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**SWH** Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

**WB** Wingfield Barns

# Letters to the Editor

## BOUNDARY BEAT

This year, the surprise part of the Hoxne Rogation Sunday walk, was along part of the river Dove. Attendance was over 30. Michael Knights was able to add historical interest on the movement of the course of the river Dove and the effect on the Oakley /Hoxne parish boundary.



The walk was followed by a spread of cakes and savouries to rival any major summer do, and to replace lost calories. Our thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Barker, Mr and Mrs Searle, Gill O'Connor and all those who made the cakes.



I am now working on the route of next years walk, again in search somewhere different.

*Phil Flagg*

## HOXNE'S HISTORY

### Artefacts and Displays in St Peter and St Paul Church

To commemorate the 1150th anniversary of St Edmunds martyrdom plans are being drawn up for the establishment of the St Edmund Chapel in the North Aisle of the Church. In order to facilitate construction of the Chapel and the restoration of the screen which was removed some years ago it will be necessary to temporarily take down and store the exhibits currently located in the North Aisle.

This provides us with a unique opportunity to present our local history as depicted by these exhibits in a better and more modern way. The Hoxne History Group together with the Parochial Church Council are working to establish ownership of the artefacts and displays and refresh and update these hopefully with the assistance and permission of the owners.

Some work has already been undertaken to identify and catalogue everything currently on display, but we do require help particularly to add new material where appropriate, and more importantly, to maintain what we already have in good condition for future generations.

As we are uncertain about the ownership and origin of some of the exhibits we are most anxious to hear from anyone who may have information that will help us in this regard.

Furthermore if you are someone who cares about our heritage and would be willing to help with this important ongoing work we shall be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact:

**David Hyde, Chairman  
Hoxne Heritage Group  
davidjhyde@btopenworld.com**



# Notice Board

## HOXNE VILLAGE WEBSITE

The new Hoxne Village Website is up and running. Please keep us updated with events, photographs for the gallery and let us know if you wish to be included in The Welcome Pack, Local Facilities or Clubs and Organisations pages. Please support us. You will find us at:

[hoxne.net](http://hoxne.net)

We can be contacted on:  
[hoxne.news@btinternet.com](mailto:hoxne.news@btinternet.com)

## J'S MEADOW, SYLEHAM

The meadow is looking good with its fencing, incipient hedging and the first additions of a bug hotel and stepping logs.

Before much more work can take place, we are awaiting the outcome of

discussions with the District Council and a potential donor (both looking positive so far!) about the hard path we would like to include to give a structure to

the area and to make it accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Our thanks



to David Young, Parish Clerk, who has been assisting with these discussions.

Offers of trees have already been received, to be planted in the autumn, and other trees and shrubs would be welcomed - but please discuss the chosen species with the committee. If you would like to be involved in any other way, for example in planting of the sensory garden, please contact Julie Thompson [juliethompson435@gmail.com](mailto:juliethompson435@gmail.com) or myself.

Meanwhile, J's Meadow will host its first event - a bring-and-share picnic on **Saturday 17th August** (see page 8).

*Mary Lewis*  
[mary.lewis43@icloud.com](mailto:mary.lewis43@icloud.com)  
*Hon Secretary, Management Committee*  
*Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall*

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Francesca, based in our Stowmarket office will be so grateful to hear from any prospective volunteers and will be able to give you all the information you need to apply to join us.

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## THANK YOU FROM THE REVEREND JOHN McCracken

**A**t Evensong on 23rd June I was very moved that so many people turned out to wish me well for my ordination as deacon the following week. And words seem incapable of expressing

how grateful I am for the magnificent generosity of people from across the parishes in equipping me with stoles, and a book fund for my on-going studies, and other personal gifts.

The pre-ordination retreat at Leiston Abbey was a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and preparation for the service at the cathedral on 29th June. It was also good for those of us preparing to be deacons to get to know those who had been ordained as deacons a year earlier.

St Edmundsbury cathedral was packed for the ordination service. Those of us about to be ordained sat in a semicircle in front of the altar. It was great to

know that our families and friends were there to support us, and in a remarkable way, the vastness of the cathedral became a small intimate space, and the actual ordination was intensely personal.



By the time you read this, the subsequent legal formalities of making me a curate in the benefice will have taken place. I look forward to the year ahead and to continuing my training. Please bear with me as I learn what I need to learn: as I said at Evensong, it takes a benefice to train a priest. With your help, I will better serve God and all who live here.

*With every blessing,  
John*

# What's On Here

## Addington Fund Service

The Addington Fund's Lammas Service is at St Peter & St Paul Hoxne on **Thursday 1st August** at 6pm. The 1st August is the ancient festival of Lammastide, which traditionally is the start of the harvest calendar - a time of giving thanks to God for all we sow and reap. Lammas (literally loaf mass), is the celebration of the first loaf of the first grain of the wheat harvest.

Everyone is invited to join us for this service of thanks, followed by drinks and a hog roast. This is the seventh consecutive year that the service has been held here, attracting people from across the region.

Our speaker is Bill Young, the Addington Fund's CEO, who will talk about developments of the Fund in East Anglia.

For the first time this year, we are delighted to be having a **tractor parade** beforehand from Home Farm, Eye Road, Hoxne starting at 5.30pm and arriving in the church car park before the service.

Proceeds go to the Addington Fund, helping farming families in need.



## Summer Play Café

Back by popular, **every Friday** during the school holidays, 2.30pm - 5pm, **from 26th July to 30th August**. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake or



ice-cream whilst your children play. Last year's café helped raise over £250 towards the running of the Hoxne playing field. Please come and support our little charity again.

**Hoxne Playing Field, The Pavilion  
Heckfield Green, Hoxne IP21 5AD**

## J's Meadow Picnic



Syleham and Wingfield sports & social club are organising a teddy bear / toy picnic on the very new J's Meadow behind Chaucer Cottages, IP21 4LT. All teddy bears & toys must be accompanied by a person! Either bring a small plate of food for a bring & share picnic or if your prefer bring a picnic for your selves. From 3.30pm on **Saturday 17th August**. Family fun and games + bar and small prize for the best dressed teddy / toy. Any questions, please call Donna Baker **01379 668361** or **07876 487294**.

## Hoxne Charities Clay Shoot

This annual event is on **Sunday 1st September**, 11am 'til 4pm at Oakley Park, Hoxne IP21 5AU. For the past few years we have been raising between £1500 and £2000 each year, which has been distributed to charities within Hoxne. We have some loyal sponsors who enable us to give more funds to the charities; there are still opportunities to add your business signs to a stand. See contact details below.

Lots of people come from all over East Anglia to spend their money to try and hit a circle of clay! It is always a busy day whatever the weather, and we have had some rather windy and wet days, but equally some warm, sunny days. The site overlooks the Waveney valley, the view is amazing. Do come and have a cuppa with us, even if you are not taking part. All children must be under direct supervision of their accompanying adult.

If you can spare a couple of hours to make some teas, ensure the helpers have food and drink, make a cake, mark a tick or a cross on a score card, help to put up a marquee and/or take it down again, please contact Julie on **juliethompson435@gmail.com** or text **07929 794636**. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you.



## It's Show Time!

**H**oxne Flower, Craft and Produce Show is on **Saturday 7th September** in Hoxne Village Hall. Everyone who lives in either Hoxne or Denham parishes, or who have children at Hoxne Primary School are eligible to enter. The Show Schedules with all the details and entry forms are available at Hoxne Post Office and Stores, (thank you Mr & Mrs Rogers) or from myself, Sue Flagg, 16 Cross Street, Hoxne.

Everyone is welcome to come and look at the entries (and winners) at 2pm onwards. Tea, Coffee and cakes are available. You can contact me at [sue.flagg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sue.flagg@hotmail.co.uk) and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

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## Scrap Metal Collection

**T**here will be a scrap metal collection for the week of **Monday 9th September**. Back by popular demand the skip will be at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall, IP21 4LT. Items

too difficult for the skip can be left outside the skip or if you want scrap metal collected from your house it can be done easily. Any questions, Donna Baker 01379 668361 or 07876 487294.

The Hoxne Phoenix Group presents a

 **Pudding Evening** 

at **Hoxne Village Hall**

in aid of the: **Dove Dementia Café**  
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**Tuesday 10th September 2019**  
at **7 pm**

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Contact Vivienne Bradford for more details:  
01379 668 551

## Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride



**I**t's that time of year to prepare for the annual Church cycle ride. It will take place on **Saturday 14th September** between 9am and 5pm. Everyone is welcome to either cycle or walk and visit our local churches with the aim to raise some money. All our local churches are registered to take part. Why not get together with some friends, plan a route visiting churches (perhaps a pub on route) at the same time raising money for your local church.

At St Peter & St Paul in Hoxne, if you would like to act as a recorder, please let me know what time you can make as we still have various slots available. I look forward to hearing from you. For forms

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At St John's Denham, sponsorship forms can be obtained from Hilary Castleden on **01379 668458**.

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A full list of churches that are open and further details are available on the

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website: [shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride)

## Hoxne Harvest Breakfast

The ever popular Harvest Breakfast will once again be held on the Low Street Green on **Sunday 15th September**, 10am - 12.30pm. Full breakfast, barbecue, entertainment, raffle and harvest hymns. Please come with your family and friends. Proceeds to Hoxne Playing Fields and St Edmunds Hall.

*Carole and Alan Smith*

## Wingfield Barns

### International Mini Prints

**Saturday 13th July to Sunday 1st September** 11am to 4pm, **Wednesdays to Sundays**. Wingfield Barns is delighted to host this prestigious exhibition that draws a large number of visitors and collectors every year who are keen to buy original prints at affordable prices and to see over 650 prints from fifty countries worldwide. The limited edition prints cover all the traditional printmaking disciplines from etching, lithography, screenprinting, monotypes and mixed media prints to the more experimental

digital techniques, all working to a maximum of scale of 10 cm square.

The Exhibition has been running annually since 1995 and will be curated by Ian Chance, course director for the MA Creative Entrepreneurship course at the University of East Anglia. It will also tour in L'Etangd'Art Gallery in Bages, France, Pineda de Mar and Cadaqués, Spain and is the largest and most popular running exhibition of mini prints in the world. Wingfield Barns is the only gallery in the UK to host this exhibition.

### Maria Rosier

Maria is a trained teacher of Art and Design who has developed her own style of artwork using shape, texture and colours found in natural forms. She experiments with various media for effect, using hand-made paper, fabric, heavy impasto gels or pastes. Running **17th August to 1st September** 11am to 4pm, **Wednesday to Sunday**. Private view **Friday 16th August** 6pm to 8pm



Exhibition at Wingfield Barns Arts Centre  
17th August to 1st September 2019, Wednesday to Sunday  
Private Viewing Friday 16th August 6-8pm  
**Maria Rosier Art**  
*Inspired by Georgin O'Keefe*

### Printmaking Workshops

In conjunction with the Mini Print exhibition this year, we are running some printmaking workshops where artist Sally Hirst will be demonstrating and teaching both Monotype and Intaglio printmaking.

### International Mini Print Exhibition 2019



13th July to 1st September  
11 am - 4 pm Gallery 2  
Wednesday to Sunday

**Private View 6-8pm**  
**Thursday 11th July**



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Each course will run for 2.5 hours and all materials will be provided. Suitable for all abilities, just bring yourselves. For more information and to book, visit our website. **Thursday 1st August.** Tickets £20 to include refreshments.

### Three Men In A Boat

**Kick in the Head productions**

**Saturday 28th September, 7.30pm.**

After the huge success of Old Herbaceous, Kick In The Head productions are back with a rip roaring barrel of fun, Three Men in a Boat, with Giles Shenton (Old Herbaceous himself!)



playing the part of Jerome K Jerome.

Join Jerome as he recounts the hilarious story of his boating holiday along the magnificent River Thames with his two companions and Montmorency the dog. Come and join in the fun as Giles Shenton expertly takes the helm and pilots you

through the ridiculous tale of men behaving badly while messing about in boats! Tickets £14/£12 (concessions).

To book tickets or for more information on booking the Barns for your event or for details of all our upcoming events, please visit our website.

[www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com)

**Wingfield Barns | Church Road**

**Wingfield | IP21 5RA | 01379 384505**

**office.manager@wingfieldbarns.co.uk**

## Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

**J**ust to let you know, we now have a new digital juke box in place! Come along one 'club night' - Tuesdays and Fridays - to see if your favourites are on the list. July sees us renewing our membership for the year - just £3.50/£3 for concessions for the whole year allowing you to come along whenever the 'club' is open as well as some discounts on events. If you come along and like what you see, please become a member. Speak to one of the bar staff, or a member of the Sports and Social club committee. Thank you for all support.

**Friday 26th July** - Bingo supporting the PINK LADIES tractor run, fundraising for Cancer Research UK, Breast cancer appeal Charity no 1089464. Come ready to start just after 8pm. Raffle, bar open. The bar has chocolate and crisps, do bring your own snacks if you wish.

**Sunday 11th August** - Syleham and Wingfield village hall is open for Sunday afternoon from 2pm until 6pm. Relax and join us for a drink. Television, juke box, pool, darts.

**Saturday 17th August** - Bring and Share picnic on J's Meadow. This free event will be the first on J's Meadow. Come along with a picnic, with a chair or a rug, with family and friends. Traditional games, mini competitions. See page 8.

**Sunday 25th August** - Syleham and Wingfield village hall is open for Sunday afternoon from 2pm until 6pm. Relax and join us for a drink. Television, juke box, pool, darts.

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**Monday 9th September** - Scrap metal collection raising funds for Syleham and Wingfield village hall. Lee Smith will provide a skip on the village hall car park which will be available until **Friday 13th September**. Please contact Donna on **01379 668371** if you need further details or have heavy, bulky items that need to be collected from your door. Thank you for your support.

**Saturday 21st September** - Come along for Coffee from 10.30am 'til 12.30pm. Tea, coffee, cakes stall, raffle and a few stalls. Pop in for refreshments and a chat. This event is in aid of the Senior Citizen's annual meal.

**Friday 27th September** - Bingo in aid of Fressingfield Thursday Toddler group. Come along ready to start at just after **8pm**. Raffle, bar open. Bring your own snacks or purchase chocolate and crisps from the bar.

### **Advance Notice**

**Thursday 10th October** - Common Ground Theatre with their production of *A Sidecar Named Despair* at 7.30pm. Book on Common Ground theatre website or **07807 341364**. Tickets £10, U12 + unwaged £7. Take a ride up the comedy freeway with a tale of mobsters, missing gems and a mashed-up motorbike.

**Friday 25th October** - Bingo in aid of Fressingfield Thursday Toddler group.  
**Saturday 26th October** - 70's Disco! All our favourites - Sweet, Mud, T Rex on to Elvis Costello, Eagles, Elton. Request your favourite. Pull on the flares and tank top - or come as you are! Fiver on the door. Burger van, bar open, raffle.

**Saturday 2nd November** (provisional) - Open Mic/party/ fundraising night in aid of Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

**Saturday 9th November** - Coffee morning, 10.30am 'til 12.30pm.

**Saturday 23rd November** - Live Band - EXPLETIVES. 8pm, bar, £5 on the door.

**Friday 29th November** - Bingo.

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

*Julie Thompson, text 07929 794636  
juliethompson435@gmail.com*

### **How to book the hall**

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

*Donna Baker, 01379 668361  
donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk*

## **Hoxne Village Hall**

### **Film Nights**

No film in August. **Friday** dates for the remainder of the year - **13th September, 11th October, 8th November** and **13th December**. Next season's films are yet to be decided, watch out for posters and flyers near the time. Bar opens 7pm, film starts 7.30pm with interval. Ice creams and pop corn available. Tickets in advance on **01379 668060** or from



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We are again asking your opinion on whether or not to show subtitles at the Films. See flyer with this edition of Village Voice or visit our website. Your Hall Committee does need as much feedback as possible on this, so please take the time to let us know your thoughts.

### Other Events

Hoxne Produce and Craft Market with Cafe, **Saturdays** monthly, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Dates - **27th July, 31st August, 28th September, 26th October, 30th November, 14th December.**

Annual Flower, Craft and Produce Show - **Saturday 7th September**, 2pm onwards. See page 9 for entry details.

Hoxne Heritage Group Exhibition - Hoxne at War 1939-1945. 10am - 4pm on **Sunday 8th September.** See page 9.

Ballroom and Latin American - New beginners class starts **Monday 9th September**, 8.30pm to 9.15pm. Bring a partner - Please contact Helen Gilbee **01379 740339** for details.

### Quizzes Return!

Following a very successful quiz in aid of Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Child Bereavement Unit, Quizmaster Jenny Knights is back to test your knowledge in two quizzes. Thanks again to all of you who supported that one. Please come along again on **Saturday 21st September** to raise funds for Fressingfield Scouts new HQ and **Saturday 9th November** to raise funds for The Friends of St Peter & St Paul Church Hoxne.

Both quizzes £5 per head. Teams of up to 6 - if you have less than 6 people give us a ring and we can try and match you up with others! Picnics welcome for half time (no alcohol please as bar will be open). Raffle as well.

Call Michael Knights on **01379 668060** or email: [daganyafarm@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:daganyafarm@tiscali.co.uk)

For contact details of the various organisations that use the Hall, please see our website for more information:

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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](mailto:hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com) or call **07876 215269.**

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

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

### **Syleham and Wingfield**      Calling every 4 weeks on **Fridays**

Next stops: **9th August and 6th September**

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## What's On There

### Billingsford Mill

The Mill will be open on **Sunday 18th August**, 12noon - 4pm, with the annual teddy parachute drop starting at 14.30pm. Bring your own teddy and parachute. Some teddies will be available to purchase and materials available to make a parachute. Our last open day of the year will be on **Sunday 29th September**



12noon - 4pm which is also a work day. Enquires - Julie and Herbert, Mill Custodians **01379 853967**.

### Harleston and District U3A

For the past few years, we have contributed to the attractions of the Harleston Festival which is held every August. This year the time of our usual monthly meeting has been changed from the third to the **second Wednesday** of the month to fit in with the Festival.

The Ukulele Band will be giving a free concert at 3pm on **Tuesday 20th August**

in King George's Hall and the Waveney Valley Study Group (our largest interest group) will be presenting "Windmills of the Waveney Valley" at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 21st August** at the same venue.

Have you thought about giving membership of U3A a try? The annual fee is modest and there are more than twenty different interest groups. You can widen your circle of friends, enjoy days out and altogether make your "third age" (i.e. semi or full retirement) more enjoyable.

Our monthly meetings, with a speaker, raffle and some social time, are held at St John's Church at 2.00pm normally on the third Wednesday of each month.

For further information contact Membership Secretary, Kim on **01986 788149** or visit our website:

[u3asites.org.uk/Harleston](http://u3asites.org.uk/Harleston)

### Stand by for Mary Poppins!

With school summer holidays in mind, Harleston Cinema Group, will be screening "**Mary Poppins Returns**" on **Thursday 22nd August** - a treat for children and the young at heart. There will be two

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### August

Thu 1st, North Norfolk Railway;  
Mon 5th, Southwold; Thu 8th, Black Horse, Thorndon; Mon 12th, Aldeburgh;  
Thu 15th, Taverham Garden Centre;  
Mon 19th, Cromer; Thu 22nd, White Horse, Stoke Ash; Thu 29th, Felixstowe.

### September

Mon 2nd, Mystery Tour;  
Thu 5th, Cherry Lane & Goodies, Pulham;  
Thu 12th, Sheringham; Thu 19th, Kings Head, North Lopham; Thu 26th, Southern Comfort Mississippi Paddle Steamer

showings of the film at the Masonic Rooms, Redenhall Road, Harleston - a matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 7.30pm. There will be an interval for legs to be stretched and ice creams to be enjoyed, and a bar at the evening show for wine, beer and soft drinks. The "U" rated film stars Ben Wishaw, Emily Blunt and Dick van Dyke and tells how, nearly 30 years after her first visit to London, the enigmatic Mary Poppins soars back in to look after the Banks children in a (new) time of need. There are wonderful songs and classic 2D animation and this is a delightful reunion for everyone to enjoy, whether you grew up with the magic or will discover it for the first time.

Tickets cost £4.00 and can be booked at Harleston Information Centre in Exchange Street, telephone **01379 851917**. Doors open at 1.30pm and 7pm. For further information call Carolyn on **01379 854752** or Lesley on **01379 854897**.

## Harleston Choral Society

**H**arleston Choral Society's Autumn Term begins on **Monday 9th September**, at 7pm (for collection of subs), when we'll take up our scores for our Christmas Concert on **Saturday 14th December**. We'll be singing works by Vaughan Williams and Bob Chilcott, plus some carols for audience and some for HCS on our own.

We're a friendly, non-audition choir and we welcome all singers and would-be singers. Choir practices are on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm in The Church at London Road, Harleston. Subs are £40.00 per term (some concessions are available) and music is provided free. So come and join us! Further information: [www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk) or from Jo Curry: [jo.curry@sky.com](mailto:jo.curry@sky.com)

## Harleston Players

**I**n Jessica Swale's debut play, *Blue Stockings*, Tess Moffat and her fellow first years are determined to win the right to graduate. It's 1896 and Girton College, Cambridge is the first college in Britain to admit women. The Girton girls study ferociously and match their male peers grade for grade. But little do they anticipate the hurdles in their way: the distractions of love, the cruelty of the class divide or the strength of the opposition, who will do anything to stop them.

The play follows them over one tumultuous academic year, in their fight to change the future of education. 'Love or knowledge: which would you choose?'

Performances at Archbishop Sancroft High School on **Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October** at 7.30pm. Tickets **01379 855027** or see our website:

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# Reflections

## The Commitments

Not that *The Commitments* is a film that I've ever seen. Firstly thank you to everyone who commented on my last piece, and my continuing thoughts about suicide.

Special thanks to the person who pointed out my poor drafting (and yes it was my poor drafting); where I wrote:

*Times change though, and for over a hundred years the Church of England has held that someone of sound mind who kills themselves can 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).*

That should have said, *someone of unsound mind* (i.e. mental health issues) **you can** have a church funeral.

Another comment which gave me plenty to think about was the observation that it's wrong to talk about committing suicide because suicide isn't a crime and you commit a crime, and it is certainly that **suicide is not a criminal offence.**

But it made me think about what it means 'to commit'. Yes, a crime is one thing that can be committed; but nations can commit to war, committing to war is not automatically illegal.

Then I noticed something in the wedding service, one of the prayers says:

*Pour out your blessings upon N and N, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and **commitment** to each other*

Weddings contain two things, legal bits and prayers so has the church been inciting illegal acts in the middle of a legal ceremony?!!! No!

So, what does commitment mean? It occurs to me that there's a huge difference between being committed and anything else. For example, in a breakfast of bacon and eggs, the chicken is involved, the pig is committed. Sometimes in life we have to be more than involved; we have to be committed. Perhaps we all need to take some time to think about the things in life where we need to be committed, because sometimes its absolutely necessary to be committed!

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

### 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. See page 8.



### Sunday 4th August

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion  
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion  
4pm Syleham, Benefice Messy Church

### Sunday 11th August

11.15am Denham, Benefice Family@Church

### Sunday 18th August

10am Syleham Village Praise  
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

### Sunday 25th August

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion  
11.15am Denham Holy Communion  
11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins  
6.30pm Wingfield, Benefice BCP Evensong

### Sunday 1st September

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion  
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion  
4pm Syleham, Benefice Messy Church

### Sunday 8th September

11.15am Denham Harvest Family@Church

### Sunday 15th September

10am Syleham Village Praise

### Sunday 22nd September

9:30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion  
11.15am Denham Holy Communion  
11.15am Hoxne Harvest Festival  
6.30pm Wingfield Benefice BCP Evensong

### Sunday 29th September

11.15am Benefice Communion Horham Harvest

## Church News

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### St John, Denham

On Saturday 22nd June Denham PCC held another very successful Summer Fair. It was a splendid summer's day and there were lots of plants, books, cakes and delicious cream teams on offer. The church yard looked beautiful in the sunshine and it was lovely to meet so many smiling faces and dogs too! It was even hot enough to enjoy an ice cream, or two! We would very much like to thank all those who came to support the event as we raised over £300 of much needed funds. A big thank you also needs to go to Hilary for all of her organisation and hard work, Margaret and Michael Reeves for all of the refreshments and anyone who kindly donated anything to be sold on the day.

The next event is the 2nd Annual Garden Games and Kubb tournament at 12 Hoxne Road in Denham on

**Saturday 17th August** at 2pm. For those of you who haven't heard of Kubb, it is a team lawn game where the objective is to knock over wooden blocks by throwing wooden batons at





them. Kubb can be described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes. Play takes place on a small rectangular playing field, known as a pitch. Anyone can play so come along and have a go! The winning team will get to take home the Golden Kubb! There will be scones, Pimms and lots of cake. It is £5.00 for adults and children are free. For more information, contact me on **07894 562172**.

*Helen Joslin*

Early this spring Marie Lagerberg was kind enough to visit the churchyard with notebook and pencil and found 41 plant species growing there at the time. The display of early purple orchids (*Orchis mascula*) and cowslips was stunning. She points out that the churchyard is a County Wildlife Site and a precious habitat. This is due in no small measure to Paul Chenery who we would like to thank for his work in maintaining it in a thoughtful sympathetic manner conducive to a flourishing flora and fauna.

This year the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust bike ride takes place on **Saturday 14th September**. It is a great day out - energetic or relaxing depending on your approach but always interesting and sociable. Half of the money you raise goes to your own church so it is an enjoyable and useful way of raising funds. See page 9 for more details. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from me on **01379 668458**.

*Hilary Castleden*

## St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**A**s you read this, the Fete held at Abbey Farm will be over, the results will be in the porch and published in the next issue of Village Voice. THANK YOU to all who contributed, supported and enjoyed the afternoon.

The 'kitchen' will have finally been installed and in use at the regular coffee mornings and other events. Thank you to all who have engaged with 'The Friends' who have contributed financially to this project.

The 'Great Screen' installed by the Kerrisons, which has lain so long in the church 'in pieces' has been temporarily placed against the North wall (with much thanks to Alan Garnham and team). It has been assessed for 'running repairs' and permission is being sought for it to be erected in the North aisle, west of the steps to the Maynard memorial. The screen is well worth a visit for its beautiful, intricate craftsmanship of the Saint Edmund story.

## 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 19th August** - Branch meeting.

**Monday 16th September** - No meeting as Annual Meeting in Portsmouth.

**Thursday 26th September** - NSA morning at Halesworth, 10am.

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

## Flower rota

**4th and 11th August:** Altar, Cathie McGregor;

**18th and 25th August:** Altar, Jenny Looome;

**1st and 8th September:** Altar, Pru Day;

**15th September:** Altar, Cathie McGregor;

**22nd and 29th September:** Harvest Festival Rota;

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**.

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## St Margaret, Syleham

**W**e are open again! Apologies to anyone who tried to visit the church in recent weeks whilst it was closed for redecoration. You would have found it looking like a morgue (see photo!) as the contractor Lee Hurrell carefully swathed everything in sheeting, but now the



walls are clean and fresh. Once again we do thank all who have contributed towards the cost! The work took a little longer than expected, owing to wet weather at a crucial time, and we are sorry we had to cancel both June services. The windows are still to be cleaned and repaired as necessary, and we are also investigating conservation of the almost illegible 'commandment boards'.

### Dedication of J's Memorial

Now that the redecoration is complete, the tablet to J's memory can be installed. We have arranged for the Bishop of Dunwich, Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, to lead a service to dedicate the tablet. This will be at 10am on **Sunday 13th October** and will also be a celebration of the newly painted church. We are inviting decorative tributes to celebrate whatever J meant to each of us, using flowers, art, written tributes, poems, artefacts -

whatever feels right for you. Please get in touch if you would like to bring a tribute.

### Events

The cheese & wine evening took place too late for a report in this issue, but our thanks to Colin & Jackie for hosting what is sure to have been a very friendly event, and our thanks also to all those who attended.

### Summer Fête

Our traditional afternoon fete is back by popular demand on **Saturday 31st August**, to be held in the garden of the Manor House by very kind invitation of Major Napier. We start at 2pm and there will be a BBQ, licensed bar and cream teas. Varied stalls include plants, jewellery and cakes and there will be family activities and games. Ample parking but no dogs, please.



### Ride & Stride

On **Saturday 14th September**, see page 9 for more details. Keen cyclists most welcome to participate on behalf of St Margaret's! If there are sufficient volunteers to man the church, it will be open for visiting cyclists: please let me know if you can help for an hour or so.

### Harvest Supper

Save the date! 7pm for 7.15pm on **Saturday 19th October**. Always a fun evening with great food!



### Harvest Festival

This will be at 10am on **Sunday 20th October**, an opportunity to give thanks for God's provision and to further enjoy the decorations contributed the previous Sunday.

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

# Hoxne Bowls Club

## Centurions Celebrate

**O**n the hottest day of the year, eighteen happy Hoxonians met some of the county's finest bowlers on the green to commemorate one hundred years since the Hoxne Swan Bowls Club was formed.

Despite the heat, Suffolk Vice-Presidents and Hoxne Bowlers enjoyed a wonderful afternoons camaraderie, banter and good bowling. After a hard fought game, Hoxne were victorious by 105-83.

But the festivities continued in the playing fields' pavilion where players and guests enjoyed a hearty meal provided by club members, Viv Wilkinson and Monica Flounders, helped by Viv's daughters and Lyn Saunders.

Club Captain, Maurice Hurry welcomed the Vice-Presidents and thanked them for a good game played in the best of spirits.

Club President, David Hyde congratulated the club on reaching one hundred years, and the current members on building a club to be proud of.

Suffolk VPs' Captain, David Horden thanked Hoxne for inviting them to share their celebration and praised the club for its "Five star facilities", referring to the



green, the clubhouse, the pavilion and the hospitality.

Finally the day was rounded off neatly with Maurice Hurry cutting a centenary cake baked by Viv Wilkinson.

**Roger Knight, 01379 668403**



Right: As part of Hoxne Bowls Club's Centenary Celebration, a dozen Year 6 pupils from St Edmund's School visited the green to learn a little of our history and enjoy a game of bowls.

Pictures: Graham Turner

Village Voice







## Rural Coffee Caravan

The Rural Coffee Caravan will once again be visiting Wingfield at Castle Crescent, 10am - 12pm on **Tuesday 20th August** and **Tuesday 17th September**. 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 historic Red Feather Club has big plans to round off another successful season. Following on from its best-ever Americana Day - celebrating all things American - and a great reunion it has further dances lined up for the autumn.

On **Saturday 28th September** hot western swing band Junction 55 return to the restored NCOs' club. Tickets are £12 and the band will be supported legendary DJ Gypsy John, local favourite The Mailman and house compere, DJ Andy AV8. And the season will be rounded off on **Saturday 26th October** with a Poppy Dance featuring three-part harmony trio The Knightingales performing well-known 1940s classics.

The Red Feather Club, operated and managed by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is in a former NCOs' club and exclusively houses uniforms and memorabilia relating to the 95th Bomb Group. The 95th, part of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, flew 334 missions and were the first Bomb Group to perform a daylight raid on Berlin. They were awarded a record three Presidential Unit Citations and lost more than 600 men in action.

The Red Feather Club is four miles south-east of Eye off the B1117 (IP21 5DG). Open days are held on the last Sunday of every month from April to





October inclusive (10am-4pm). We're next open on **Sunday 25th August**, followed by **Sunday 29th September**. **Sunday 27th October** is the final open day of the year and as usual there will be vehicles, re-enactors and stalls.

The Club is also home to the 1285th Military Police Company re-enactors who have rebuilt a guard room alongside the renovated Red Feather Club. During the year there are dances, film shows, talks and the museum is open for educational visits from schools and groups.

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

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## Fressingfield Scouts

**B**y the time you receive this, our senior sections will have returned from their summer expedition/camp in Northumberland. The Explorers are undertaking a four day endurance hike from Walls End (Newcastle) to Carlisle - hiking the full width of the UK (East to West) along the beautiful and historic Hadrian's Wall and the Scouts will cover the same route but as a four section relay. They will all be sponsored to raise funds towards the new Headquarters project.

Our Beaver Colony has a waiting list and we are about to open another Colony on Saturday morning, details will be published soon.

We continue to progress with the new Headquarters project; on a recent workday volunteers put up internal fences, installed a gas cylinder storage unit, laid a base for a shed, started to construct the Chapel area and had a tidy up.

The crisp packet recycling has really taken off with several members making

arrangements within their schools to collect. At the end of June we packed and sent off empty packets weighing 25kg, the financial return is not great but it feels good to help stop that going to landfill.

The recycled packets are transformed into new products such as park benches, plant pots and watering cans. We can collect crisp packets made by any brand, but not popcorn bags, crisp tubes (Pringles), pretzel bags or meat snack bags. Collected packets can be tied in a carrier bag and left for Michael Knights at Daganya Farm, Nuttery Vale, Hoxne.

At the end of June representatives of the Scout Group were pleased to attend and take part in the Armed Forces Day concert and service in the Church.

With our focus on the new headquarters, most of our fund raising has gone towards that and we are extremely grateful for two recent £1000 grants towards camping equipment that will provide much improved camp cooking facilities and replace ageing and very tired tents.

Apart from the sponsored hike, our next fund raising activities are a quiz in Hoxne Village Hall on **Saturday 21st September** (see page 15) and a cake stall at the Hoxne monthly market on **Saturday 28th September**. To book a quiz team (up to six people) please contact Michael on **01379 668060**.

[www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk](http://www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk)

## Hoxne Bell Ringers

**T**here is further news of Hoxne bells. On a recent visit to the belfry in Hoxne tower a comparison was made between the state of the bells now and their appearance at our previous visit in the Autumn. Unfortunately there appears to be further deterioration. The wood worm and rot has continued and there is concern about the safety of the bells. The PCC are arranging an inspection

of the bells and the frame by a structural engineer who will assess the condition of the headstocks from which the bells hang. Depending on his opinion the timing and details of any work will be decided.

The band has continued their practises although we are still short of teachers. It is unusual to have a band composed almost entirely of learners. More often one or two learners are attached to a band of regular ringers. An effort to get our own teacher was frustrated by illness and the cancellation of the teachers course. Once again our thanks go to the support we have received from Winston and Carol and Zoe without whom we would have no teachers.

We have been ringing at Oakley again and this has resulted in more maintenance work on their bells which do not have a regular band. Thanks again to Irene and Rev. Adrian Watkins for the use of their bells. An improved information sheet has been produced for the Oakley bells some of which are of great antiquity and all of which are interesting.

Unfortunately access to the belfry is rather difficult involving long ladders and trap doors, so not many people get to visit them. Details and photos are now available on a sheet in the church,

Our attention will now be directed at the Hoxne tower while we continue to build up the ringers skills. Firstly we must make sure the bells are safe then plan our restoration.

**Andrew Castleden 01379 668458**  
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## Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**A**t last, by the time you read this the tea point in the church will be up and running, this will be of great help to the Friends when catering for events. On that point we recently

held a very successful Pie, Pint & Pud evening and we actually held it in the North Aisle of the church, this has given us more encouragement to hold more such events in the church.

Looking forward we will be holding our annual Harvest Lunch in the village hall on **Sunday October 13th**, tickets will soon be available from any committee member and on **Saturday 9th November** there will be a quiz in the village hall (see page 15).

Now that we have a new firm of architects, progress is also being made on the toilet and much thought is being given to the formation of a chapel dedicated to St Edmund.

Long term, other projects to be supported by the Friends include glass doors at the main porch entrance, if anyone has thoughts as to any other improvements they would like to see please let us know.

There is a lot to do and so it is important that the Friends carry on. BUT, unless more people come forward and join the committee then there is a strong chance that we will not be able to carry on. Any takers?

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, 9.45am to 11.15am. Once again our thanks to all who support us.

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

## Wingfield & District Gardening Club

**O**ur Autumn season of meetings begins on **Thursday 26th September** at 7.30pm in Brundish Village Hall. The subject will be Hanging Baskets All Year Round. For further information, contact Priscilla Williamson, email: **priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com**  
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## Hoxne Garden & Social Club

To those of you who thought our club was solely centred around gardening and garden related talks I am afraid you have been misinformed. Yes, we do have talks related to horticulture, such as the very interesting talk we had in June on how to grow sweet peas. We also however strive to have a range of speakers on a wide variety of subjects, such as the talk we had in May on Foul Murders in East Anglia.

By the time you read this our garden party will have been and gone, I am anticipating however that a good time will have been had by all, weather permitting. Thanks must go to the Coops at Downbridge Farm for hosting the event and again it is anticipated that we behaved ourselves and did not trash the place.

The autumn and winter programme of talks is coming together nicely so far to include subjects as diverse as hens, wartime rationing, locally produced wines and mechanical music machines. You can't get a much broader range of subjects than that.

If any of the planned talks wet your palate to give the wine analogy then please come and join us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month excepting August at 7.30pm in the village hall. To become a member is only a fiver and at each meeting we charge £2. You are also welcome to try it out by coming to a talk without joining the Club when we then charge £3 each.

Finally a reminder about the Flower and Produce Show coming up on **Saturday 7th September** at the village hall, see page 9 for details. If you thought a lot of sports were very

competitive, just watch the competition for the straightest runner bean.

*Chris Parkin*

## Hoxne Heritage Group

We're still very active behind the scenes and our monthly meetings at the Swan continue to be well-attended and vibrant, with discussions covering a wide range of heritage issues. Our main focus currently is arranging our exhibition commemorating WW2 and its impact on Hoxne. We are still very keen to accept any artefacts to display or to hear of any memories or stories. Many of you will have received the questionnaire, but regrettably, we have had only one response. The exhibition is in the Village Hall on **Sunday 8th September** all day (see page 9). This is followed by a talk on **Thursday 12th September** at 7.30pm in the hall by East Anglian WW2 expert, Dr Rob Liddiard from the UEA. Please come along.

The group have also been busy cataloguing the artefacts held at the church with a view to modernising the displays, while the North Aisle is being refurbished.

Our summer outing to South Elmham Hall in August will be an interesting visit so let's hope the weather stays fine for our intended picnic.

We have had some enthusiastic approaches from other heritage-related societies to hold joint events in Hoxne in 2020. Watch this space!

New members always welcome. This is a sociable group with an interest in local heritage -not a dull academic society! Why not come and have a pint and observe one of our meetings? Please contact me for the next meeting date.

*Margaret Sillis, Secretary*  
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# Hoxne Music Group Needs You...

**A** “Hot Night in Hoxne” held in May was another resounding success and the music group would like to thank all those who came along to support it.

As with the Casablanca themed evening last year, those attending entered into the spirit of 1930’s Chicago and dressed up as Gangsters and Molls. Max Middleton’s excellent eight piece band, including top class trumpet and saxophone players from London, provided the musical entertainment. And Gail Jackson and her team must be thanked for the meal.



However that is likely to be the last such themed event unless more people come forward to help with the organisation. Two years ago the old Hoxne Music Festival committee retired after a successful decade of staging a



wide variety of musical concerts for the benefit of Hoxne people and those from surrounding villages.

Since then a smaller committee have endeavoured to continue with at least one musical event a year, plus fund raising quizzes, instead of a three day festival which had been held every two years. But the committee numbers have now dwindled to just two. Hoxne Music Group cannot continue unless a number of people come forward to help plan, organise, promote, sell tickets etc and fulfil roles such as treasurer, secretary and chairperson.

If there are people reading this who feel they can help please email [helenmacdonogh@aol.com](mailto:helenmacdonogh@aol.com) or come along to the annual general meeting. It will be held in the Hoxne playing field pavilion on **Tuesday 3rd September** starting at 7.30pm.

## Hoxne Phoenix Group

**P**hoenix members are now organising the Fundraising ‘Pudding Evening’ on **Tuesday 10th September** in the Village Hall - full details on page 9 of this edition. We are supporting the Diss Dove Dementia Café in Diss providing friendship and music to Dementia sufferers and their carers. Music is a great relaxation for many people, both taking part and just listening. Tickets are now on sale to anyone in the surrounding area who would like to support this. The Organiser of this group (based in the United Reformed Church in Diss) Gabrielle Pagan will be giving a talk on how it was established, and the work done locally to help dementia sufferers.



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Joy Evitt was our Speaker in June on Women in World War 1 - just one of the varied talks she has given us over the last few years. With a Power Point presentation, she reminded us of the situation for women with poverty rife and fashion was for the very few. With Coco Chanelle starting to design clothes, women were more inclined to try different things. Occupations for women were numbered and many jobs revolved round the textile industry in the North West - mainly as Factory Workers or Dressmakers but also in Nursing and as Housemaids. By 1916 women were needed on the land and in the Forces, also as Nurses and in Ammunition Factories. By then they were taken on for heavy work (jobs which before the War they had been excluded from). Land

jobs as Labourers were plentiful and by 1916 British Summertime started so there were longer hours of daylight for people to work. Factory jobs were amongst the hardest, but it gave women the chance to prove they were more than capable. They would be involved in production of clothing, shoes and boots, waterproof clothing for soldiers and uniforms. Others were trained for firefighting, railway guards and station porters, Bank Tellers or Post Office Sorting Offices. For those who worked in Ammunition Factories, free childcare was available. By 1928 women gained equal voting rights with men. The legacy left to the nation was that women developed new skills and confidence, proving they could take part in the workplace in Society. Consequently, their health improved with better living standards and nutrition improved as wages increased.

A very interesting evening which members found enthralling and caused several questions to be asked.

The report for our July Meeting will be in the October edition but meanwhile do not forget to come and join us at our Fundraising Evening in September.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13th August** and is entitled "Blood, Sweat and Fears"

Any further information please feel free to contact me.

*Pat Green, Hon. Secretary  
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## St Edmund's School

**I**t was with great pleasure that we were able to announce the official OFSTED judgement for St. Edmund's. The school's overall effectiveness was judged as Good, with all 5 inspected areas also being judged as being Good. The report mentions in particular the children's positive behaviour towards

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each other, as well as their attitude to learning, as a strength of the school. This is a sentiment that we would like to echo, our pupils are a credit to the school on a daily basis and this was rightly highlighted by the inspector during his visit. We are delighted that the report reflects all of the good work that happens at St. Edmund's Primary, in particular the hard work and dedication of everyone who provides an excellent environment for pupils to learn and grow.



We are saying a final goodbye to our year 6 pupils who will be starting Secondary School in September. It has been a busy few weeks for Year 6 who have taken part in many activities including a bowls match with the Hoxne Bowls club which gave them an insight into a sport that has been played in the club for 100 years, everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part and the weather was on our side for the experience. It was wonderful to see different generations playing together and watching the children gain confidence as they practised with the woods, perhaps we have encouraged a future generation of bowls players. See centre pages for more pictures of the day.

A trip to London to visit the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern was a brilliant adventure for Year 5 and 6 and this helped give them inspiration for the play they are performing with all of Beech and Rowan class, dedicating as much time as they can to make this year extra special.



We look forward to seeing everybody in the new school year on Wednesday 4th September and welcoming our new children in Acorn Class and hope everyone will be refreshed after the summer break with lots of energy and empty heads that need to be filled with new ideas and amazing adventures.

If you have any queries or would like some information about the school, please use the contact us:

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## New Reeding Woods Group

**O**n the 15th June the New Reeding Woods Group put on a wood craft display at the Horham Fete. Demonstrations of log splitting, wood turning and willow weaving were on display and bird feeders, pegs, stools and whistles were sold as the group demonstrate their woodworking skills.

The second annual Great Crested Newt hunt took place throughout May with the aim of establishing the population age, numbers, sexes and species present in



the pond at Pound Lane Wood. As before, NRWG Chairman David Mitchell and Ecologist Sue Morgan conducted the survey and here is their report. The methodology was extended slightly on the 2018 event:

“Casual observation from members of the public indicated there might be rather fewer adults of all species than evident in the pond than in previous years. This information accorded with similar comments regarding other ponds in the locale. A series of bottle trapping episodes were carried out throughout the month - findings supported these initial observations.

A total of 22 individual fully-developed newts were recorded throughout, of which 9 were Great Crested Newts (GCN); the rest being Smooth Newts.

Male GCN: one male fully grown and two immature. Female GCN: six immature females.

None of the recorded GCNs matched the largest/oldest ones seen in 2018. A mass observation event scheduled for 24th May included bottle-traps, netting and DNA analysis, as well as an egg-search among emergent vegetation. 12 volunteers from Environment Agency, water companies and private contractors assisted in the operation. Apart from the fully developed newts listed above, significant numbers of eggs from both

GCN and Smoothies were found together with large numbers of newly emerged newt tadpoles and efts...partially developed newts. These were significantly greater in number than was the case in 2018.

All in all then, a disappointment that mature newt numbers appear to have reduced somewhat this year, counterbalanced by great excitement over the number of eggs and juveniles, promising a bumper newt year in 2020!”

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*

## Next Stop Symi

### Summer Update

First of all we would like to thank all the friends and supporters of the charity who popped into see us at the Open Meadow weekend in June. It was the second year running that Gerry & Marie Lagerberg have kindly invited us to set up in their old train carriage to tell the Next Stop Symi story and show how we try to improve the everyday lives of refugees stranded on the Greek Islands.

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This year we wanted to focus on a project set up by Samos Volunteers, the organisation we work closely with down in the Aegean. They have partnered with the refugees themselves to write and publish a cook book of recipes from the countries they have had to leave behind. It's called *Displaced Dishes* - and features wonderful food ideas from all across the Middle East and North Africa.



So the trustees and their partners cooked up some of these dishes and served them up to our visitors over the weekend along with photos and details of the refugee camp and the work we do. The cook book was available to buy and along with your generous donations we raised over £350.

This has spurred us on to start planning a *Displaced Dishes* supper club event - details will be announced soon so follow us on [www.facebook.com/nextstopsymi](https://www.facebook.com/nextstopsymi) to hear the latest.



We also hope to explore another connection with the refugees of Samos - Lost Gardens & Remembered Flowers will be a project that helps us understand more about what these families have left behind whilst celebrating the beautiful plants and herbs of the region.



And finally if you already have your 2020 diary, then please make a note that our Greek Night will be returning on Saturday 27th June. But hopefully we'll see you before then!

PS. We still have a few copies of the cook book left, so if you want to buy one (only £12) - just email Sue on:

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# Our Daily Bread

**B**read in its various forms is consumed all over the world. An important source of carbohydrates, it is portable and compact, which helps to explain why it has been an integral part of our diet for thousands of years. Prehistoric man had been making gruel from water and grains, so it was a small jump to start cooking this mixture into a solid form by cooking it on hot stones. A study by the National Academy of Sciences discovered traces of starch (probably from the roots of cattails and ferns) in prehistoric mortar and pestle-like rocks. The roots would have been peeled and dried before being ground into flour, mixed with water and cooked.

## Early Agriculture

In the Fertile Crescent (the region in the Middle East which curves around the Persian Gulf, from modern-day southern Iraq through to northern Egypt) centred around wheat, millet, barley and Emmer. But in the Americas, up to the time of Columbus, bread was baked from maize (the only cereal known on that side of

the Atlantic) which they ate in various forms.

## The Court Bakery of Ramses III

Wheat had important status in the Ancient Egyptian economy. It was not only used for bread making; it was also a form of currency. Emmer earned its worth from its high fibre content, low gluten content, and organic quality. On the tomb of Ramses III located in the Valley of the Kings, there is a depiction of a baking scene. The drawings show Egyptians pressing grapes with their feet, taking the grape juice into a bakery, where dough was formed into various shapes. The drawings show that once the dough was formed it was placed into a large pot of boiling liquid using two long sticks. After that the boiled bread was placed into a vertical oven where it was baked. To this day, Bagels are boiled before baking. Being the staple of the Egyptian diet, bread and grain were used to pay workers who built the royal tombs. For the peasant and common man, a mixture of flour and water was enough to get them through the day. For the Pharaoh and high priest, bread reflected their noble stature by the addition of honey, fruit and berries, and even sesame seeds.

## Leavening

To leaven is to lighten and in the case of bread this is done by introducing bubbles of gas which expand during cooking. Undoubtedly the first breads were unleavened like matzos, chapattis or tortillas, but it was discovered that if the dough is left for a few hours in warm weather, the organisms that are naturally present, including yeasts, will cause fermentation and



it became common practice to keep back some of one batch of dough in order to inoculate the next. The dough became sour (from the activity of lactic-acid organisms) and the product became known as sour dough bread. It has been reported that the San Francisco bakery 'Boudin' has been using the same mother dough that was first created in 1849.

## Yeast

Yeasts are single-celled microscopic fungi. They commonly multiply by budding off daughters - a few kinds simply split in two like bacteria, but they also reproduce sexually to form hybrids. Yeasts are always present in the atmosphere and they are also introduced into the kitchen with fruit and vegetables. Culinary yeasts are classified as wine yeasts, brewer's yeast, baker's yeast, wild yeasts and others and can be kept alive indefinitely by feeding them. Most home bakers rely on Baker's yeast which can be bought fresh, as a compressed substance, or as dried active yeast granules.

## Chorleywood Industrial Bread Making Process

In 1961 the Chorleywood Process was developed which reduced the time and labour required to make bread, thereby reducing costs. The age of industrial bread was born. Wheat is milled at high speed and high temperatures. This smashes apart the starches making it easier for the enzymes and improvers to work on the flour but reducing the nutritional value. This process also enables the flour to absorb more water. In fact, nearly half of the industrial loaf is water. The flour is then mixed with water, soya flour, fat, baking aids, ascorbic acid (E300) and yeast. According to The Flour Advisory Bureau 57% of us believe the process should be

celebrated as an iconic invention, alongside the likes of the internet, space travel and the mobile phone!

## Bread is King

We have seen the rapid growth in artisan bread making and have been encouraged to join the bread revolution. With the success of "Bake Off". Many of us are now making our own daily bread, but whether your choice is a bloomer, chapatti, focaccia or a tortilla, white sliced or sourdough, bread will remain the staff of life to be wrapped around rashers of bacon, used as soldiers to dip into egg or to mop up every last drop of gravy. The world of bread is vast and varied and some form of bread is found in virtually every Society. I agree with Louis Bromfield when he said, "Bread is the king of the table and all else is merely the court that surrounds the king."

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*My first attempt at making bread using Organic Stoneground Emmer flour. This is a low gluten flour that behaves differently from my everyday white bread flour. The dough looked and felt like sticky clay and after the first prove, I realised I wouldn't get the usual rise. However, the finished bread is delicious with a nutty flavour and less harsh than regular whole-wheat flour. I will definitely use it again perhaps with an overnight prove.*

# Parish Council Reports

Please see page 2 for Parish Council contact details and website addresses.

## Denham

Since the Parish Council Annual Meeting in May much concern has been expressed at indications of an imminent planning application to construct two very large chicken sheds in Horham and Southolt. Each would accommodate more than 40,000 chickens on a 35-day turnaround and it seems the new facilities would be part of a very large-scale expansion of intensive chicken farming in this part of the county.

A joint meeting has already been held of Council representatives from Denham, Horham, Athelington, Eye, Stradbroke, Redingfield, Worlingworth, Wilby and others in order to see whether a joint campaign can be put together, especially once an actual planning application has been submitted.

Two new facilities on that scale will obviously create a very large and consistent number of truck movements on roads which everyone knows are well short of being able to cope with large lorries. Employment benefits will be minimal as modern intensive poultry production is highly automated.

Quite apart from the obvious noise, smell, and traffic, there is also a very big underlying question about whether Suffolk wants to go further down the road of intensive agriculture, with all the associated questions about animal welfare.

This is going to be an issue of great concern in coming months and all the Parish Councils affected by it will be working hard to keep residents informed and to put together the best possible arguments once the application is

lodged. This will be time-consuming and far from inexpensive; the company or companies behind the project are well-resourced. Parish Councils will be calling on all expert and planning-savvy residents to join the effort.

Meanwhile of course Denham's parallel efforts to restore the Village Hall continue; a new registered charity will soon be formally in existence which will spearhead fund-raising and eventually look after management of the Hall.

Many thanks are due to all the residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and offered interesting and constructive reports on their activities.

Residents are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and have their say on any matter. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th September**, probably in the Church - to be confirmed!

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.

## Hoxne

**PLANNING** - representatives from Hoxne Parish Council along with several neighbouring parishes have met jointly to consider the proposed erection of intensive rearing poultry buildings at Horham and Southolt. Further details can be found on the Mid Suffolk District Council planning portal or by referencing recent articles in the local press. The Parish Council received a report of the joint meeting at its July meeting and have voiced initial concerns on the possible impacts on the parish such as increased lorry movements and how waste from the sites will be dealt with. The Parish Council awaits details of the formal planning consultation.

At the August Parish Council meeting, the Council will consider submitting an



application to designate the whole parish area of Hoxne for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. If accepted by the Planning Authority work could commence on creating a Plan which would define areas for possible development and the type of development as well as protecting areas of open space. If you would be interested in working with the Parish Council to develop the Plan please contact the Parish Clerk.

**HIGHWAYS** - the Parish Council has supported County Councillor McGregor's request of a full safety audit of the B1118 at Chickering. This is following a spate of accidents on this road. Councillor McGregor has also agreed to fund a survey

**VILLAGE SIGN** - this project remains on schedule and it is hoped that the Hoxne Village Sign will be erected on Low Street Green in time for St Edmund's Day in November.

#### **A TIDY VILLAGE**

... We would like to thank all the farmers and landowners who have kindly cut back the verges in the village.

... It is disappointing to see that litter is again being left on the water meadows by the weir. If you enjoy this area please leave it as you would expect to find it - rubbish free. Bins are provided at several locations in the village. The Parish Council provides these and pays for them to be emptied on a weekly basis by the District Council. These bins are not for your household rubbish, but to deposit small items of rubbish when you, or visitors, are out and about in our village.

... Please walk our many footpaths. The more these are walked the less they will become overgrown.

... If you do put posters up, please take them down again. We are lucky to live in a village with so much going on but no one wants to be read old news. If you

do place posters on trees, wells, shelters, telegraph poles, gates etc, please do remove them, and the staples and pins, again.

... and finally, PLEASE DO CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be held on **Thursday 1st August** and **Thursday 5th September** at the Playing field Pavilion and commence at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **Syleham**

**O**ur last meeting took place on May 22nd when the newly elected Parish Council had the opportunity to meet Lavinia Hadingham, our new District Councillor. We look forward to working in partnership with Lavinia in the future. At this meeting Mr Malcolm Flounders and Mrs Glori Elsdon were re elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council respectively.

Two planning applications were recommended for approval. The building of two houses on Weybread Road (DC/19/01669) and a pig unit for Black Horse Farm (DC/19/02100). It was also agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a new village notice board. It has now been delivered and will be installed alongside the now operational BT broadband box in the Village Hall Car park.

The Housing Need Survey was discussed again, and it was agreed to go ahead with this survey in partnership with Wingfield, as we did in preparing the Parish Plan back in 2008.

Since May 22nd, the Council was notified that the planning refusal for the Walnut Tree Farm development was going to appeal. The Parish Council, in collaboration with the Church and Village Hall, has since submitted new

evidence for this application to be refused. We are waiting on the outcome of this appeal.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th September** at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

## Wingfield

The new Parish Council met for the first time on May 24th and elected its new Chairman, Mr Lee Smith, and new Vice Chair, Mr Tony Jolly. The Clerk outlined the year ahead and the budget available to meet the Parish Council commitments.

At this meeting planning applications for a garage replacement at Pine Trees, Earsham St (DC/19/02289) and extension to the Café at GWC (DC/19/01722) were recommended for approval. Also, the 2018/19 audit was presented and duly signed off by the Chairman.

The results of one years' readings from the vehicle activated speed sign were presented. Over one third of cars entering the village are exceeding the speed limit! That is an average of 30 vehicles per day! Please can all motorists slow down.

The meeting closed with a presentation to Michael Harvey who was retiring after 19 years' service to the Parish Council. His contribution to village life will be much missed.

At the most recent meeting on July 5th the Council had the opportunity to welcome our new District Councillor, Lavinia Hadingham. Lavinia gave her commitment to help us in dealing with the District and County Council. She also announced a new service on You Tube, the opportunity to view District Council meetings on line. There are no immediate plans for the Parish Council to follow suit. However, the Council does plan to:

- ... Acquire a defibrillator;
  - ... Mow the grass, "top" the entire area of Wingfield Green;
  - ... Commission a Housing Need Survey;
- We will keep you posted on these developments.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 20th September**, starting at 7.30pm in Wingfield Barns.

## Invitation to Share Speed Sign Data



At Wingfield Parish Council we have been looking at our first year's data downloaded from our Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign positioned at the entrance to the village between Wingfield Green and Vicarage Road.

Over the course of the year it measured the speed of 32,370 vehicles of which 37% were exceeding the speed limit.

What we would like to do is pool our data with other villages in the area and make representation to the police and highways authorities to raise speed awareness in rural areas such as ours. Speed kills and it just needs one speeding car to cause a fatality.

*David Young*  
**Wingfield Parish Clerk**

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## Village Walks...

### Upper Weybread and The Angles Way

This walk encompasses everything good about country walking: Rivers, woods, hedgerows, wildflowers; farms and water meadows; Stiles, gates, bridges and friendly cattle and horses. 4.9 miles (4.3 with short-cut) and 200ft of ascent: not too strenuous but route finding takes some care.

Parking: On-street at Brockdish (Specially for the short-cut) or the rough lay-by north of the Syleham bridge. Refreshments: The Old King's Head, Brockdish. Coffee & cakes, lunches and evening meals.

From the lay-by, head into Brockdish and **Turn Right**. Pass the village hall and

*Start & Finish: Brockdish*

*Distance: 4.9 / 4.3 miles*

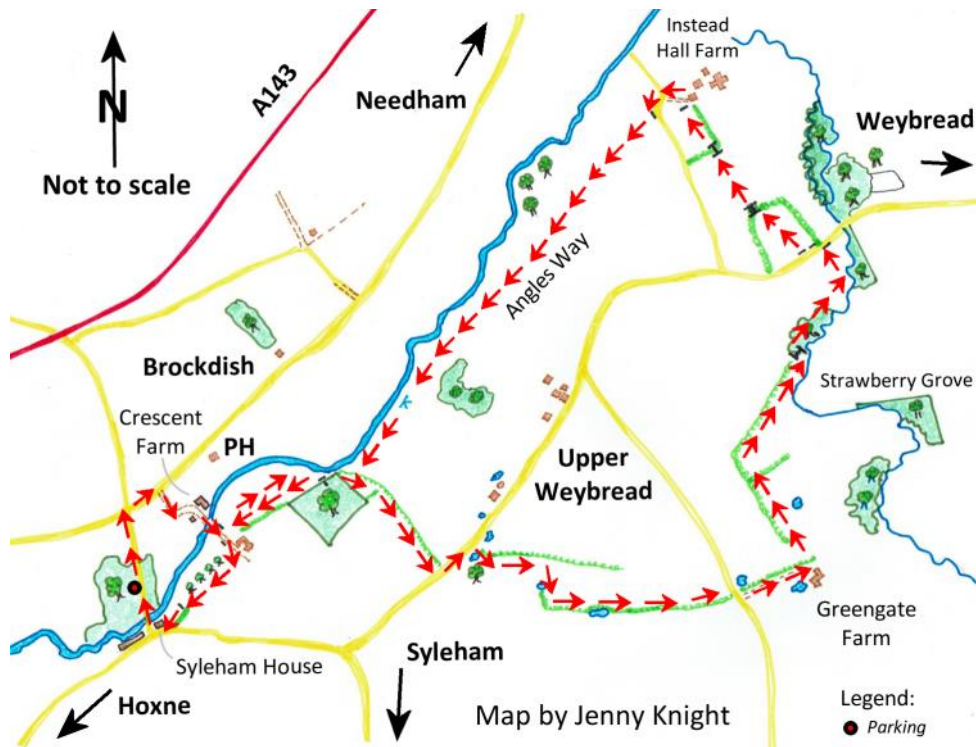
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**Turn Right** down Common Lane. Follow the lane into Crescent Farm and through it to a bridge over the River Waveney.

Beyond the bridge, take the gated footpath on the **Left**, which runs diagonally across the field to its corner. The path now bears left and runs straight. In 350 yards find a stile on the **Right**. Cross this and a bridge, then climb some steps to a path. **Turn Left**.

The path soon swings right and climbs a hill. Keep a hedgerow on your left, ignoring a path to the right, and continue over the crest of the hill to a road.

**Turn Left** onto the road for about 100 yards where you'll find a footpath sign to



the **Right**. Pass through some trees and **Turn Left**. Follow the field edge, keeping the hedgerow on your left.

In about 300 yards, a track runs to the right. *Here, the official footpath runs straight on then, later, turns right across the field.* However, to protect the crop and make it easier on yourself, **take the track to the right and then left** in the field corner. From here, the path runs in a straight line along the field edge then through some trees to a road.

**Turn Right then Left** at the footpath sign toward Greengate Farm. Pass through the gate of the farm and across its front to find a stile on the **Left**. Head directly away from the farm, keeping a hedge on your left. Pass through a hedgerow and continue ahead to the corner of a field. **Turn Right** and head downhill to find two stiles either side of a plank bridge.

Head diagonally right across a field to another stile / gate. Pass through and follow a rough track through grazing fields, keeping the river on your right.

Before the brick bridge over the river, bear left and pass through a gate to a road. **Turn Left** then take the second gate on the **Right**.

Head diagonally uphill and look for a gate in the corner of the field. Pass through, over a bridge and through another gate. *The official path continues ahead then doglegs left.* However, the farmer has marked a path diagonally **Left** from the gate. Take

this. It passes to the right of a hedgerow corner then on to a footbridge which can be seen in the hedgerow as you approach.

Cross the bridge, pass through a gate and, keeping a hedge on your right, descend to a gate and some steps to a road. **Turn Left**. At a junction keep ahead and where the road bends left, cross a stile ahead.

*You are now on the Angles Way: A long distance footpath from Knettishall Heath to Great Yarmouth. It follows the river Waveney from its source to the sea and was voted the finest river walk in England. This section is uninhabited water meadows and grazing land, unchanged in centuries.*

The path runs straight from here, keeping the river winding on the right and the valley wall rising on the left.



In a mile, look for a seat and, soon after, a picnic table. Both close to the river in tranquil settings. Continue on the path and you will soon be retracing your steps. When you return to Common Lane do not re-cross the bridge. **UNLESS:** you have parked,

on-street, in Brockdish and wish to take the short cut.

**Turn Left**. In a few dozen yards take the gate on the **Right**. Bear left to rise above a line of trees. Keep these trees on your right until you reach a gate and a bridge leading to a covered path to a road. **Turn Right**.

Pass Syleham House, **Turn Right** and cross the river back to the lay-by.

**Roger Knight**

## The Lunch Bunch Visits...

**O**n a gloriously warm and sunny summers day we went down on the farm and visited The Marsh Larder Café at Shotford Hall. Now open 4 days a week, 9am till 4pm, Thursday through to Sunday, the farms educational building has been transformed in to a light and airy café. The carpark was already quite busy when we arrived and the smell of freshly cook bacon wafted invitingly across path. We were warmly greeted and offered any of the free tables, not that there was many!



The Marsh Larder specialises in all day breakfasts, light lunches and afternoon teas, hence the delicious smell of freshly cooked bacon! We found a table and were offered drinks and the menu and then had the difficult time of picking from what we thought would be a small selection! But the options were far more extensive than expected so after some deliberations and quizzing the waitress as to what each of the daily specials were, we made our choices. Homemade Stilton quiche served with mixed salad, coleslaw and crisp, mackerel pate with mixed salad, coleslaw and toast and the full Veggie breakfast with extra mushrooms!

All the food is cooked to order the we had to wait a few minutes for the fry-up, but our drinks were cold and the atmosphere warm, so before we knew it our lunch had arrived. Everything looked

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and tasted delicious! We even commented that the butter pats for our toast were soft and spreadable not rock hard straight out of the fridge. There was enough of everything, nothing worse than running out of toast when you have pate left, but not in this case. The enormous slice of quiche was full of flavour and light crisp pastry, the coleslaw and salad fresh and chunky! The veggie breakfast was nicer than you could make at home!

Having completely cleared our plates and still licking our fingers we were offered more drinks and the very pleasant waitress cleared our plates and listed the seemingly endless list of cakes and puddings we were lucky enough to be able to sample. We order cakes, tea and coffee and a warm fruit pudding with ice-cream that was the special of the day. All delicious and beautifully presented.

Our main meals started at £7.25, cakes and desserts from £2.50. All in all, a great "café" in a lovely location, just remember its only open Thursday through to Sunday and if there are a few of you, I would phone and book your table just in case!

*The Lunch Bunch*

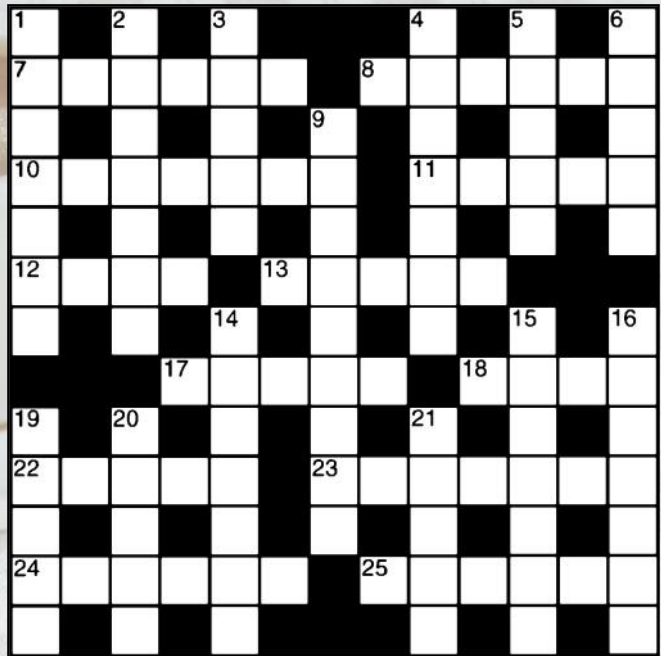




## Crossword Puzzle No. 131

To enter the crossword competition, send\* your solution to the editor for a chance to win £10. The winner will be the first correct entry picked at random from those received by **Monday 9th September** latest.

\*Don't forget you can email a photograph or scan of your entry too!



### Across

- 7 Means of financial transaction in Prague? (6)
- 8 Indicates the beer glasses are empty (6)
- 10 Top mine produces a red pepper (7)
- 11 Stop the girl playing this instrument (5)
- 12 Add nothing to swimming pool cover (4)
- 13 500 at the end of the dam - How odd (5)
- 17 Clever Alec (5)
- 18 Fast time (4)
- 22 Change a communion table (5)
- 23 Let this become a Scottish symbol (7)
- 24 Make a great effort in a fast river (6)
- 25 Select and steal an outdoor meal (6)

### Down

- 1 Shoulder blade (7)
- 2 A rum bed found off North America (7)
- 3 Fiery Scottish Poet (5)
- 4 Drab mob about turn to launch attack (7)
- 5 Almost completely mad but just senseless (5)
- 6 Location where Tosca went astray (5)
- 9 He hurt Tom by giving an honest appraisal (4-5)
- 14 Overturn one MP and get better (7)
- 15 Allowing rooms to be rented (7)
- 16 Reach out whilst serving time (7)
- 19 Wood used in a tribal sacrifice (5)
- 20 Rage at the violent weather (5)
- 21 Camper's cooking pot from Southern U.S.A (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 130 was: **Zillah Inglis, Brome**

Answers: **Across** 7) Misses 8) Beaten 10) Elation 11) Title 12) Seen 13) Court  
17) Extra 18) Dear 22) Bloom 23) Chemist 24) Unable 25) Docile

**Down** 1) Immense 2) Escaped 3) Devil 4) Western 5) State 6) Annex 9) Incorrect  
14) Example 15) Deficit 16) Trotter 19) About 20) Local 21) Felon

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