, the family later moving to Bleach Green, Wingfield. In 1904 he married Kate Leftley who bore him three boys and a girl. They lived in Prospect Cottage, where John was a horseman on a farm. He travelled to Ipswich to join the 11th (Service) Battalion, 'Suffolk Regiment'. Like his younger brother 2 years earlier, he gave

his life for his country on 22nd March 1918 at Henin Hill near Arras, France during the German Spring Offensive. The day after 8,000 men had been killed on the second worse day of losses in British military history. He has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Arras Memorial at Faubourg-D'Amiens Cemetery. He was one of the oldest of the Wingfield fallen at 39 years old.

Pte George Reeder (Reader) was born in 1898, the penultimate of eight children, in Wingfield to William and Ellen Reeder, living in Weybread Road, Wingfield. He was first enlisted in the 'Suffolk Regiment' at Ipswich and later transferred to the 1st Battalion, 'Cambridge Regiment'. He was killed in action along with 8 comrades at Epehy, France on 7th October 1918, just a few weeks before the armistice. He is buried at Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux En Gohelle, Pas de Calais. He was only 20 years old and the last of the Wingfield soldiers to perish.

Pte David Ruse was born in 1895 in Wingfield to James and Emma Ruse. He was a farm labourer living at Fressingfield Road, Wingfield when he joined the 4th Battalion Territorial Force 'Suffolk Regiment'. The closeness of their service numbers suggests that he and Pte George Reeder enlisted at the same time. On the 1st November 1916 at the infamous Battle of the Somme, he was wounded in the left leg and knee and was noted as dangerously ill. Three days later he returned to England on the No.3 ambulance



train and was cared for at the War Hospital in Bradford. Sadly, on 24th November 1916, he succumbed to his wounds and became one of 39,000 casualties of that bloodied battleground. He is one of only a small number of soldiers be buried in his home village, under a headstone of pristine white Portland stone, in St Andrews Churchyard; unlike his fellow Wingfield comrades, buried or remembered in a foreign field. He was 20 years old.

Pte Ernest Edward Ruth was born in 1896 in Wingfield to Robert and Alice Ruth, the last of their four children. Ernest had not yet married and lived with his family on Hoxne Road, near Chickering Hall where his father worked on the estate. At the start of September 1914, he joined the 9th Battalion, 'Suffolk Regiment' in Bury St Edmunds. After months of training in Shoreham and Aldershot, he arrived in France on 31st August 1915. The Battalion saw action at Loos a month later, where they suffered heavy losses. Moving up the line towards Belgium, Ernest was in the trenches near Poperinghe when he was fatally wounded and died on 23rd February 1916. He is buried at Brandhoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was also just 20 years old.

Pte George William Smith was born in Brundish in 1877 to John and Susanna Smith. In 1895 he married Elizabeth Chambers who bore him three sons and, four daughters. Living in Berrys Farm Wingfield Green, he worked on a farm as a horseman. Travelling to Ipswich, he was enlisted into the 7th Battalion, 'Suffolk Regiment' and like David Ruse, fought at the Battle of the Somme. He also was mortally wounded and died of his wounds on 10th October 1916. He is buried at Dartmoor Cemetery, Bécordel-Becourt on the Somme in France. Like John Pipe he was the oldest to perish at 39 years old.

Pte Stanley George Smith was the son of Pte George Smith. Born 1899 in Wingfield, he lived with his father and mother Elizabeth Smith at their home in Berrys Farm, Wingfield Green. He joined the 2nd Battalion 'Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire) Regiment'. He was killed in action on 2nd July 1917 while fighting in Belgium, just one year after his father had died at the Somme. His name is recorded on the Menin Gate memorial in Ypres, Belgium, along with 54,896 other names of soldiers with no known grave. He was the youngest Wingfield resident to perish in the Great War at just 18 years old.

Pte William John Westrep was born in 1895 in Laxfield to John and Clara Westrep. He was a farm labourer, living at home on Wingfield Green. He joined the 2nd Battalion, 'Suffolk Regiment' which led an assault capturing a bluff (a steep cliff), close to the Ypres-Comines canal. He was one of 1620 casualties in that assault and was reported as killed in action on 2nd March 1916. His name is also recorded on the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. William was 21 years old.

Pte Charles Wiles was born in 1895 in Metfield to George and Anna Marie Wiles, the second of five sons and four older sisters. Employed as a farm Labourer, he

enrolled into the 'General Service Cavalry' at Masham, Yorkshire. He was later transferred to the 'Northumberland Fusiliers', serving in several battalions, before finally serving in the 23rd Battalion, defending the allied line against the 1918 German spring offensive. He was presumed dead between 20th and 23rd March 1918 in Arras, France, the exact same time and place as fellow Wingfield soldier John Pipe and his name, like John's, is recorded on the Arras memorial, France. He was 22 years of age.

Driver James Wingfield was born in 1886 in Wingfield to James and Eliza Wingfield. A farm labourer, he lived on the Fressingfield Road with his wife Emma Martin and their three boys and a girl. He joined the 18th Brigade, D battery, 'Royal field Artillery'. Fighting the Turkish forces, he died of his wounds on 26th September 1918 at the 52nd General Hospital, Macedonia. Aged 32 years old, he is buried far from his home at Mikra British Cemetery, Thessalonika, Greece.

In St Andrews Church, Wingfield during November, there will be a commemorative tableau so that people can come to contemplate and remember these brave local men who gave their lives for our tomorrows.

Melanie Murray

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In the Kitchen

Continue to feel the heat, just add a chili or two... We have enjoyed beer and barbeques in the sunshine, but also endured buckled rails and bloodsucking horseflies and, although the drought conditions threatened to shrink our crop yields, we owe a vote of thanks to all our local food producers who have battled against the elements. The sun filled days and relaxing evenings of summer have ended, soon to be followed by bonfires and bronze woodland hues. What better way to keep the heat in the kitchen than to adopt the chili culture of Mexico. Chilies can add not only gentle warmth to jam, or stoke up the fiery furnace of a Caribbean pepper sauce but in Mexico are also used as much for flavouring as for heat. The burning sensation is caused mainly by the chemical capsaicin which is found, not in its seeds, but in tiny glands in the white membrane inside the vegetable. I have offered Jalapeno as my choice of chili for the following recipes, but, with almost 2,500 varieties grown across the world there are many to choose from. Whether you choose Jalapeno, the world's most popular pepper, Scotch Bonnet, Habanero or a hotter chili you may find that you take a bite and suddenly your eyes are watering and your mouth is on fire and



you are breaking out in a sweat. Instead of reaching for a glass of iced water, have some slices of raw apple on hand. Apparently they're a much better way to cool the flames!

Sweet Chili Jam

Ingredients

Makes 4/5 small jars
8 red peppers, deseeded
10 red Jalapeno chilies
Large finger of peeled ginger
8 garlic cloves, peeled
400g can of whole cherry or baby plum tomatoes
750g caster sugar
250ml red wine vinegar

Method

Roughly chop the first 4 ingredients and blend in a food processor. Scrape into a heavy based pan and add the tomatoes, sugar and vinegar. Bring everything to a boil, skim off any scum and simmer gently for about 1.1/2 hour (or longer) until the jam starts to thicken. Stir frequently to prevent the jam burning. When the mixture looks like bubbling lava

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and a wooden spoon drawn across the bottom of the pan parts the mixture, take the pan off the heat, cool slightly and pour into clean sterilised jars. Keeps well; once opened store in refrigerator. This jam not only makes a great accompaniment to a ploughman's lunch but can be used to pep up dishes such as seafood and tomato pasta and the following chili con carne.

Chili Con Carne

Although the true origin of chili con carne is not

altogether clear, it is thought to have originated in what is now northern Mexico and southern Texas and was largely associated with working class Spanish settlers, Tejana and Mexican women. In the 1880's, a market in San Antonio started setting up chilli stands from which bowls 'o' red' were sold by women called chili queens with a glass of water and a chunk of bread. There are as many variations of chili con carne as there are for the ubiquitous spag bol. Here is my recipe.

Serves 4 - can easily be doubled or more.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive or vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 or more garlic cloves, peeled and grated
- 125g cooking chorizo, chopped
- 450g minced beef
- 2 tbsp tomato puree or sweet chilli jam
- 1 ½ jalapeno or chilies of choice, finely chopped
- 1 large glass of red wine
- 400g can of chopped tomatoes

Sweet Chili Jam Chili Con Carne and all the trimmings.....

- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- ½ stick cinnamon
- 2 good shakes of Worcester sauce
- Beef stock cube
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Chopped coriander to garnish

Method

In an oven proof lidded pan, heat oil and gently sauté garlic, onion, fresh chilies and chopped chorizo until the paprika oils are released and the onions are soft. Add the minced beef and brown, breaking up any lumps. Pour in the red wine and stir to incorporate, followed by the chili jam or tomato puree, tinned tomatoes, cumin, coriander, cinnamon, Worcester sauce and stock cube. Stir, bring to a gentle simmer and place the lid on the pan. Transfer the pan to the oven and cook at 160C for 2 hours or more until the mixture is rich and thickened. Reheats or freezes very well.

Accompaniments

Pile the chili con carne into a heated serving dish and scatter over fresh coriander leaves and stalks and serve with any of the following side dishes: jacket potatoes; potato wedges; rice; grated cheese; sour cream; lime wedges; avocado salsa; Caesar salad and red kidney beans which are not traditionally added to the stew. My favourite avocado salsa and Caesar salad can be found online at: www.deliaonline.com

Enjoy.

Gill O'Connor

Hoxne Phoenix Group

Since the last issue, the Committee has spent some time planning the Spanish Evening which is our Fund-Raising Evening for the Headway Brainy Dogs Project. I will be able to report in the next issue how much we raised.

In July, we had an interesting talk from Mike Weatherstone on the History of Norfolk through its Village Signs (he did mention a few in Suffolk as well). Having retired as a Traffic Officer in the Police Force he needed something to occupy his time! Village signs are put up for various reasons - Royal Events, well known people or local events in that particular village; the first ones in Norfolk going up in Sandringham. They are to be found in the strangest places - private gardens, school playgrounds and even in the middle of a village pond. The Diss sign shows John Skelton, Poet Laureate to King Henry VII in the 15th Century who was Rector of Diss for 25 years. The sign in Harleston weighs about half a ton and represents the design of the last piece of pottery sold in the town before World War 1. With over 500 villages and 450 village signs in Norfolk alone, he has been well occupied in his retirement - travelling over 5,000 miles in doing this.

In August we had an illustrated talk entitled "Royal Navy in World War 1" given by Mark Mitchell who is an excellent Speaker (a retired teacher) and the whole talk is linked together with slides.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th October** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and is entitled "Lucille, Dress Designer - Titanic" - the story of a survivor of the Titanic. All will be revealed that evening.

Ely Christmas Gift & Food Fair - this Coach trip on **Thursday 15th November** is open to anyone. We leave Hoxne Post Office at 9.15am and due back approx.

6pm. The Coach to Ely costs £16.00 per person and an additional £4.00 for the ticket into the Cathedral to the Craft Fair where several hundred stalls are showing their goods/hobbies - absolutely everything you can think of is there - and many Christmas present ideas. If you just want to walk around the City of Ely - visiting antique places and having a leisurely lunch and shopping it will only cost £16.00.

We do need to know numbers in the next few weeks, so please contact Viv Bradford (01379 668551) or myself (01379 668379) if you would like to be put on the list. Anyone is invited to this (men included).

Anyone who would like to come to a particular evening, without wanting to join Phoenix, you are very welcome. All we ask is for a Visitor Fee of £2.00 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits.

*Pat Green, Secretary, 01379 668379
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New Reeding Woods Group

The 17th AGM of the New Reeding Woods Group was held at the woodland in July. In his report the Chairman David Mitchell commented on the effect of the weather on the state of the wood, explaining that the long cold wet spring followed by a long dry summer has resulted in an explosion of early ash die back, but excellent prospects for butterflies. The other trees are thriving, and the weather also resulted in an early harvest of hay from the meadow and rides. Three bee orchids were seen near the pond which has suffered from the recent lack of rain. The group were delighted by the discovery of Great Crested Newts in the pond. The new notice board has proved popular with wildlife recorders and there are plans to

record sightings and maybe pictures on a group webpage.

He thanked Nigel and Carol Blandford, founder members of the group, who were now moving from Suffolk. Nigel has been the group Treasurer for many years and with Carol took on the task of successfully grant raising for the group when land was finally found in 2005.

Routine maintenance by members, friends and others continue throughout

the year, and this year we will once again have a “putting the wood to bed” event - look out for details on the noticeboard. This is a community owned woodland and everyone is welcome.

For more information about events see the notice board at the wood, and to join the group please contact our Secretary Peny Conway on 01379 870165.

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The Enigmatic link between the Hoxne Skull and the Red Squirrel

The report of the Hoxne Skull, believed to have been found in a garden in Hoxne between 1960-1990, has been mentioned in a previous edition of the Village Voice. So why has it attracted national importance recently?

When it was found originally the cranium and mandible were examined by bone structure and determined to belong to a young to middle-aged female who lived between the fifth and eleventh century. Bone changes highly indicative of leprosy were evident but, without the rest of the skeleton to examine for deformities of the feet and hands, diagnosis was not definitive.

Leprosy is a long-term infection caused by *Mycobacterium leprae* (*M.leprae*), a bacterium that exists in Britain as two main types. It affects the skin and nerves, causing discoloration and lumps and often severe disfiguration and deformities.

Advances in genetic techniques and improvements in radiocarbon dating now offer an opportunity to confirm the diagnosis of leprosy, as well as to assess the infecting type and potentially throw some light on our current knowledge about the context of the disease and its' transmission.

At the end of 2017 Sarah Inskip and others from Cambridge University published their findings on the biomolecular and geochemical analysis of the Hoxne skull. These showed that it was infected with the subtype 31 of *M.leprae*, - a type intermediate between the ancestral and modern subtypes. This is the same type as found in a skeleton at

Great Chesterford (415-545 AD) whereas the Hoxne skull was dated between 885-1015AD, indicating very similar strains existed in East Anglia for several hundred years. Other type 31 cases have been reported from medieval Britain (Winchester and Ipswich), Denmark and Sweden. This might suggest a Scandinavian origin for this lineage especially given the significant population movements that took place between these regions in the Anglo-Saxon period.

It is unclear what caused the decline in European leprosy since there has been very little change in the genetic makeup of the organism over 800 years. Although indigenous human leprosy has been absent from Britain for more than 200 years, a recent study has shown

M. leprae infection in red squirrels from Dorset is very closely related to the type found in the Hoxne skull.

Can leprosy be passed from squirrels to humans and, if so, how? Historically this route of transmission would have been possible as squirrel was used commonly for fine fur and meat during the medieval period. They were also kept as pets. King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth became very significant ports for importing fur from Scandinavian and Baltic squirrels during medieval times.

Over half of pre-Norman and Norman leprosy cases in Britain appeared in East Anglia - noteworthy compared with the rest of Britain with a suggestion that the disease was prevalent here earlier. However, three of the earliest reported cases come from the south west but these have not been subjected to radiocarbon dating or *M. leprae* analysis. Interestingly five cases have been reported along the route of the Icknield Way, an important trade route linking the SW with the east of Britain.

At the time when leprosy was becoming endemic in Britain, East Anglia had the most densely populated areas, including Norwich and Ipswich. It is believed that the increase in population density and interconnection between towns and the rural hinterland may have provided the opportunity for the disease to spread. There is a long history of leprosy in East Anglia as evidenced by the foundation of many leper hospitals, or leprosaria (lazar houses), from the 11th century onwards, with hospitals in Eye, Eccles, Dunwich, Sudbury, Ipswich and five in Norwich.

So why was there so much leprosy in East Anglia? Archaeological excavation bias should be considered due to the development of towns and cities with

early medieval precursors e.g. Norwich, but it is not evident in places like London and Bristol. Another factor may relate to good skeletal preservation in areas dominated by chalk geology. However, no leprosy cases have been recovered from



Anglo-Saxon cemeteries in areas with similar geology e.g. Dorset and Hampshire.

An interesting aspect of the Hoxne skull relates to the mandible found alongside the skull which has been determined to belong to a different individual. This raises the possibility that there might be an Anglo-Saxon cemetery in Hoxne. We are aware of others just outside the village.

In conclusion, we know that the Vikings brought us shipbuilding, days of the week and Danelaw. Were they also responsible for bringing the deadly disfiguring disease of leprosy via their squirrels to plague Britain for hundreds of years?

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In The Garden

After the hot dry summer many plants and trees may not have survived, so now's the time to take stock of what did well and what didn't. It's also a good time to evaluate your garden design and if you need new taps, paths, fencing or even change the whole lay out, now is definitely the time to do major re-vamping! You can lift and pot up loved perennials, shrub and small trees so you can replant them in the "right" place.

Do it now?

It's a great time to buy bare root trees, fruit and hedging. It also tends to be a bit cheaper in the winter and you will be able

to order a much larger range. Some plants like roses are sold a bare root wraps, in garden centres but generally the full range is still only available from specialist nurseries or mail order. Now is also the best time to buy spring bulbs, as even the most established



gardens can fit a few more crocus and daffodils in, either in the ground or in pots and tubs.

If you have planted any evergreens this season, putting up temporary with brakes made from hessian or windbreak mesh will help to stop them drying out in their first winter as they will have limited root growth and are susceptible.

General Maintenance

Lawns have really struggled this season and there will still be many lawns and meadows with dead areas and weedy patches. If the area is very small, or very large, apply a weed killer and when the weeds are dead scarify to scrape off the dead material. Re-sowing with seed is normally the cheapest and most reliable option. But if it's a small-ish area and of great visual importance, re-turfing can be the more pleasing option.

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5 Minute Jobs

Check the temperature in your greenhouse as it can still get hot on sunny days and very cold on still clear nights. So, you need to watch the ventilation and heating.

If you grow alpines or small hardy plants that are slightly susceptible to rotting in a cold a wet winter, cover them with open ended cloches or a sheet of glass or clear plastic raised up on bricks.

In the fruit and veg garden

If your ground is well drained and not frozen, you can still plant broad beans

and garlic out in a sunny spot. If you don't have space outside, you can start off some hardy peas in pots or in the greenhouse border for an early crop.

November is a good time to lift and divide old rhubarb crowns. The old books say to lift and leave the crown above ground to have a night of frost! But just removing the old growth and replanting with lots of well-rotted manure will do.

Make sure you get your bird netting over your brassicas before the pigeons make a meal out of them.

If you are luckily enough to have a sunny and sheltered south facing wall or trellis and the odd grow grape vine or two. You can start to think about pruning. Traditionally it was done on boxing day! But any time from leaf drop to the New Year should be ok. Personally I prefer to do all my pruning when its slightly warmer. Pruning in January and February can be a very finger numbing experience.

Claire Horne - BBC Radio Suffolk Gardening Expert



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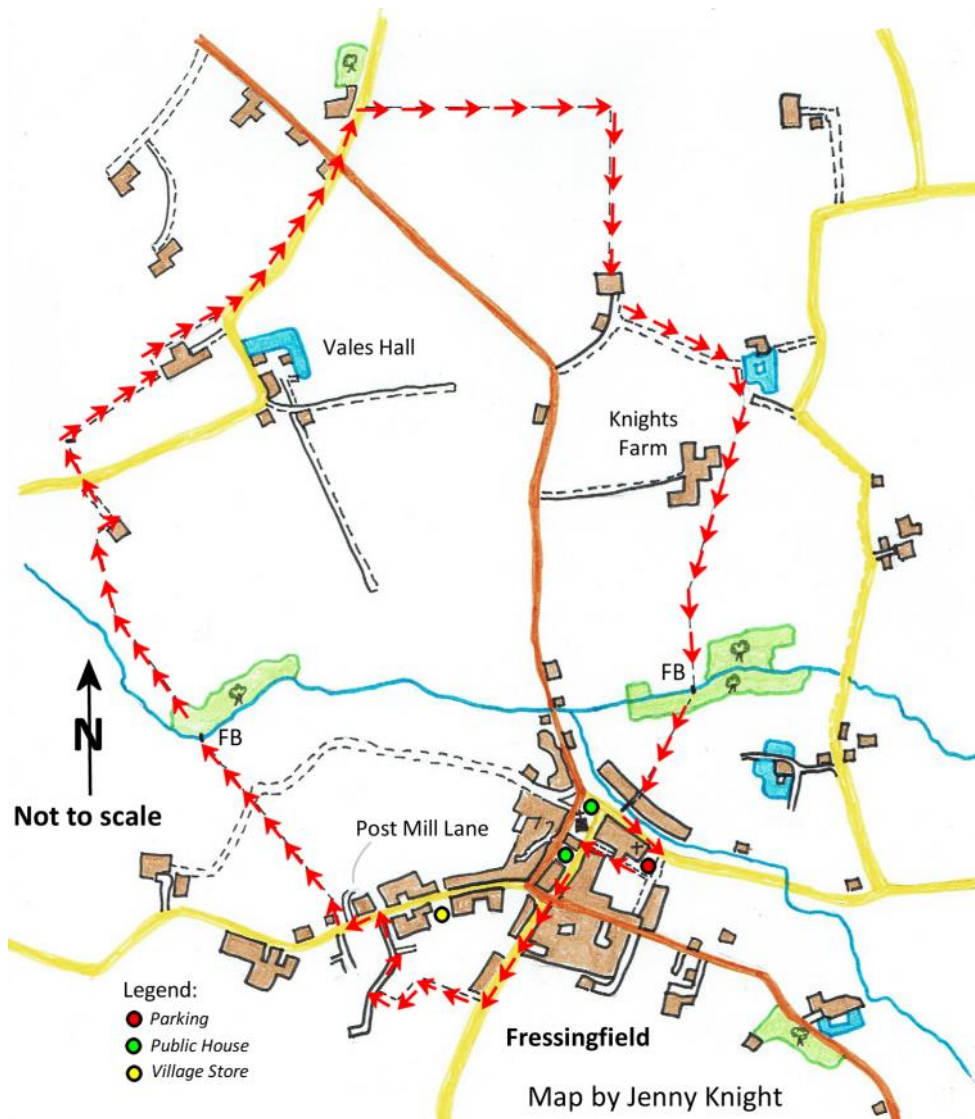
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Follow this road to a T junction. Take care here as there is restricted view to the right.

Cross the road, Turn Right and immediately Turn Left along the Stradbroke road.

Cross to the pavement and continue, ignoring two turnings on the right. Just past the very last house, **Turn Right** along a footpath.

This path keeps to the right edge of a field, then skirts the back of some houses to emerge onto a narrow road.

Turn Right.

Follow this road through a small estate, keeping left at a junction, until you reach a T junction opposite the doctor's surgery. **Turn Left.**

In a few yards, on your right, is Post Mill Lane. Alongside this is a grassy track running between a bungalow and a small estate. **Take this Track.**

The track soon becomes a path and crosses a farm track to descend into a valley, into a wood and across a footbridge. It then exits the wood, climbing a ridge with fine views across a valley to the left.

At the crest of the ridge, the path bears right through the hedge and continues diagonally across a field to the right of a house with solar panels and toward some power line poles and a Horse Chestnut tree.

Keep to the left of the tree, then bear right, keeping farm buildings on your right. Reach a gravel track and **Turn Left.**

Where the track reaches a road, cross to a footpath ahead. At the second power line pole **Turn Right** through the hedge and over a footbridge.

Follow the field edge until you reach some farm buildings, then dogleg left

and right, following the direction of the power lines. At a gate to the road, slide past the right gate post and **Turn Left** onto the road.

Follow this and keep ahead at a crossroad. In one hundred yards look for a kissing gate on the right. Pass through.

Ahead is a narrow field that looks like a race course. It once was. Follow the straight course.

After half a mile, or four furlongs, shortly after a small pond and just before a small oak tree, **Turn Right** through a metal gate.

Follow the field edge to another metal gate and pass through. Keep dead ahead along the field edge then through the farmyard with the cattle pens on your left.

After the pens, look for a track on the left, running along the left edge of a field, toward a house. Just before the house, **Turn Right** onto a path that skirts the house to the right and meets a gravel road in front of two cottages. **Turn Right.**

Follow this road until it turns left, then take the footpath ahead, keeping to the left of a ditch.

A well defined path passes to the left of the buildings of Knight's farm, then along a field edge. The path doglegs right then left to cross a ditch and continues on its right side into a valley, across a river and climbs the far side.

Where a path joins from the left, keep ahead to descend toward the houses of Fressingfield.

Cross a white bridge over a brook to a road. **Turn Left.**

You will see the Chapel ahead on the right. Pass it and turn right into the close and the car park.

Roger Knight

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Parish Council Reports

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Denham

The Parish Council is meeting again on **Wednesday 28th November** at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed. Please check the noticeboards or website for confirmation of venue.

Hoxne

Grants to Community Groups - Using powers under the Local Government Act of 1972, the Parish Council has an annual budget available to make financial awards to community organisations in the village. If you have a project that you may require funding for, a copy of the Grant Awarding Policy is available on the Parish Council website:

hoxne.onesuffolk.net

Village Sign - The Parish Council would like to thank both the County Councillor Guy McGregor and District Councillor, Elizabeth Gibson-Harries for their financial support towards the village sign. The design is now at the final stage and work on this project continues by the Parish Council.

Highways - The County Council Highways website is a good way to report your concerns about potholes, verges, road signs etc and this can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/highways

Housing Needs Survey - a presentation will be made at the October meeting by Community Action Suffolk and Mid Suffolk District Council on how to progress a survey for the village. The Parish Council feels this is an important piece of work to assess housing need in the village.

Next Meetings - The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be **Thursday 4th October** at the Playing

Field Pavilion and **Thursday 1st November** at St Edmund's Hall. Both meetings will commence at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Syleham

Since our last report the Parish Council has met twice. Both meetings involved planning issues.

On June 6th there was an extraordinary meeting to discuss the outline planning application for 4 homes to be built on a vacant plot on the Weybread Road. The Council did not oppose building on the land, but did object to the specific development proposed. The application has been subsequently rejected by MSDC's Planning Department.

On September 5th the scheduled meeting had to deal with an application by the Monks Hall Estate for a barn conversion at the junction of Hoxne and Syleham Road. A site visit was arranged and concluded approval to the scheme with caveats. The site floods and the developers should direct the offending water course underneath the Hoxne Road and away from the site. And, all building contactor traffic should be parked off road to avoid congestion and danger on the public highway. MSDC Planning have been informed.

At the same meeting the Council discussed the proposed boundary changes

involving local government. The Boundary Commission is proposing that Syleham and Wingfield are moved from the Hoxne to Fressingfield constituency. This would end the historical link with Church diocese boundaries and the established focus of village life and indeed the Village Voice! The Council has written to the Boundary Commission about its misgivings.

The next scheduled parish council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wingfield

The Council held its first meeting with its new augmented and fully complemented membership on August 3rd. Our new members, Rosemary Elliot and Robin Feavearyear, were introduced to the vagaries of local government. Albeit your Parish Council works at grassroot level, it must deal with national issues and be governed by the same regulations as District and County Councils. Here are some recent diverse illustrations:

Cone Tree Nurseries - This small business on Top Road wants to offset the falling pound and future problems threatened by Brexit by building a greenhouse to grow its own plants and reduce its reliance on importing them



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from the EU. This has involved MSDC Planning Department and the PC in extraordinary Council meetings, site visits and correspondence. We are happy to report that the problems involved have been resolved and Cone Tree has been given the opportunity to grow their business and thrive in Wingfield.

Armistice 1918 - In November, this country marks the end of WWI one hundred years ago. 12 members of the Wingfield community died in this war. To commemorate their sacrifice the Council has approved the planting of 12 lime trees on Wingfield Common beside the pond.

Public Participation - At the last Parish Council meeting, the Council was challenged by two residents. Firstly, about its adherence to the rules and regulations governing its behaviour and secondly its governance of common land. In both cases the problems have been addressed. The procedural errors will be rectified and the infringement of common land investigated and found to be unjustified.

As a constituted body of government, Wingfield Parish Council is answerable to its residents and welcomes being questioned about its performance. We invite you all to our next meetings to be held at Wingfield Barns on **Friday 28th September** and **Friday 30th November** starting at 7.30pm.

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The Lunch Bunch Visits...

At just two days' notice, the lovely staff at the Fox and Goose in Fressingfield squeezed us in for a celebratory lunch. It was a slightly autumnal day but dry and soon to be one of our party's birthday! Given how often we all now go out for lunch on your dear readers behalf, Birthday lunches are becoming a regular event! When we arrived, the carpark was already almost full, so we knew it was going to be a busy lunchtime. Our welcome was warm, and we were quickly shown our table and offered drinks. There appeared to be a large party already in the main bar area, so it was nice to sit down.

The Fox and Goose has always been thought of as a pub you only go to for special occasions, but with a very inviting

deal, two courses for £15.95, and three for £20.95, so for the quality of the food a very reasonable offering, we have agreed to move it from the specials list, to when we want

somewhere nice to eat list!

So, the food! Well the menu was delicious sounding and I suspect they could have served any of the items to us and we would have all be delighted, vegetarian and fish options were available, and they can and do offer to tailor your meal if you have any food allergies. We pondered and had a drink but finally choose, the fishcake, the pate and Suffolk Chorizo and peaches for starters. Some warm bread with butter was brought to the table for us to eat, and very quickly our starters arrived. They were beautifully presented and mouth wateringly delicious. Clean

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plates all round were returned to the kitchen. After our water jug was replenished, our main courses arrived.

Spurgeons sausages, mash and seasonal veg, Pork fillet

with sauté potatoes, mouth-wateringly butternut squash puree and Sea bass on crushed potatoes with baby tomatoes, olives and capers.... Again, beautifully presented, but also eatable and very very tasty. The flavours of the ingredients have been very carefully thought out and they use local and seasonal. Then dessert.

Again, I think we would have all happily eaten any of the items on the list as they all sounded rich, indulgent and tasty! But we opted for the crème brûlée, Panna Cotta and Chocolate orange mousse along with coffee.

All in all, a really lovely lunch. The staff were attentive, happy in their work and the atmosphere

warm and friendly. The food worthy of all the awards and features in specialist food guides and now a 5 star thumbs up from the Lunch Bunch diners!

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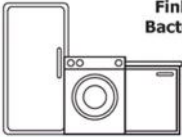
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A Word from Wingfield

Workaway

Some time ago I advertised in our weekly Quaker magazine (The Friend) for a resident driver companion, since at 93 it seemed better to have someone else at the wheel. The only response was from a Friend in York who said she couldn't drive, but might be able to learn to do so. Then my daughter told me about the Workaway website www.workaway.info, an international scheme which links hosts and guests around the world.

The host's agreed profile joins others on a computer which also carries the profiles of some 40 thousand guests. They pay a modest annual registration fee which enables them to get in touch with potential hosts in places where they intend to travel. The host pays no fee. There is a tick box for the host to indicate the sort of help sought, such as cooking, laundry, shopping, gardening, baby care, housework, etc and in return for five hours of help a day, the host provides the guest with free board and lodging.

The guests, often from abroad, who are not employed if they are not British, come into the UK as visitors, and stay for periods of time mutually agreed, anything from a few weeks or more. My first somewhat older than the average guest was a 78 year old man who stayed for three months. Many are students, but others are adults with no family constraints, who are seeking adventure and a change of scene, or wish to improve their English.

The scheme provided a convenient way of helping me to cope: elderly, aged 93, but not yet in need of care which is not always easy to come by. One of today's problems arises from the availability and capacity of the state to help the growing number of the elderly to remain in their

homes, which leads to NHS expenditure on bed blocking for which there have been some modest initiatives with small voluntary schemes. And today fewer families have the space to help, and not everyone wants to be in a granny flat, or a sheltered or care home. Continuity in the family home is preferred.

With Workaway there are spin offs such as better international understanding. My guests have come from the UK, France, Holland, Jamaica, New Zealand, and Brazil, mostly older women who take over the running of the household and deal with the day to day domestic business which were once the preserve of wives.

So, if you are on your own, a widow or widower perhaps, have the usual problems coping with running your home, need some help, and either cannot afford it and council money is not available, you may be interested to check whether Workaway can help fill the bill.

All messages and photos travel through the Workaway computer which protects those concerned until they arrange to share their contact information, after which e mail, Face Time and Skype provide a good way of establishing rapport. My experience of the scheme over the past year with seven very different guests has been good, and I now have seven new friends on my mailing list.

The latest guest, a woman from New Zealand, has just boarded a train at Diss Station with her rucksack heading south for Stanstead, en route for Peru. Her passport was stamped for a three month visit. Her successor, a writer/playwright from Paris, arrives in four weeks time. She is a returnee who would like to get her prize winning play translated and performed here in the UK. She comes in as an EU citizen. Hopefully EU guests from 26 countries will still be able to participate after EU day.

You will see from the Workaway website that it is not a dating agency. It is the

world's leading community for volunteering, working and cultural exchange with over 30,000 hosts from 170 countries, sharing culture and languages with rural community projects and families. It brings you into touch with interesting enterprising men and women both young and old. Successive guests are all different and flexibility and adjustment to routines may be called for, but that is a small price to pay for a scheme which costs very little except for some measure of adaptability.

Initially I stipulated that a guests first week was "on trial", but found that to be unnecessary. However, one potential guest came first for Sunday lunch with her lap dog to meet her host and the domestic scene. The dog scared a goose and it disappeared and so did she!

Tommy Gee



Graffito in Hoxne Church

I was recently shown a book entitled 'English Medieval Church Graffiti' which was written by Violet Pritchard in 1967, which showed an illustration of what seemed to be a reliquary or pyx in the form of an interwoven cross on a chalice like base. I was not aware of this feature in the church although I know the architecture of the church fairly well.

In one of my archive folders I came across some notes I had made in 1989 including a forgotten note about the graffito. This intricate design was engraved into one of the pillars of the circa 1400 nave arcade at the north east end.

Bari Hooper, the Essex based historical graffiti expert, did some research relating to this design which he ascribes

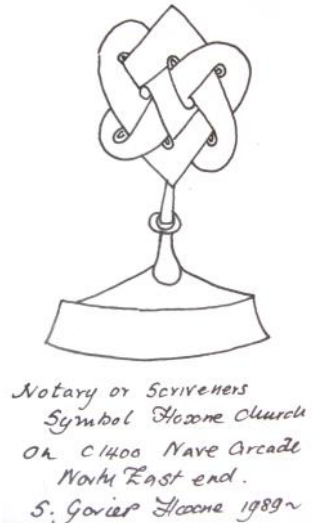
to a symbolic design used by a notary or scrivener. A notary performs acts in a legal affair, usually witnessing signatures to documents, whilst a scrivener [Latin for scribe] would read and write a legal document.

A Suffolk notary or scrivener thought that he would leave his mark in his local church; this seems an odd thing to do as it would surely be noticed by the vicar or churchwarden. As the majority of people couldn't read or write. The device can be compared with other interlaced designs dating from the 14th to the 16th century.

J S Purvis was the author of 'Notarial Signs from the York Archiepiscopal Records', published in 1957 and with other publications including details of the monumental brass of the notary Robert Wimbill [d.1479] at St Mary le Tower church, Ipswich, it would appear that Hoxne had a local notary.

It would also appear that the Hoxne design had a signature underneath which is very faint to decipher. I did take a look at the nave arcade the other day, but remember that these pillars were once painted and later stripped on paint;

perhaps a detective in Hoxne can find the exact location of this curious design? I enclose a drawing of the design for those who are interested and as a record for the history of the village.



**Stephen Govier, Elmswell
August 2018**

SEASONAL FLU CLINICS FOR 2018

We are running our flu clinics differently this year as the Government have changed the flu vaccination that Practices provide to patients aged 65 and over (including those patients aged 65 by the 31/3/2019)

This new vaccine is called Flud and is licenced for only those over 65 as it has been developed specifically with the needs of the elderly in mind. Although it is the first time that the vaccine has been used in England it is already approved for use in more than 30 countries. This vaccine is likely to give better protection against flu for those aged 65 and over than vaccines used in previous years.

Delivery of Flud to Practices – In past years we have received all our flu vaccines at the end of September allowing us to run the majority of our flu clinics during October. As it is the first time that Flud has been used in this country the Government are staggering the deliveries of Flud to all practices with 40% delivered at the end of September, 20% at the end of October and 40% in Mid-November. This means that we will not have sufficient vaccines to run our normal flu clinics.

Providing the flu vaccination to patients – As we will not have sufficient vaccines to vaccinate everyone over 65 during October the Government have advised that we prioritise who we provide the vaccinations to as follows:

Priority 1 - Those aged 75 years and over

Priority 2 – Those aged 65 to 74 years old

Flu Clinic for those patients aged 75 years and over

We will run a Saturday flu clinic in early October for those patients in the Priority 1 group, i.e. those aged 75 years and over. This is because our first delivery of Flud will only be sufficient to vaccinate those patients in the first priority group. We will send all patients that are aged 75 years and over a letter during September inviting them to attend the clinic. **Only those patients that have received a letter will be able to attend the clinic.** The delivery of the vaccines is completely outside of our control, there is a still a possibility that we will not have sufficient vaccines for all the patients aged over 75 who attend this first clinic and we apologise in advance if this is the scenario

Flu Clinic for those patients aged less than 65 years who are in a clinical risk group

We will run a Saturday flu clinic in early October for patients aged less than 65 who are in a clinical risk group. We will send these patients a letter during September inviting them to attend the clinic. **Only those patients that have received a letter will be able to attend the clinic.** The Government are recommending that this group of patients have the Quadrivalent Vaccine. **This is the same vaccine that we used last year.** There is no restriction on the supply of this vaccine. We will receive the Quadrivalent Vaccine at the end of September.

Flu Clinic for those patients aged between 65 years and 74 years old

We will run a flu clinic in mid-November once we have received our final delivery of the Flud vaccine, allowing us to vaccinate the 65 to 74 year age group. This clinic is open to all patients that are eligible for the vaccination but have not yet received the vaccination, including those patients aged 75 and over or aged under 65 who have been unable to attend the previous flu clinics. The clinic will be on the following date:

Saturday 17th November 2018 at Fressingfield Medical Centre –

We will publicise the details of this clinic nearer the time, so please look out for posters in the waiting rooms and on the practice website (www.fressingfieldmedicalcentre.co.uk) during October

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. The delivery of the flu vaccines is completely outside our control. Every practice in England is receiving their flu vaccinations in a staggered way with the final deliveries being made in November.

The best way for people at risk from flu either due to their age or medical condition is to protect themselves by getting the flu vaccine each year.

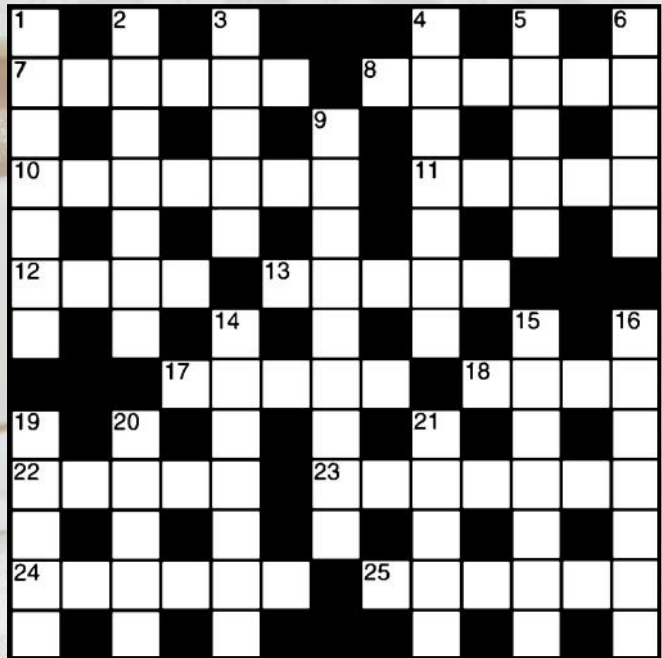
Our Patient Participation Group are making arrangements for refreshments to be available at the Saturday Flu Clinics, we hope to see you at one of the clinics.

Crossword

Puzzle No. 126

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Across

- 7 December to February down under (6)
- 8 Various deltas are seasoned (6)
- 10 A mad tan could make one resolute (7)
- 11 At the ends of the earth (5)
- 12 Lazy pop star by the sound of it (4)
- 13 Home sweet home in the frozen north (5)
- 17 Tighten the propeller (5)
- 18 A seaman a cut above ordinary (4)
- 22 Audibly permitted (5)
- 23 Careful use of a nation's wealth (7)
- 24 Begin the summary again (6)
- 25 Cowardly Blue Peter presenter (6)

Down

- 1 Claims I make regarding a belief (7)
- 2 Can I be friendly (7)
- 3 Started for example in an embargo (5)
- 4 Plug made from the maintop (7)
- 5 Beer at the end of the road is not fresh (5)
- 6 Have great regard for an entrance I hear (5)
- 9 Amazed at the greed stag displayed (9)
- 14 Day came to found college (7)
- 15 Set free from blame (7)
- 16 Depending on the encircled city (7)
- 19 Wee child I found in an outhouse (5)
- 20 Freewheel by the seaside (5)
- 21 Grieve early in the day it seems (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 125 was: Iain Gibson – Hoxne
Answers: Across 7) Pollen 8) Easier 10) Several 11) Green 12) Lute 13) Board
 17) Relay 18) Form 22) Inert 23) Leveret 24) Absent 25) Invert
Down 1) Epistle 2) Elevate 3) Bears 4) Laggard 5) Rider 6) Frank 9) Allowable
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