

The background of the cover is a photograph of a well-maintained garden. In the foreground, several tall purple iris flowers are in full bloom, with some buds still visible. The ground is covered with green grass and small white flowers. In the middle ground, there are large, rounded, green bushes. In the background, a stone building with a grey roof and Gothic-style windows is visible. The sky is clear and blue.

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Diary Dates

Every weekend in June

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Art in the Barn WB p14

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Open Mic SWH p15

Saturday 8th June

Come for Coffee SWH p15

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HPP Playing Fields Pavilion, Hoxne

HVH St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne

SWH Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

WB Wingfield Barns

Letters to the Editor

PLANT SALES

Two successful plant sales have been held this Spring on Low Street Green, Honxe. A total of £634 has been raised for the Playing Field. Thank you for supporting these sales and enjoy your plants this Summer.

Carole Smith

CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL

We thank all those who gave so generously to this Save the Children appeal, either by buying Easter egg raffle tickets or by



donation. Over £230 was raised and the winning ticket was drawn on Monday 15th April, the winner being Jill Short of Hoxne.

Thanks also to Joan and David at the village shop for allowing us to base the raffle outside.

Jackie Johnson

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Hoxne Church Cleaner Required

At present the cleaning of the church is carried out by three teams of volunteers, but it is becoming more and more of a task, as none of these are getting any younger. So, it has been agreed by the PCC, that a cleaner or team of cleaners should be employed to carry out this important work.

The frequency is a couple of hours at two week intervals, the work consist of dusting, vacuuming the carpets etc the brass fittings will still be done by the present team. This job could be for one person or be ideal for two friends working together every second week. If interested in the details of pay rates etc, please contact John Brawn, Secretary to the PCC, **01379 668352**.

J's Meadow, Syleham

The Hall Management Committee has identified some simple and inexpensive developments which we hope to put in place this summer e.g. some seating, a bug hotel, and sensory gardens. There will be a play area with logs and tree stumps, also a den building area to include a basic structure and willow stems to add as the imagination leads! Donations of logs and scented plants would be most welcome: we are thinking initially of herbs such as rosemary, curry, sage and thyme, and also lavender.

We would love families to be involved in building the bug hotel or preparing the sensory garden. An initial work

party has already taken place but further dates will be arranged in due course so do get in touch if you would like to be involved. In the autumn, we plan to add a few trees and shrubs for shade, colour and scent when the weather is right for planting, and would welcome offers to sponsor either a tree or shrub. Meanwhile, we are very grateful to Malcolm Revell and Michael Harvey who are nurturing our fledgling hedge.

Syleham WWII Lancaster Crash

Appeal Update

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mary Lewis for responding to my initial enquiry. Mary put me in touch with Maureen Brundle who kindly invited me to visit her and tell me about the aircraft that ended up in her field and then took me down to see the crash site. My thanks also to the Village Voice for their piece in the April/May edition that resulted in several phone calls offering information. Keith and Gloria Elsdon and Gary were but to name a few. Keith and Gloria also took me to retrace Keith's steps that he took to look at the crash as a young boy back in 1944. Keith kindly gave me a piece of the wreckage that he had picked up and been guarding safely in his shed for the last 75 years which I shall treasure. My wife and I plan to come back to Syleham in November to place a poppy cross and pay our respects at the site.

The last flight of 101 Squadron Lancaster LM464 E

On the night of 18th March 1944, Lancaster LM464 E took off from Ludford Magna (Lincolnshire) at 19.20 heading for Frankfurt. It was last heard from at 00:14 by another 101 Squadron Lancaster LM479 C who were near Newmarket when they heard the transmission. The location given by LM464 E was in the Orfordness area and they were in trouble.

It is thought they ran into fog on the return route and ran out of fuel and crashed in the field near Syleham. Looking at the chart for this raid that my father, F/ S K.G. Thompson D.F.C., had plotted they were not off course. Tracing a line from Orfordness over Syleham to Ludford Magna is almost "as the crow flies" a straight line.



Examples of bug hotels

We do hope that people of all ages will want to make use of this new facility. In time, we want to make

the Meadow accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs, and add a wooden covered area, but these developments may depend on grant-funding.

Meanwhile, we are liaising with the Parish Clerk for advice on obtaining formal planning consent for change of use from its current agricultural listing to amenity land.



Questions or offers of help or donations can be directed to me or by email to Julie Thompson:

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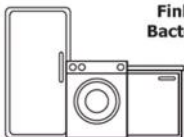
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The crash wreckage was relatively contained in an area halfway down the footpath on the other side of the ditch in the field behind Fir Tree Farm. Low loader trailers were sent to retrieve what were mostly large sections of the aircraft. A visit by the Lowestoft Aviation Society in the 1980s with metal detectors unearthed very little in the way of debris. Artefacts from LM464 E and a crash site photo are held at the Norfolk and Suffolk Air Museum in Flixton, which were donated by the Lowestoft Aviation Society. Despite the appearance of a relatively intact aircraft all the crew perished at the scene. Their details are follow below.

Crew of 101 Squadron Lancaster MkIII LM464 E

1432446 **Flight Sergeant Roy Dixon** - Pilot - Cambridge City Cemetery (20 years);
1671851 **Sergeant Bertram Crosby** - Flight Engineer - Acklam Cemetery, Middlesbrough (20 years);
1670366 **Sergeant William Haswell Thompson** - Navigator - Holy Cross Cemetery, Wallsend (27 years);
1216538 **Sergeant Roger Dunkerley Vernon** - Wireless Operator - Cambridge City Cemetery (21 years);
J.25512 **Flying Officer Sydney Leonard Huntley** (Canada) - Bomb Aimer - Brookwood Military Cemetery (25 years);

1893252 **Sergeant Noris Sydney Marshall** - Mid Upper Gunner - Cobham Cemetery, Esher (No age recorded);
1234719 **Sergeant Percy Reginald Lawn** - Rear Gunner - St. Peter and St. Paul Churchyard Runham (22 years);
1897813 **Sergeant Robert Harry Bryan** - Special Wireless Operator - Cambridge City Cemetery (No age recorded);

Details of the raid - 18/19 March 1944 target Frankfurt

846 aircraft sent - 620 Lancasters (of these 101 Squadron sent 25) - 209 Halifaxes - 17 Mosquitoes.

22 aircraft lost -10 Lancasters (LM464 E being one of them) - 12 Halifaxes - 2.6% of the force.

The German fighter force found the bomber stream just before it reached the target and cloud made it difficult for them to attack with much success. The target had been well marked by the Pathfinder Mosquitoes and East, West and central Frankfurt were heavily bombed.

Seriously damage or destroyed - 99 Industrial firms - 412 Small businesses - 56 Public buildings.

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Wildflower Meadow Open Weekend

**SATURDAY 8TH AND
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Come and visit our wildflower meadow, sown in 2013 and now established with increasing populations of native wildflowers, butterflies, bees and other insects. Informal talks in the morning and afternoon will cover establishing a wildflower meadow, plants in the meadow, managing the meadow for wildlife and wildlife in the meadow.

Entry free. Refreshments available. Donations to **Next Stop Symi**, a local charity helping bring dignity to the lives of refugees arriving on the Greek island of Symi. Parking limited - please lift share where possible.

Moat House, 01379 668302
Green Street, Hoxne IP21 5AZ
Instagram @summerinthemeadow

Wingfield Open Gardens

**SATURDAY 15TH AND
SUNDAY 16TH JUNE, 11AM – 4PM**

Wingfield village, home to the Dukes of Suffolk in medieval times is situated on the Suffolk/Norfolk border comprising of **18 gardens**, including the topiary gardens of Wingfield College and adjacent Wingfield Barns, where Suffolk Open Studios work will be displayed during the event. Can you spot the scarecrows along the route? There will be plant, craft and bric-à-brac stalls,

light lunches and cream teas. There are toilets and parking is

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Midsummer Event

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE, 4PM TIL LATE

At the Hoxne Playing Field, Heckfield Green. Childrens activities, food, music, bar open. Come and join in the midsummer fun.



Carole Smith

Wildflower Meadow Scything Day

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE, 11AM – 3PM

Learn about scything from experienced scyther and teacher Richard Brown from Emorsgate Seeds

(who taught us) who will share his experience and show how scything can be used to manage the meadow for

wildlife. Activities include:

- Scything lesson with Richard - 8 places only and **booking essential**. £10 per person and scythes provided.
- "Have a go" sessions for those who are curious.
- Watch and enjoy for those who prefer a hands-off approach!

Bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

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Crossing the Border

SING FOR WATER

Directed by Janet Koralambe

Hoxne Church
Saturday July 13
7.30pm

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Tickets from:
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There will be a collection at the end. Proceeds will support Water Aid in their campaign to bring clean water and sanitation to people in Malawi

 **WaterAid**

Two, by Jim Cartwright

OPEN SPACE THEATRE COMPANY

WINGFIELD BARN, FRIDAY 5TH JULY

HOXNE VILLAGE HALL, FRIDAY 19TH JULY

A landlady and landlord greet customers frequenting that microcosm of community life - the local pub. Jim Cartwright's dark, heart-rending comedy depicts the rich tapestry



of human experience through intimate insights into the lives of those on both sides of the bar. Open Space Theatre, which presented *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* in Wingfield and Hoxne in April, returns to the village with a highly engaging and poignant drama, likely to bring tears of both laughter and sadness.

Tickets £12 & £9.50 (concessions) - box office **01986 894411**. Tickets may also be available on the door. Both performances start 7.30pm

www.openspacetheatre.org.uk

RoughCast's

A Midsummer Night's Dream

WINGFIELD BARN, FRIDAY 19TH JULY

HOXNE SWAN GARDENS, SAT 27TH JULY

Following the success of recent summer tours of "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night", RoughCast bring you Shakespeare's most popular comedy: "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Set in an enchanted forest with warring fairies, sparring lovers and a group of enthusiastic amateur actors who are putting on a play, this most magical and hilarious play is the perfect

entertainment for a July evening.

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Performances start 7.30pm. Tickets £10 or £6 for full - time students. Touring July 8th to 27th. For all venues and further details visit:

www.roughcast.co.uk

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Hoxne Village Fete

SATURDAY 20TH JULY, 2PM

This years village Fete is once again at Abbey Farm Hoxne, in aid of Hoxne Church. Free entry with lots to do and enjoy; Tea, BBQ, Bar, fete games, cake stall, plant stall, tombola, raffle and more.



A great village event for all the family. Please join in, bring your family and friends to

have fun and make new friends.

Anyone keen to help can contact Anthony Benton on **01379 668319**.

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Advance Notice

HOXNE CHARITIES CLAY SHOOT

At Oakley Park on **Sunday 1st September** 10am 'til 4pm, by kind permission of landowner, Peter Saunders. This year we will be raising funds for our primary school through

their PTA, Hoxne School Association, as well as for Hoxne Playing Field. It's a beautiful site overlooking the Waveney valley where people come from across East Anglia to have a day out, pit themselves against the disc of clay flying through the sky, and raise funds for our local causes.

We are grateful to all our many helpers who return each year, but **always need more** to fill in when one or two are unavailable. Scoring on each of the 'stands' will only be in pairs with an experienced person, helping with refreshments including making sure all volunteers are fed and watered. Preparation time on the Friday and Saturday before. Please get in touch if you can spare us a couple of hours.

We have been raising between £1500 and £2000 each year which has been distributed between Hoxne based charities.

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Hoxne Harvest Breakfast

This years event will take place on **Sunday 15th September** on Low Street Green from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be a full breakfast, music, entertainment for the children and games.

Carole and Alan Smith

Hoxne Village Hall

Film Nights

Bar opens 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm with interval. Ice creams and pop corn available. Tickets in advance on **01379 668060** or from Hoxne PO, Shop, Deli & Tea Rooms.

Friday 7th June - The Favourite (15)

Early 18th century England is at war with France. A frail Queen Anne, (Olivia Colman), reigns and her friend Lady Sarah, (Rachel Weisz), in effect governs the country. This historical comedy period film has proven highly popular. Olivia Colman received 2019 Best Actress Oscar for her role. Although a certificate 15, it does contain strong language!



Friday 5th July - Green Book (12)

Has been described as "one of the most powerful films of the year". Set in 1960's America, covers the road journey



of an African-American pianist, (Mahershala Ali), through American's racially segregated South. He is driven by a tough Italian-American ex bouncer, (Viggo Mortensen). At first their attitudes clash,

however as they endure America's injustices on the road, they find respect for each other's talents and nurture a friendship and understanding that changes both their lives.

No film in August, but dates for the remainder of the year are 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 13th December. Next Season's Films yet to be decided, watch out for posters and flyers near the time. You are welcome to borrow past DVD's free of charge- contact Booking Clerk - details below.



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Two, by Jim Cartwright Open Space Theatre Company

Friday 19th July - See page 10 for production and booking details.



Hall News

The Hall Bar is pleased to welcome two new volunteers, needed as we have several bookings for weddings this year. The first wedding was May Bank Holiday Weekend. Whilst the weather was not perfect, the Hall was decorated superbly, and everyone had a lovely time! Our newly refurbished back of bar area was excellent to work in on a busy evening. The new offering of Rhubarb and Ginger Gin went down very well.



If you do have a few hours to spare and fancy pulling a few pints, please get in touch. No previous experience necessary, full training given, and you would always be with someone who knows what they are doing (well we like to think so!) Interested? Please give

Sharon a call on **01379 668060** or email to the address below.

For contact details of the various organisations that use the Hall, please see our website for more information:
www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

If you would like to book the Hall, or just want to find out what we can offer for a wedding reception, party, fundraiser or any other event, please email Sharon and Sally on **hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com** or call **07876 215269**.

Wingfield Barns

The Hound Within The Heart Common Ground Theatre Company

Thursday 13th June, 7.30pm.

Following last year's acclaimed production of *The Mariner*, Common Ground present a play with music about the life and loves of American poetic genius, Emily Dickinson.

One of the greatest & most loved of American poets, the reclusive "Belle of Amherst", continues to be an elusive figure. In *The Hound Within The Heart*, we shatter the myth of Emily as a virginal neurotic, and present her as a fierce, brilliant and sexually charged writer in charge of her own destiny.

Was there a secret love in her life? What was the explosive event in her past that "stopped... existence"? A "wild woman of words", deeply philosophical, intensely engaged with the world, and able to write poetry that disturbs and delights us today. "My life has stood - a loaded gun", she wrote. Told in her own words, and with the haunting music of Pat Whymark, this is a story of genius in



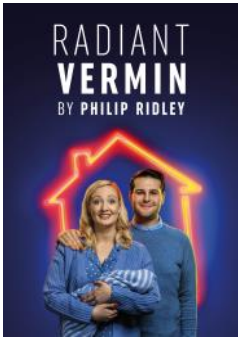
the process of formation and in the act of overwhelming production.

We hope to inspire audiences to go to her poetry with a greater understanding of why she still works a spell in our own time. Cast includes Julian Harries, Emily Bennett and Janeena Sims as Emily.

Tickets £12/£7.

Radiant Vermin **By Philip Ridley, EM Productions**

Wednesday 26th June, 7.30pm. What would you do for your dream home? Ollie and Jill want to tell you about their dream home. Some of the things they did to get it, you might find shocking. But they want you to know they did it all for their baby...



A hilarious and outrageous black comedy from internationally acclaimed Philip Ridley. Playful, provocative and viciously sharp, Radiant Vermin is a wickedly comic satire about a young couple who are offered a way out of

the housing crisis, and just how far they're prepared to go for it.

Starring Emma Martin (The Browning Version, Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf, The Blue Angel), Jake Kubala (Woman in Mind, Separate Tables) and Frances Lamb (Dancing at Lughnasa, See How They Run). Tickets £10/£6.

Two, By Jim Cartwright **Open Space Theatre Company**

Friday 5th July, 7.30pm. See page 10 for production details.



RoughCast's **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Friday 19th July, 7.30pm. See page 10 for production details.



EXHIBITIONS

Inspired Art – **Suffolk Open Studios**

Every weekend in June. Inspired Art at Wingfield Barns is a group of exciting artists exhibiting together in Studios 1, 2 and 4 at Wingfield Barns.

These artists are committed to producing high quality work. Along with members of John's Art Class, this hub is a 'must see' exhibition.

Art in the Barn

First weekend of the month, 1st & 2nd June, 6th & 7th July. 11am - 4pm. Original art, paintings, sculpture, prints, textiles. Coffee & cake. See: www.artinthebarn.art

The Waveney Nine

Saturday 13th to Sunday 28th July. 11am - 4pm. Gallery 1, Wednesday to

Nell Close
Rosemary Elliott
Jane German
Sara Johnson
Gill Levin
Val Lindsell
Elaine Nason
Mary Spicer
Jilly Szaybo

13th to 28th July 2019
11am - 4 pm Gallery 1
Wednesday to Sunday

Private View 6-8pm
Thursday 11th July

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Saturday 8th June - Come for Coffee 10.30am - 12.30pm. Refreshments, raffle, cake stall.

Saturday 6th July - Annual Family BBQ food from 5pm, pay as you eat, traditional games, bonus ball game.

Saturday 17th August - Bring and share Picnic on J's Meadow 3.30pm onwards.

July sees the Sports and Social club members renewing their subscriptions £3.50 (£3 for concessions) which gives you access to all opening times on **Tuesdays and Fridays** as well as discounts on some events. We would ask that all that use the club become members, after a visit or two to make sure you're happy to continue coming regularly or occasionally. Thank you.

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Bingo for locally nominated charities and good causes continues on the **last Friday** of the month. Come and join us to start just after 8pm. If you would like to nominate a 'good cause' please get in touch.

Look out for Common Ground theatre making a return visit later in the year, as well as an evening of live Jazz and more live music in November!

While the walls of the main hall are being redecorated, the beautiful photographs of years gone by are being carefully restored. They'll be back on the walls as soon as possible.

The postcode of Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall for SatNav users is **IP21 4LT**.

**Julie Thompson, text 07929 794636
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How to book the hall

Bookings for Syleham and Wingfield village hall can be made with:

**Donna Baker, 01379 668361
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What's On There

Horham Car Boot Sale

On the Community Centre Meadow, **Saturday 1st. June**, 10am "late risers" 11am buyers. Bar, refreshments. Ring Karen on mobile **07775 672220** (£5.00 pre-booked, £6.00 on the day). In aid of Horham & Athelington Community Council funds.

Open Farm Sunday

At Shotford Hall Farm, Harleston, IP20 9QT, on **Sunday 9th June**, 11am to 5pm. Free Entry. Visit our mixed farm to discover where and how your food is produced and used and

how farmers look after the environment. Ever wondered what it's like in the seat of a tractor or what technology is involved? How are animals reared and cared for? Come and find out and get close to the machinery, touch the animals and meet the people actively involved in farming. Enjoy a tractor and trailer tour, take a leisurely riverside walk or get busy in the children's activity barn. Refreshments available.

For more information, contact Tim Lewis on **07767 708106**.

Horham Village Show

On the Community Centre Meadow and in the Old School and Church. **Saturday 15th June**, 11.30am - 4.30pm. Dog Show and other animals, arts and crafts, teas, BBQ, vintage vehicles and mopeds! and a Church tower to climb - Wow! **Margaret Streeter, 01379 384869**

Harleston Choral Society

Join us for our Summer concert, 'An Evening with Henry Purcell', on **Saturday 22nd June** at 7.30pm in St John's Church, Harleston. We'll be performing - with professional soloists and the Dargason Ensemble - three Anthems for choir, and Dido & Aeneas. Tickets £12.00 (accompanied children free) from choir members, Harleston Information Plus, and on the door on the night. After the summer break our Autumn Term begins on **Monday 9th September**, 7pm for collection of subs, in the Church at London Road, Harleston. More information at **www.harlestonchoral.soc.org.uk** or from our Chair, **jo.curry@sky.com**

Waveney Beekeepers Open Day

If you want to know more about beekeeping you could try our open day on **Sunday 23rd June**, between 12 noon & 3pm. There will be an observation hive so that you can see what happens inside a live beehive, honey tasting,

competitions, children's activities, 'meet the bees', candle rolling and refreshments. All are welcome and entry is free. Find us at 'Esmeraldas', Grange Farm Units, Hall Road, Barsham NR34 8JN.

[sites.google.com/view/waveneybeekeepers](https://www.google.com/view/waveneybeekeepers)



The Great Bungay Duck Race

The Bungay Ducks are about to take to the River Waveney once again for the 5th Great Bungay Duck Race on **Sunday 14th July**, 12 noon to 4pm. In addition to the wonderful range of stallholders there will be donkey rides, face painting, children's games and great musical entertainment featuring new and exciting local musicians. In keeping with their natural habitats, we will be hosts to the beautiful Fritton Owls along with a variety of rare breeds from the Earsham Wetlands centre. Refreshments will include The Falcon Inn Bar and a range of local catering including vegetarian, vegan and gluten free, as well as the more traditional burgers, sausages, cakes, drinks and ice creams.

Location: Falcon Meadow, off Bridge Street / Falcon Lane, NR35 2JG or by bridge from the Staithe, NR35 1EU.

falconmeadow.org.uk
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Laxfield and District Horticultural Show

Did you know that if you live within 20 miles of Laxfield All Saints Church, you can enter the Laxfield and District Horticultural Show? This year it's on **Saturday 20th July** at 2pm in Laxfield Village Hall. And did you know that our show is much more than just flowers and vegetables? There's photography, cookery and lots of crafts, too. And our classes are deliberately broad and inclusive ...and fun. Have a look at our schedule and entry form on

line. Or phone Bobby Holland on **01986 798961**.

Or just come to the show to admire the exhibits and enjoy tea, cake and a raffle in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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Harleston and District U3A

Now that Harleston and District University of the Third Age (U3A) has relocated its monthly general meeting to the convenient central location of St John's Church, it seems an opportune moment to explain the whys and wherefores of the organisation to those who have either never heard of U3A or have only a very sketchy understanding of it.

The "Third Age" is the period, usually around the age of sixty, post full time employment and bringing up a family when people have time to devote to their own hobbies and interests. People enjoy more "ME TIME" - as the fashionable expression would have it! The word "University" can be a turn off but, in fact, is used in the original sense of the word, meaning coming together socially for stimulating activities. These activities are organised BY the members, FOR the members and can take any form desired. Groups can range in size from 2/3 to 200/300.

Current interest groups include - play reading, art, exercise, board games, creative writing, swimming and walking groups. Our biggest group, The Waveney Valley Study Group has researched aspects of the local area such as the old coaching inns, the workhouses and the railways and has presented their findings to other groups around the town to packed audiences.

Find out more by contacting Membership Secretary Kim on **01986 788149** or visit our comprehensive website:

u3asites.org.uk/harleston

Reflections

Here we go again...

In April, a solitary young man drove from Hertfordshire and hit a tree on one of our sleepy country roads; there is very little evidence to suggest it was accidental. For many of us, it brought back memories of J Leader's death three years ago or memories of other people we know who've committed suicide; indeed here we go again.

Sometimes it seems that there's nothing left to say, and what can be said is puerile compared to the enormity of what has happened. But I'll still try, firstly something old and then something new.

Firstly, there is a common misunderstanding that the church is very harsh on people who commit suicide. After all, the Bible says that people who kill themselves can't enter the Kingdom of heaven. Yes that is indeed in the Bible, worse than that it is in the New Testament so the 'Jesus changes things' card is weak. But what I think is weak is Bible scholarship; that passage was written at a time of great persecution and the prospect of killing yourself and going to heaven was very tempting, the allure of false

martyrdom as it were. Times change though, and for over a hundred years the Church of England has held that someone of sound mind who kills themselves can't have a church funeral. This suggests that the exception is a criminal seeking to avoid justice, but otherwise I'm sure you can see the huge loophole in the law (there's two actually). Times do indeed change, and the most recent revision is actually even more pastoral.

Times change, and that's where something new comes in; it's from that much neglected sage Spike Milligan.

*Carrington Briggs cared not two figs
whether he lived or died
But when he died
he lay on his bed
and cried and cried and cried.*

Which is something my counsellor passed onto me, along with the observation that he thought most people who contemplated suicide only wanted to be dead for a couple of weeks. This reminded me of something that a very close friend of J's had said at the time; that a bout of depression passes (eventually) and then you shake yourself down and wonder what that was all about.

Sadly for the young man on the country road, he won't have that chance. I know from experience that it can take a very long time for depression to lift, or to draw upon Sheryl Crow, 'Everyday is a winding road, I get a little bit closer'. In the meantime, all of us, must do all that we can to help those who are stricken.

It is time to stop saying, 'here we go again'.

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Sunday 2nd June

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Benefice Messy Church

Sunday 9th June, Pentecost

11.15am Denham Benefice Family@Church

Sunday 16th June, Trinity Sunday

10am Syleham Village Praise

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Holy Communion

11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins

6.30pm Wingfield Benefice BCP Evensong

Sunday 30th June, St Peter

11.15am Benefice Service in Athelington

Sunday 7th July

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Benefice Messy Church

Sunday 14th July

11.15am Denham Benefice Family@Church

Sunday 21st July

10am Syleham Village Praise

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Sunday 28th July

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Holy Communion

11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins

6.30pm Wingfield Benefice BCP Evensong

Thursday 1st August

6pm Hoxne, the annual Lammas service in support of the Addington Fund for farmers, followed by hog roast; all welcome to hear and support the work of this charity that has its roots in rural Suffolk. **This year it is hoped to include a tractor parade.**

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Church News

St John, Denham

On Palm Sunday the church was full of palm leaves for the Benefice Family@Church after we were instructed how to make them quickly and effectively out of paper. These were augmented by proper long palm fronds so Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was re-enacted with due ceremony and lots of greenery.

On Easter Eve the Service of Light was initiated around a blazing log brazier outside the south door. It was a still

evening with the setting sun illuminating proceedings and all the cowslips interspersed with early purple orchids among the gravestones. We were all offered a candle and when the Paschal candle had been lit from the brazier we followed along after it into the darkening church. The candle light spread among the pews as we ignited our own wavering flame - a small contribution to the greater celebration. A glass of wine after the service concluded the evening.

We hope you will be able to join us on **Saturday 22nd June** at 2pm when we will be holding our annual strawberry tea in the church. There will be plant and book stalls which are held on bring and buy principles so all contributions are very welcome.



Hilary Castleden

A second Kubb Tournament is also planned over the summer. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, but you still

have time to get in training! Could you be the proud owner of the golden kubb?

Helen Joslin

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

The Parochial Church Council Electoral Roll has been updated and remains valid for six years. Anyone who is associated with St Peter & St Paul's and wishes to be included can have their names added at any time, application forms can be found inside the church. This year's Summer Fete will be in the afternoon of **Saturday 20th July** at Abbey Farm by kind permission of Wilf White. The organiser is Ben Benton and this will be a memorable family event. See page 10 for details.

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne branch of the Mother's Union meets on the **third Monday** of the month

at 2.30pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne. New members are always welcome.

Monday 17th June - Branch meeting in Hoxne;

Monday 15th July - 2.30pm, Wave of Prayer at Hoxne Church with Fressingfield MU. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy and tea. Rev. Eleanor will introduce the service.

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

Flower rota

2nd and 9th June: Altar, Sue Thornett;
16th, 23rd and 30th June: Altar, Cathie McGregor;

7th and 14th July: Altar, Sarah Buckley;
21st and 28th July: Altar, Suzanne Lewis;

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

St Margaret, Syleham

Church is all about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ! We are so pleased when local people share in services, and very grateful for the support we have in maintaining St Margaret's visible presence in the village. In particular, Jim Woodger has been doing sterling work in maintaining the churchyard to a high standard and, at our annual meeting, we were delighted to welcome him as a member of the PCC. For the first time since J's untimely death we have two churchwardens, as Sarah Buckley agreed to be nominated to the role: churchwardens have important legal responsibilities as both representatives of the parish and officers of the bishop and it is good to be able to share them.



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We thank Angela Wright, now resigned, for her time on the PCC during the past year.

Easter - Alleluia! Christ has risen! Easter Day began with a very moving morning meditation around the garden of Gate House Farm, and concluded with a Songs of Praise in the church in the afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to decorating the church for Easter. Happily, a few extra visitors took advantage of the following week to view the delightful displays.

Re-decoration of the church has begun!

Exciting - and we do thank all who have contributed towards the cost! Plaster repairs are now drying and re-painting is expected to be carried out during June or July. During that time, there may be limited access to St Margaret's whilst the work is in progress: please bear with us on this as the contractor requires the church to be locked for safety reasons.

Pilfering - We leave the church open and are always pleased to welcome genuine visitors but, sadly, our trust was abused recently when a large number of candles and a variety of odd items were stolen. We have prayed for forgiveness for the perpetrators but perhaps they are feeling ashamed of themselves?

Future events

Cheese & Wine evening on Saturday 13th July, 6pm at

The Old Vicarage, so do save the date for this famed event of excellent food, drink and friendship generously offered by Colin and Jackie Campbell.



Summer Fête on Saturday 31st August.

Our traditional afternoon fete back by popular demand, to be held in the



garden of the Manor House by very kind invitation of Major Napier. Please get in touch if you would like a stall or to offer help.

Dedication of J's Memorial

We expect to be able to hold a special Sunday afternoon service during September (date tbc), and have invited one of our bishops to dedicate the new tablet to J's memory. It will also be a celebration of the newly decorated church.

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be at 10am on **Sunday 20th October** and our Harvest Supper, at the Village Hall, on the **19th**.

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

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Hoxne and Denham

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Syleham and Wingfield

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Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55
Wingfield, Post box from 12:00 to 12:20

Calling every 4 weeks on **Fridays**

I went out for Crab and came back with Buckling, Kipper and Bloater...

During a recent trip to North Norfolk, I promised to buy a freshly dressed crab for a friend. Irritated at finding the fishmonger to which I was heading shut, my spirits were soothed when, driving through Cley, I spotted a smokehouse. The *foodie* in me stood and stared at the counter - I was that proverbial child in a sweet shop trying to decide what I was going to buy, how I was going to prepare it and if I could actually justify buying one of everything.

Smoking food is an ancient art which has been used not only to preserve food but also flavour it, whilst giving an appeal to certain foods by imparting a rich brown colour. Smoking processes food by exposing it to smoke, most often from burning wood. The drying action of the smoke and the different phenol compounds present in wood helps to preserve protein rich foods such as fish and meat. The origins of smoking fish and meat date back to prehistory. It would appear that Palaeolithic humans had been eating smoked flesh since the discovery of cooking with fire. Traces of ash found in the Wonderwerk cave in South Africa suggest that hominids were controlling fire at least 1 million years ago. Burnt bone fragments also found at this site suggest that *Homo erectus* was cooking meat. However, the obvious remains of hearths are just 400,000 years old and the Neanderthals (who evolved from *Homo erectus*) certainly created fires, as hearths have been found at many Neanderthal sites. Communities that lived on the coasts in

the Stone Age were surrounded by a never-ending source of fish, but many had months where hunting was less fruitful, and they needed a way of preserving their catches. This process and method has been passed down and improved along the way. In Medieval Europe many communities had smoke houses where meat, usually pigs, but fish in coastal communities, were smoked and stored for preservation. Poorer communities would hang their meat high up in fireplaces after placing ash over the flames to create a smoky environment.

Most of us are familiar with smoked fish: finely sliced smoked salmon with brown bread and butter and a squeeze of lemon juice, or perhaps served on toast with creamy scrambled egg. Poached smoked



Herring Packer
Sophie Ross (later Mrs Finlay Vass), Chrissie Skinner (later Mrs Vass)

haddock, perhaps with parsley sauce, Cullen skink or kedgeree. BUT let us not forget Britain's love affair with the humble kipper or, as it started out in life, *Clupea harengus*, the herring. In the 19th Century, the British Government gave a bounty of £3.00 per ton to owners of herring boats larger than 60 tons, plus a bounty on all herring sold abroad. This, coupled with the coming of the railways as a means of more rapid transport, gave an opportunity to fishermen and agents to deliver their catches to markets much more quickly than in the past. Herring

was a delicacy on the continent and was relatively easily caught off the Coast of Scotland, the East Coast during winter and spring and off the North Coast and Shetland during the summer months, and, in the autumn, off the Coast of East Anglia. Where the herring went, the men followed and many women also migrated to Great Yarmouth to work splitting, gutting and packing the fish. The 1908 photograph, published courtesy of the Seaboard Centre, Tain, shows the migrant herring pickers. Because herring is a fatty fish, it has to be cured as



ers Yarmouth—1908
er Mrs David Skinner) and Katie Ross (later Mrs Andrew Ross).

quickly as possible to prevent it rotting and at the peak of the Herring Boom in 1907, 2,500,000 barrels of fish (250,000 tons) were cured and exported, the main markets being Germany,

Eastern Europe and Russia. In the 1930's Lowestoft had a bustling herring market and legend has it that during boom times, you could cross the harbour without getting your feet wet - by stepping from boat to boat. And then the herring started to vanish. In 1965, Lowestoft saw the demise of the herring, once hailed as the 'Silver Darling'. The tap turned off and in 1977 the Scottish Office belatedly imposed a ban. The countless shoals became a trickle. Over fishing of these little silver fish led to the collapse of the British North Sea herring fishery. Thankfully and with

careful management, the herring is now back on The Marine Conservation Society's top 10 "best choice" fish at No. 3. MSC - Certified herring from the Irish, Celtic and North seas, south - west Ireland and the eastern English Channel.

So what is a Kipper? A whole herring that is split brined and hung individually in racks before being slowly cold smoked. The kipper needs to be cooked before eating.

A Buckling? A whole herring that has had its' head and insides removed but with the roe retained and then gently hot-smoked until cooked through. The buckling is ready to eat.

A Bloater? A whole herring, which gives it a slightly gamey flavour, cold smoked and which needs cooking before eating. We have many smokehouses in East Anglia including in Lowestoft, which dates back to 1760 and I urge you to try smoked herring in all its' guises. Happily, my friend wasn't disappointed as the smokehouse also sold fresh crab.

Gill O'Connor
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Serving suggestion - Skinned and boned buckling on a bed of horseradish crème fraiche and lightly sweet pickled vegetables



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The Invasion of Hoxne

Some-with very long memories may think this refers to the 'Friendly Invasion' of the USAAF personnel during the Second World War perhaps more of that another time. This invasion happened in 1930 at the end of August and into September and shows perhaps that more was known of what threats were to face the country at the end of the decade and beyond.

During WW1 the villages of Hoxne and Denham-along with the rest of the country-provided men and women to fight the war to end all wars and the Lincolnshire Yeomanry carried out much of their training at Oakley Park which had been the home of the Kerrison family. The parkland provided an ideal campsite it seems as it was to be used through into WW2 as well by the Royal Engineers.

Troops arrived at Diss Railway station and then marched to the top gate of the camp-in Upper Oakley with their bands playing. According to the report the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders were much admired as they were 'men of splendid physique'. It appears that around three thousand men were camped in Hoxne in total.



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The invading force was the Essex Army and the defenders the Anglia Army. In overall control was Brigadier-General Sir Hereward Wake, D.S.O. C.M.G who was an Aide-de-Camp to King George V.

The invaders were an advance force hoping to establish a bridge head while the defenders would clearly try to stop them. The frontier was established from Mellis, Palgrave, Hoxne and on to Bungay and from 31st August through well into September manoeuvres would take place. But luckily the A.A. patrols, and R.A.C. had a full set of instructions as to which roads were closed and would erect signs to help drivers reach their destinations safely. Maps were also available showing where road blocks would be placed.

The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer reported that nearly 10,000 troops were involved and were under canvas at Saxmundham, Henham Park and Hoxne, (the Diss Express added Framlingham and Wangford) and also bemoaned the fact that there was 'very little in the way of mechanisation and a complete absence of tanks.'

The Hoxne Rural Council Surveyor was also 'on the case' stated that he would be claiming compensation for any damage caused to the roads locally if it was caused by the heavy army vehicles! St Edmund's Hall hosted at least two dances for troops who could attend - the music by the Diss Imps Dance Orchestra! It seems to have been a feature that the local people were invited onto camp to hear the massed

bands of the various regiments present and the Seaforth's pipes were specifically commented upon in the reports. The drumhead services on Sunday were also open the villagers and were always well attended.

Sadly, the Diss Express reports there was a fatality caused by the heatwave which swept the country. Company Sergeant Major James Hope Loane died, it was believed of sunstroke. He left a widow and two children in Dover.

The final word goes to the Diss Express of 26th September:

The Camp Vacated

Hoxne village had a great tribute paid to it on Saturday when a full band paraded the streets to give the villagers the last of those martial music entertainments they have learned to love. The last of the soldiers were given three resounding cheers but the military gave them back some even heartier shouts. Hoxne seems a quiet place today, and it will be some little time before it is able to slip back into its old peaceful routine.

(Information from Diss Express 29th August, 5th & 26th September 1930)

A fuller version of this article will be on the Hoxne Heritage site in due course including details of some of the action points. www.hoxnehistory.org.uk

And don't forget that in September we have the first of three exhibitions...

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The 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association operates and manages the Red Feather Club Museum. On **Saturday 29th June**, one of the hottest bands on the circuit at the moment, The Revolutionaires, will be performing for us at our evening dance. For details of prices, times, ticket availability etc. for dances & other Red Feather Club events, visit our website.

Public Open Days are on the **last Sunday** of the month **April to October**, 10am-4pm. We're next open on **Sunday 30th June**, followed by **Sunday 28th July**.

If you want to join the association contact our membership secretary Helen Krawczyszyn on 01728 628138 or visit:

www.95thbg-horham.com
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Fressingfield Scouts

This month a report on the recent trip to Kenya by the Explorer Scouts. Over the Easter holidays this year myself and eight other explorers, plus our leaders Andrew and Donna, travelled to Kenya for just over two weeks. We are all part of 1st Fressingfield Scout group and are all aged between 16-18.

If you asked each member how they would describe the trip, you'd get responses of "amazing", "beautiful

scenery" or most likely "hot". These responses would be describing the "touristy" activities we did. However, phrases like "life changing and a real eye open" are also in the mix. These opinions come from all the things we did and experienced outside of what you would do on a family holiday to Kenya.

You don't usually describe seeing a giraffe at the Masai Mara as a life changing experience, although enjoyable, it was visiting the Kibera slums, staying (for the majority of our expedition) at an



orphanage and interacting with the children that made our trip so fulfilling and changing for all of us in a positive way.

The views at lake Naivasha were breathtaking, but working on the farm with no machinery, pulling a loaded cart six kilometres in 30°C, is what changed so many of our views on how lucky we are to live the lives we do here back in England.

We are all hoping to travel back in the near future; not to a hotel or to visit other attractions, but to stay at the orphanage for a week or so to see all the friends we made over there.

It truly was an experience that everyone involved will remember for the rest of their lives.

Aimee, Harry, David, Alex, Tim, Sam, Tom, George and Charlie.
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Hoxne Bell Ringers

In March the Hoxne church tower was inspected by a structural engineer and thought strong enough to take the bell restoration we have planned. This was an essential requirement for the restoration project to continue.

The band of learners has had a very busy 2 months. We have rung at 5 different towers, Bacton 7 times, Thornham 4 times, Wickham Skeith 2, Oakley 2, and Bardwell 1. Our thanks go out the tower captains and church wardens who allow us to use their bells. We are also hugely indebted to our instructors who have led the teaching and accompanied us round from tower to tower. Many thanks Zoe and Sylvie, Winston and Carol.

Not surprisingly, this enthusiasm and effort has produced most gratifying results. Everyone is making progress as and when they can get to practises.

An all Hoxne band rung 'rounds' on five bells at Bardwell this afternoon. Bardwell had a completely new installation of 8 bells put in 2009 very similar to the plan for Hoxne, but with the two extra simulator bells. Enough instructors were there for us to have one to one for everybody with Zoe left over! The simulator allows unlimited practise without disturbing the village and the bells are some of the 'Easiest Going' I

have ever rung. The ringing chamber is very well appointed and a great example of what can be done. Having rung a couple of times at Oakley we

have done a little work on the bells. Firstly to repair some minor damage and then to do a little maintenance as the bells have not been rung regularly for some time. As it is the nearest ringable tower to Hoxne we hope to be able to use them until Hoxne bells are restored. We also tolled a bell on Thursday 18th April as part of the support for the cathedral of Notre Dame damaged by fire.

All our regular practises are for all members of the band. Most of us now need to hear the bells ringing to increase our accuracy of striking.

We have also had a couple of evenings in the Swan because bell ringing is a social activity as well as an ancient craft.

These two months have produced a significant increase in skill. I hope and think everyone has enjoyed the experience. There is, of course, lots more to do, but good progress has been made all round.

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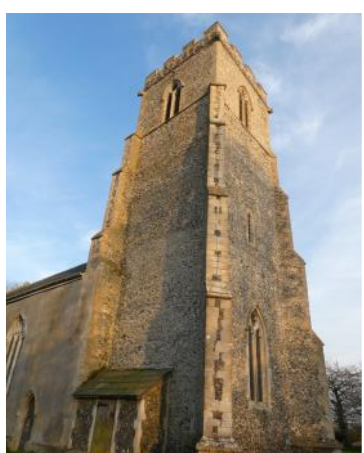
Bowlers prepare for Centenary Match

On Saturday 29th June, Hoxne Bowls Club host a Suffolk Vice-Presidents team as part of their centenary year celebrations. The afternoon game will see eighteen Hoxonians take on players from all over Suffolk and spectators are welcome. The players and guests will then enjoy an after-match meal.

The domestic season has got off to a mixed start with three wins and three defeats, but spirits are high. The Wednesday Club nights are well supported where members new and old practice, play friendly games or club competitions and where new members are always welcome.

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Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

A busy couple of months to come for the Friends, but firstly an update on the long-running saga relating to the kitchen cabinets in the church. We have now arranged for a local cabinet maker to incorporate the required changes to the design and it is hoped that by the end of July it will all be finished.

In addition to the cabinets, the Friends have paid for the repairs to the tower. All of those costs have to be met by fundraising events and the support of the village at these events is much appreciated.

The following are the events for June and July:

Friday 14th June - Pie, Pint and Pud evening to be held in the church and grounds, limited number of places, so get in early. The cost will be £15 a head which includes your first drink. For tickets apply to John and Margaret Brawn 01379 668352.

Sunday 14th July - Summer Curry Lunch, and Puds! to be held, once again, at Suzanne Lewis'. The cost of this will also be £15 and again includes your first drink. Tickets available from Suzanne or any committee member.

Forward planning for your diaries:

Sunday 13th October Harvest Breakfast and **Saturday 9th November** Quiz.

Further details of all these events nearer the time.

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.

Thank you all, but in particular to the committee.

*John Brawn, 01379 668352
Chair of the Friends committee*

Wingfield & District Gardening Club

We are having a break during the summer months and no evening meetings are planned again until September. Priscilla Williamson, email: priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

Hoxne Garden & Social Club

Well, here I am writing this report on the Hoxne Garden and Social Club for the Village Voice. Yes, the death of the HGSC has been greatly exaggerated. Despite the prediction that at the last AGM the Club would be wound up due to the demise of the Committee we are still here. A newly reformed Committee is in place and we have managed to get a summer programme together from a standing start.

In April we had our first speaker of the 2019/20 season, Jane Gosling, Chair and Secretary of the Suffolk Historic Buildings Group who kindly stepped into the breach at short notice gave a talk on the religious guilds of Lavenham. The talk was excellent, but it was a shame that not many people were there, but then again, it was Maundy Thursday. Our May talk was entitled 'Foul Murders of East Anglia' with the speaker wearing appropriate costume. Gruesome!

On **Thursday 20th June**, to reinforce our gardening credentials we have a talk on Sweet peas, just as they should be coming out into bloom. (Oh, I can smell them now).

Then it is our garden party on **Thursday 18th July**, courtesy of Julie and John Coop when we all take some food and weather permitting have a marvellous time.

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With a rest for the summer we then start in September with our autumn programme which I am pleased to say is already starting to come together.

Saturday 7th September sees the annual flower, craft & produce show at the Village Hall - schedules are now available from Sue Flagg 01379 668258 (or email sue.flagg@hotmail.co.uk).

For October, we will be holding a joint event with Hoxne Heritage Group to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War and showing how it affected the lives of people in this area when we will be having a talk on Dig For Britain linked in with war time rationing.. Hopefully we might have some war time delicacies cooked up for the evening. (Who remembers Woolton pie ?).

Hoxne Garden and Social Group meets on the **third Thursday** of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall when, as you can see we invite a variety of speakers on a variety of subjects - not just gardening. We are always on the lookout for new members, the annual membership fee is £5 and a subscription of £2 at every meeting. Come and join us!

Chris Parkin

The Maynard Trust

Can the trust help you?

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

board of governors, and, in addition, is currently discussing the possibility of sponsoring a maths or science day. The trust has awarded grants which include for residential courses, both in the UK and overseas as well providing financial assistance towards study materials. The trustees meet four times a year and the awards are made at their discretion and we would be delighted to hear from any student both young or mature. In order to ensure the trust has a sufficiency of resources, we are always grateful to receive any donations or bequests. Please make your application to:

secretarymaynardtrusthoxne@hotmail.co.uk

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c/o Little Park House
Church Hill, Hoxne, IP21 5AT

St Edmund's School

We are looking forward to the Summer term full of exciting activities and learning opportunities! Our school council members will be attending the Academy Pupil Parliament, while our budding poets will be joining with other pupils from across the Consortium Academy in a CMAT poetry event. Oak class have been experiencing different types of play, saying how they make them feel emotionally and physically, to then be able to write their own free verse and



rhyming poems in the styles of Micheal Rosen and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Oak class are also planning their visit to Framlingham Castle as part of their topic on castle and knights.

July sees our older pupils in Rowan class enjoying visits to the High schools as part of their transition time, leading to their departure from St. Ed's later in the year. Our Summer production nearer the end of term is eagerly anticipated, as is their residential visit.

The Egyptians is the theme that Beech class are studying in their creative curriculum time. They have some fun learning activities planned!

The younger pupils in Acorn Class are busy finding out about the people who help in the community, widening their understanding of the jobs they carry out and the different roles they play. PC Green has already been to visit the school. Acorn class organise regular Reading Café events for families with Reception age children. Dates and times are available from Mrs Mansfield, the Early Years teacher, or from the school office:

officehoxne@wvpschools.org

In July we are also looking forward to taking part in Sports day on the Hoxne Playing Field, along with our friends from Mendham Primary School.

Just to remind you - wraparound care is available each day at St Edmund's Primary School. We run a breakfast club from 8am, and Extended School Club, with an early session until 4.15pm and a later session until 6pm. Please contact the school office on **01379 668283** or email:

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New Reeding Woods Group

This spring the woodland is flourishing, the trees are coming into leaf, there is blossom in the hedgerows and cowslips along the rides and once again there are newts in the pond. Another newt surveying day will be held towards the end of May and once again notices will go up in the woodland asking that dog walkers ensure that they keep their dogs out of the pond. Survey methods will again include observation, bottle trapping, netting and DNA testing. A licensed ecologist has to be recruited and it is hoped that once again Sue Morgan will help us with the survey.

On **Saturday 15th June** the New Reeding Woods Group will be putting on a woodcraft display at the Horham Village Show (see page 17). As well as log splitting and wood turning there will be a variety of bird feeders, pegs, stools and whistles for sale as the group demonstrate their woodworking skills.

For information about events see the notice board at the wood, and to join the group please contact our Secretary Peny Conway on **01379 870165** new members are always welcome.

Margaret Reeves

Hoxne Phoenix Group

Life in the Phoenix Group has slowed down for the time being! How much can you remember from your driving test? Our talk on Defensive Driving by a retired Police Driving Instructor made us think. If like me you took it some 50+ years ago - not a lot.

Our Speaker first gave us a number of signs to recognise - it was a bit 'hit and miss' if we could all remember exactly what they meant. Seriously though it's

amazing how we can drive quite happily forgetting one or two things. Can you remember the braking distances? He reminded us of the 3 main things when driving - Concentration, Observation and Anticipation (i.e. cars coming out of junction, animals on road, speed limits). The biggest cause of accidents is "tailgating" first, followed by speeding and aggressive driving.

By the end of the evening we were certainly aware that another look at the Highway Code would be a good idea.

In April we had a very interesting talk on Gold Work embroidery, commencing with the history of silk coming from China via the Silk route to the Middle East. Most of this was found in aristocratic families or in Ecclesiastical garments. For example, Cathedrals have many examples in Banners, Bishops Copes etc. It is also used in small samplers and pictures, some of which that she had done were on show.

Our Meeting on **Tuesday 11th June** is entitled Women in World War 1 and on **Tuesday 9th July** we are going to be entertained once again by Bryan Thurlow "The Perennial Mr Potter". He did come to the Garden Club a few months ago (even though we already had him booked for us!!!) but his talk will be slightly different. We are opening this to any guests including the menfolk as we feel it will appeal to them as well.

Just a reminder for your diary - **Tuesday 10th September** is our Fundraising Evening - have a light lunch that day and come to our Pudding Evening in aid of a local Alzheimer's/ Dementia Charity - full details of the Charity we are supporting will be given in the next issue of Village Voice.

Any further information please feel free to contact me.

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New England Comes To Hoxne

Do you remember Saturday, 23rd February? A beautiful, sunny day. It felt warm, birds were singing and the first flowers were starting to show in the garden. And there was beautiful music coming from St Edmunds Hall. That's what we've been told, by a couple of villagers who live nearby. And that's exactly what we wanted, because that was the weekend Village Voices hosted a workshop and concert by the American choir, Northern Harmony.

What a group they were! Full of energy, they breezed into Hoxne on the first day of their gruelling, European tour. Yes, Hoxne was their first gig. Let me briefly tell you something about them.

Village Harmony is a not-for-profit group, based in Vermont, New England, that runs school summer camps and choral programmes both in America and world-wide. Northern Harmony is their semi-professional, touring choir who've run workshops and concerts throughout Europe, America and in Africa, and learnt regional songs in the countries they've visited. And they were in Hoxne.

What a group. What energy they had! (Still, I suppose that's what you're like when you're young). They landed in the UK on Friday 22nd February, and drove straight up to Hoxne, the start of their 36 date UK tour, followed by 4 days in France and 7 days in Spain. After a welcome at Janet Koralambe's, the 14 members were swept up by their host families and taken to various homes for a well earned meal and a rest - which for some involved time singing and performing in The Swan on Friday evening. Saturday morning saw them



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gathering together for a rehearsal, and then, in the afternoon, there was the singing workshop.

That was just brilliant. 81 people attended the workshop and, led by the Northern Harmony members, learnt new songs, including songs from Georgia, North America, and Southern Africa, including *Hlonolofatsa* (which, incidentally, translates as *Blimey, unbelievable! Peace and blessings in the name of the spirit*. Who can't enjoy a song like that?). The attempts at new languages, vocal clicks and co-ordinated movement were challenging and enjoyable to learn, and were the source of the wonderful sounds coming from the Hall.

As if that was not enough, Northern Harmony then performed in the evening for us, with a fantastic

concert. Then on Sunday it was all over. At 8.15 in the morning, Northern Harmony swept out of Hoxne, heading to Swanton Morley for a workshop and then onto Castle Acre for a concert! We were left deflated, but elated. They're back next year though. We want them back, and they want to come back, so look out for news of their return in 2020. But if you want to hear the songs, you've got a chance.

You'll have seen the publicity for 'Water for Life' elsewhere in the magazine. Village Voices are one of the choirs taking part in this event. Over 500 people from choirs around the UK

will converge on London for what should be an uplifting choral performance at The Scoop, on the banks of the Thames, singing in support of Water Aid, the charity helping people in developing areas get access to clean water and sanitation, a problem highlighted by the recent floods in Mozambique.

Everyone who's singing has pledged to raise money for Water Aid and we, in Village Voices, thought it would be a great idea to hold a concert as well, to raise money for the charity and to bring the songs we're learning to our village. We'll be singing in St Peter and St Paul

Church in Hoxne on **Saturday 13th July** and hope to see you there. We're looking forward to it and are already rehearsing hard. In finishing, I'd like to thank loads of people. Firstly,

Northern Harmony, for running such a fantastic weekend of music. Thanks to the hosts, who looked after them, and to the organisers. Thanks to everyone at The Swan, for hosting the impromptu concert and opening early on Saturday, so that people could get something to eat between the workshop and concert. Special thanks go to all from the Craft Market, who packed up early and had to put up with people trying to set up for the workshop, when they were trying to clear away. And thanks, too, to the people who gave us the feedback about how good it sounded.

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Parish Council Reports

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Denham

The new Parish Council meets for the first time since the May 2nd election at its Annual General Meeting on May 15th, the same evening as the Annual Parish Meeting.

Following the retirement of Margaret Reeves and Carole Rose, the Parish Council now consists of Tania Farrow, Kerina Jane, Jane Gilmore and Nick Farrow. All can be contacted any time through the Clerk.

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council and it is possible in the period immediately after the election to co-opt a volunteer - anyone interested should simply contact the Clerk for more details.

We also have a new District Councillor who will serve on Mid Suffolk Council following the retirement of Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, who gave many years of excellent service to the community. Our new Councillor is Matthew Hicks, who is also leader of Suffolk County Council.

High on the Agenda for the May (and future!) meetings of the Parish Council will of course be plans for the restoration to use of the Village Hall. The meeting on March 30th at the Red Feather Club was extremely well attended and heard a presentation about the successful refurbishment of the Hall at Westhorpe, which faced similar problems and daunting costs. The message seems to be that with work and enthusiasm the difficulties can be overcome and funds raised.

Establishment of a charitable Community Council to raise funds and look after the Hall and other village

activities and events is well under way. Thanks are due to the many people who completed the recent survey about the future of the Hall and for all the views expressed.

Thanks are also due to those who helped with the litter pick in April, which collected a very impressive pile of black bags!

Residents are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and have their say on any matter.

If you would like to help with the renovation of the Hall, or to contact the Parish Council about anything, our Clerk Rod Caird will be happy to hear from you at denhamparishclerk@gmail.com or on his mobile 07785 331217.

Hoxne

The Annual General Meeting of the Hoxne Parish Council took place on May 9th in St Edmund's Village Hall. Ted O'Connor was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Iain Gibson was elected as Vice Chairman.

Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 were approved and there was a unanimous decision to continue with the previous arrangement of annually holding six PC meetings in St Edmund's Hall and six at the Playing Field Pavilion. This is to ensure that all Hoxne residents have an opportunity to attend one or more of the meetings, without the need to travel to one end of the village or the other.

The Parish Council always appreciates attendance at their meetings by their fellow villagers and the sharing of any concerns.

The next set of meetings are to be held at 7.30pm at the Playing Field Pavilion on the following dates:
Thursday 6th June, Thursday 4th July, Thursday 1st August and Thursday 5th September.

Syleham

Gloria Dawn Elizabeth Elsdon, Malcolm James Flounders, David Alfred Goodwin, Gerald Timothy Lewis, Steven Frederick Phillips, Robert John Pilch and Steven Mark Scott were duly elected at the May 2nd election to serve on Syleham Parish Council.

At the last meeting of the old council on March 6th we said goodbye to Elizabeth Gibson Harries, our District Councillor and Major Napier from the Parish Council. Both were stalwart friends of Syleham.

As we move into the new era and change of constituency from Hoxne to Fressingfield we welcome Lavinia Hadingham as our new District Councillor and David Goodwin as our new Parish Councillor.

Our next meeting takes place on May 22nd, which will also serve as the Annual

Meeting of the Council. The following meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th September**. Both will be held at the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Wingfield

Charlotte Ann Claxton, Rosemary Frances Elliott, Robin David Feavearyear, Anthony Jolly, Guy Mathias, Dennis John Murray and Lee Solomon Smith were duly elected to serve as parish councillors at the May 2nd election. It was a high turnout for a parish election at 44.7% and we thank all those who took the trouble to vote.

There are two names missing from this list. Michael Harvey, who has served Wingfield as Chairman, councillor and church warden for over 25 years, decided to retire. The other is Melanie Murray. Melanie has only lived in the village for five years but in that time, she has served as a parish councillor, village hall committee member, championed the speed sign initiative and led Wingfield's commemoration of those fallen in World War One. We thank them both for their unstinting contribution to village life.

The new council convenes for the first time on May 24th with new members, new ideas and determination to tackle the perennial problems of roads, footpaths and Wingfield Green but also preparing the village to face a challenging future. It will need all residents to contribute to get it right for everyone's benefit.

Silly acts of graffiti spraying, and vandalism do not help. Please assist us to stamp out this behaviour so the Council's limited budget can be spent on improvements and not repairs.

The next Parish Council meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting on May 24th will be held on **Friday 5th July** at 7.30pm in Wingfield Barns.



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Village Walks...

A lovely country walk with plenty of hedgerows, ponds, set asides and meadows to enjoy wild flora and fauna. Parking is at the The Pennings Nature Reserve, Ludgate Causeway, Eye. There are no refreshment stops on the route, but plenty in Eye itself.

Ludgate Causeway is on the left, just before the humpback bridge going into Eye, when traveling from Hoxne. The Pennings is a short way down on the right.

Start & Finish: Denham Street

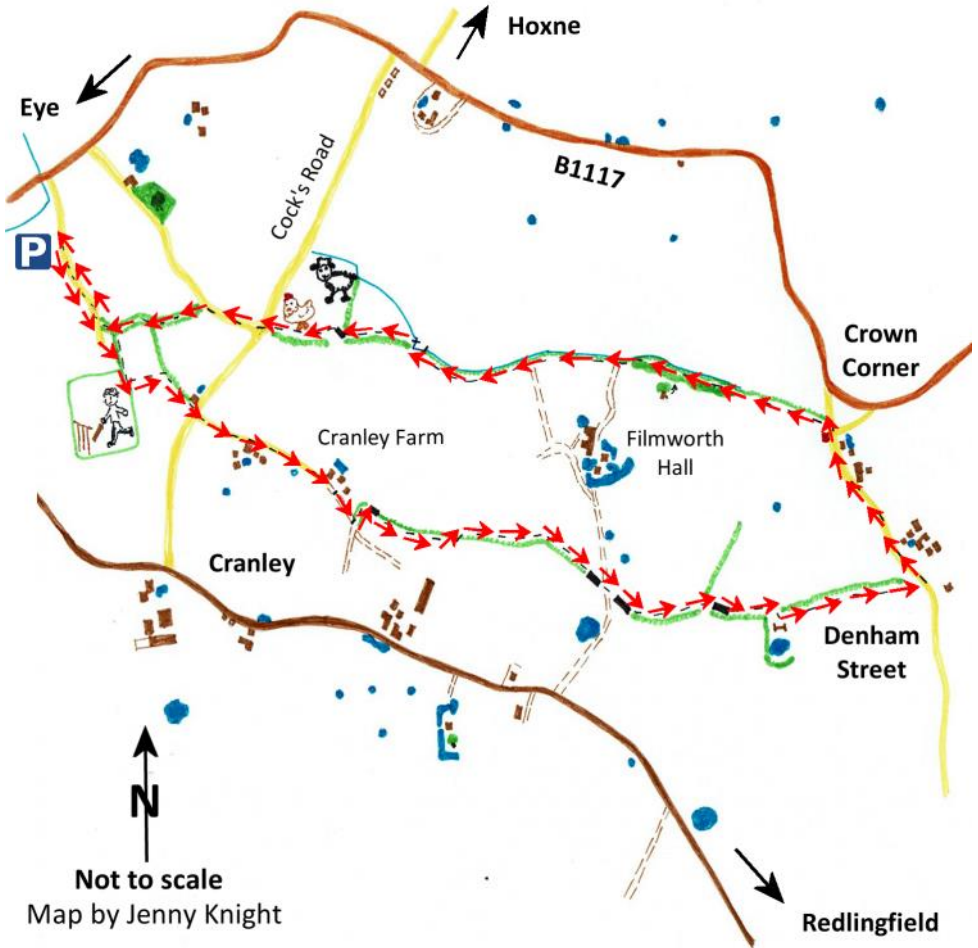
Distance: 4.5 miles

OS map: Explorer 230

Leave the car park and **turn right** into the lane that leads past houses to Eye Cricket Club.

Just before the entrance to the cricket ground, take the path on the **left**.

In a short distance take the path on the **right**. Keeping the cricket ground on your right, follow the sunken path until



it turns **left** and leaves the depression and a sign points across a field. Look for farm vehicle tracks to cross the field, heading toward a telegraph pole in the distance.

On the far side of the field turn **right** and, keeping a hedgerow and farmhouse on you left, follow the hedgerow to Cock's Road.

Cross the road and take the lane opposite with the dead end sign. Stay on this road to Cranley Farm. On the right of the farm, find a kissing gate, pass through and continue ahead on a wide grassy path, keeping the farmhouse on your left.

Pass through another kissing gate at the end of the grassy path and turn **sharp left**. In a few yards, find a footbridge on your **right**. Cross and continue ahead keeping the hedgerow on your **left** until the path crosses over and then keep the hedgerow on your **right**.

This path continues in an almost straight line for a good mile and in a direction just south of due east. It crosses one farm track with a footbridge before and after, otherwise keep to field edges.

After the bridges, the field edge swings to the left and shortly there is a break on the **right**. **Pass through** and **immediately** take a path on the **left** that leads over a footbridge.

Continue ahead keeping the hedgerow on your right.

Now look for a gap in the hedge to your right, where you will see a clearing and a pond. The path here doglegs **right then left** but you may wish to take advantage of the bench seat by the pond and soak up a bit of tranquillity before continuing.

Eventually you reach the road at Denham Street and turn **left**. Continue past the lovely houses of Denham Street until you reach the junction of Crown Corner. There is a post box and footpath sign on your **left**. Take this well used and clear path.

It is easy to follow alongside a ditch with one well signed kink. Eventually, the ditch runs away to your right. Carry on ahead and soon the field edge bears **left**. Keep with it to another hedge at right angles. At the join, look for a gap on your **right** leading to a footbridge.

Cross the bridge, turn **left** and continue between the hedgerow and a fence. Soon you reach Cock's Road once more and, once more, cross to the lane opposite, sign posted 'UNSUITABLE FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES'.

In just over a hundred yards, take the well signposted path on the **left**. This will lead you back to the cricket ground entrance. Retrace your steps along Ludgate Causeway to the car park at The Pennings.

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The Lunch Bunch Visits...

It was a chilly and overcast spring mid-week day when the Lunch Bunch made a visit to The Beaconsfield Arms in Occold. The carpark was empty, but we were warmly greeted by the two pub dogs who are lovely and friendly.

We have the pick of the place and picked a table near the window and were served drinks and given the menu. There is a good selection of light offerings or if you want a starter and main you can go for that too!

We were all slightly pressed for time on this visit, so we all opted to go for a full main and to leave it at that. There was a variety of fish, meat or veggie options. Nothing too fancy, but enough to get your juices going! The Steak and Ale pie was what tempted most of our party, but the Veggie Burger also came out tops.

The food arrived together, piping hot and smelling delicious. The Steak and Ale pie people were offered and excepted extra gravy and then we tucked in! It was a lovely and homely fair. The pie very meaty and the gravy thick and scrumptious, the vegetable, seasonal and cooked to perfection. The veggie burger was big and appealing, but the home make coleslaw was what really made it a meal.

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Having almost licked our plates clean we finished our drinks and paid at the bar. We were pleased to see the dogs that had greeted us, had been hidden away while we ate, but had now been



allowed out again to say goodbye.

The menu boasts that Gluten Free options are also available on some items so along with the nice range of veggie choices a good place to pop into for lunch. They also do "Fish & Chip" Friday eat in or take away offers and a lovely sounding Sunday lunch -Booking advisable!

Our main meals started at £9.45. All in all, a very nice lunch in a friendly pub.

The Lunch Bunch

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A Word from Wingfield

Dementia

As this is an uninteresting subject I shall not be surprised if you decide to end your read of VV at this point. But for those of us “in our tenth decade”, words used by HM to explain herself recently, but what I call “God’s built-in obsolescence”, pace Henry Ford and his cars, innermost thoughts about mental decay can be challenging. For starters, one is the last person to judge one’s state of mind if the mind is no longer in Rolls Royce condition: others decide but nevertheless politely reassure us that all is well. And who are we to judge? Our consciousness is ours and likely has its own confident opinion of itself right to the end.

Our selective education system has been overtaken by tests intended to sort out the sheep from the goats but is often unable to measure potential. Too often it is class or family that decides what happens to us. We have ability tests and

inability tests to sort out heads from hands. Measuring the mind and its potential remains a challenge.

We really do not know much about our minds. Even professional head hunters can err.

In her final year or two, my wife Anne’s score on the NHS dementia test was poor, because despite a new heart valve, it was not pumping sufficient blood to her brain, and eventually she died. Fortunately I was present at her test and later when it was my turn to be tested I scored full marks, thanks to my long term memory, which still functions. Indeed how else would I be able to dredge my past and write a “A Word from Wingfield”? However, I find, like you perhaps, that short term memory is now a problem. Many people commonly explain this saying they went into an adjacent room, and were unable to remember what they had gone there to fetch.

So one takes the next step - to develop systems to deal with forgetting: reminder boards, notes, lists and routines. But gradually you find that you have forgotten to check the diary, or the

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June

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July

Thu 4th, The Range, Norwich & lunch at Village Inn; Thu 11th, Great Yarmouth Hippodrome; Thu 18th, Lunch at Chip Inn, Long Stratton; Thu 25th, Helmingham Hall & Gardens, Suffolk; Mon 29th, Lowestoft.

door bell rings and your routine is interrupted. Worse still is that those whose short term memory is OK do not understand, especially as their method of reminding works for them.

This situation can be stressful, and puzzling. What is going wrong you, and others, ask?

You then turn to the NHS for help. Citolopram helps with the stress. Calm follows. If there is another outbreak, then the daily 10mg tablet is replaced with a larger 20mg dose. Then one can be tested, or measured against the norm as happened to Anne. Recently I have just had another test, and my short term memory let me down as I feared it might. The truth was out.

But that very same day there was press publicity with the headline "Scientists reverse memory loss - but only for 50 minutes".

Apparently a decline in memory as a result of ageing can be temporarily reversed using a harmless form of electrical brain stimulation. This discovery has raised the prospect of new treatments in the future by neuroscientists. We all know how working memory is crucial for a wide variety of tasks, recognising faces, doing arithmetic, and navigating a new environment. Conversation can become problematic when names and places don't come to mind and you are

adjudged to be the same person that you once were. Mistakes occur. You fail to do what you said you would do. You forget. The deaf and the blind face such challenges unflinchingly, but short term memory loss is hard to bear.

It is suspected that the deterioration of the nerve connections with ageing of two sections of the brain, the prefrontal and temporal regions, may be what is happening. The research is said to be exciting and promising for the future and one day may be fruitful for dementia and other similar conditions such as Alzheimers and schizophrenia.

I take a somewhat philosophical position, and jokingly blame God for a design fault. I am not sure how Darwin would reconcile memory loss with his evolutionary theories. Natures way of letting us down gently perhaps? Perhaps we oldies will forget our glorious past and suffer Brexit without pain?

Tommy Gee

The Lost Papers of John Frere

We wondered if any reader or historian would spot the deliberate inaccuracies in the April 1st spoof article in the Apr/May Village Voice. All of the information on John Frere is historically correct, but his Society report on the discovery of stone age tools do not mention a wooden henge. Whether a Hoxnian hub of fertility existed will perhaps never be ascertained, even if 'lost' papers are found one day. Henri, our author, could well be a descendent of Jacques Boucher de Perthes 1788 - 1868, the renowned French geologist and archaeologist who found similar flint tools in France to those discovered in Hoxne by Frere.

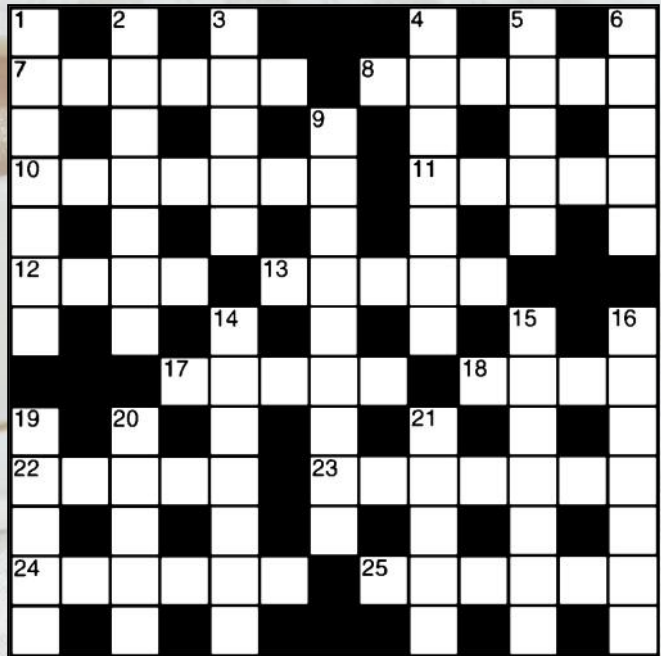
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Across

- 7 Fails to catch the wife I hear (6)
- 8 Defeated by eggs ready for scrambling (6)
- 10 Broken toenail strangely causes great joy (7)
- 11 Name found in entitlement notice (5)
- 12 Landscape was observed apparently (4)
- 13 Do some wooing at the tennis club (5)
- 17 Additional bit part player (5)
- 18 Venison reportedly expensive (4)
- 22 Reduce blossom but retain the flower (5)
- 23 Chest I'm hoping to cure at a pharmacy (7)
- 24 In capable of being more than an ordinary seaman (6)
- 25 Roughly coiled but compliant (6)

Down

- 1 Slim men seem huge when taken out of context (7)
- 2 Broke seed cap and fled (7)
- 3 Old nick existed in reverse (5)
- 4 Film unlikely to be made in East Anglia (7)
- 5 Condition of Hawaii for instance (5)
- 6 Seize an extra room (5)
- 9 Correction loses nothing hyphen that's not right (9)
- 14 Previously enough for instance (7)
- 15 Shortfall arising from fit dice (7)
- 16 Del boy's favourite bit of a pig (7)
- 19 Approximately a contest (5)
- 20 Hoxne Swan maybe (5)
- 21 Criminal in lifelong career (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 129 was: Lyn Edwards, Pixey Green

Answers: **Across** 7) Waiter 8) Tiptoe 10) Stranger 11) Olive 12) Mate 13) Steer
17) Barmy 18) Fell 22) Extra 23) Narrate 24) Cancer 25) Effete

Down 1) Twosome 2) Migrate 3) Seine 4) Widower 5) Stand 6) Melee 9) Testament
14) Manager 15) Debated 16) Fleeced 19) Fence 20) Stone 21) Craft

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