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HVH St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne

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Letters to the Editor

MISSING CAT – TED (TEDDY)

Can you please help! He was last seen on the public footpath opposite The Swan, Hoxne on Friday 12th July in the late afternoon. Ted is half Siamese and is 1 year old. He has a sleek, shiny black coat with no other colour markings, but he does have an irregular black patch against pink, on his upper palate - only seen when he yawns! Ted has amber/green eyes, black



whiskers, dark pads with a long slender body. He is an elegant cat with a typical Siamese walk.

He is vocal, very friendly and knows his name - He usually 'comes to call'. Ted has been neutered and is microchipped. Unfortunately the vet didn't register his microchip, so if anyone has tried to find out who he belongs to, I wasn't registered as his owner. This has been rectified.

He may have been sighted in Nuttery Vale a couple of times and we know he would roam over the Chickering Beck

towards this area. He's also been known to cross the Goldbrook, as they converge in our neighbours' garden.

These are the most recent photographs of him. We'd dearly love some information about him dead or alive! If he's been taken in, found another home, 'adopted' a new family then we're quite prepared for that. If he has met his demise and someone has dealt with it, we'd also like to know. It's more distressing, the not knowing.

Our telephone number is **01379 669188** or mobile is **07828 122839**.

*Many thanks,
Jane Williams*

HHG SALUTED

Iwould like to congratulate all concerned in the Hoxne Heritage Group World War II presentation held at the village hall on 8th September. It was a terrific effort, really impressive and informative, and showed considerable thought, hard work, and attention to detail. I particularly liked Allen Burridge's brilliant Anderson Shelter! Having said that, many thanks to each and all.

Paula Ashworth

HOXNE CHARITIES SHOOT SUCCESS

We "think" this was the 14th year that the clay shoot has been staged and were blessed with glorious weather with an occasional cheeky wind to keep the competitors on edge. After the potential hype of Glen Garnham making it "third time lucky" he didn't compete this year! In total we sold 128 rounds, with the results as follows: 40 bird sporting - 1st prize on 40 / 40, P Mayhew; 2nd on 39/40, M Pickering; Joint 3rd on 38/40, C Pearce & P Foster; Ladies - 28/40, Amy Frost; Junior - 29/40, Tom Ewin (who also helped all day dawn till dusk!); Pool Shoot - Winner, M Pickering;



Many thanks should be conveyed, of course, to the land owner Mr Peter Saunders, all the local businesses that sponsored stands, the many volunteers that give up their time to help and last but not least the competitors, many of whom support the event year after year. The profit from the day was £1708 which will be split equally between two local Hoxne charities, those being St Edmund's school and the village playing field.

Alan Bryant

Notice Board

ST EDMUND'S DAY

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



Perhaps place an order with friends or neighbours to save postage. Who was Edmund? - see page 23.

This year, the unveiling of the new Hoxne village sign takes place during the day (see notice below). In the evening, the 1150th anniversary of St Edmund's martyrdom will be celebrated (see page 21). This will see the rededication of the 'Great Oak Screen' that depicts the



martyrdom with intricate carvings and the St Edmund name will be added to the dedication of the church. The Village Voices choir will also be performing the specially penned piece 'A Prayer to St Edmund'.



HOXNE VILLAGE SIGN

It is hoped that the new Village Sign, to be erected on Low Street Green, will be unveiled on **Wednesday 20th November - St Edmund's Day**. At the time of going to print with the Village Voice, all is on track to achieve this and a short ceremony will take place with the sign being unveiled at 12 noon. Please look out for updates on the village noticeboards and websites.

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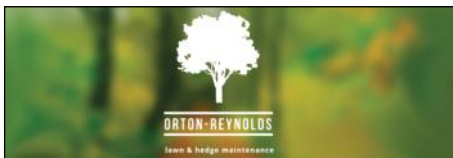
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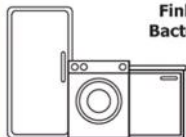
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A recent litter-pick by the river Waveney at Hoxne shows that despite high profile publicity, the message to look after the environment continues to be ignored. Please make sure you take **all** your litter home so others can enjoy the river too - and help keep it safe for the animals that live there.



FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Following the success of the Display of Christmas Trees in Hoxne church last year, arrangements are now in hand for this years event. To facilitate what we hope will be an even larger display this Christmas a small committee has been established to help with the administration.

Also, as you may already be aware we shall be holding a raffle later in the month to raise funds for the purchase of additional trees and lights. We aim to set

up the displays on Saturday 14th December and remain open to the public from **Sunday 15th December** until **Friday 3rd January**. The trees will also be illuminated for any services between December 15th and December 26th.

If anyone who has not already agreed to display a tree and wishes to do so, please contact the undersigned.

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

CLEAN IT UP

While reports of dog fouling are generally on the decline, the Hoxne churchyard has been blighted by the lack of concern from some inconsiderate owners. Everyone is kindly reminded to clear up after their dog - the penalty for dog fouling is £1000 under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

FLOWER AND PRODUCE SUCCESS

This years Hoxne show was a great success with lots of new people entering. Sally Procner won the Rose Bowl for the most points overall and a 'new participant', Michael Knights, won the Gladys Baldwin Vase for Fruit and Vegetables! Jenny Greatbatch won the Ivy Triggs Shield for Flowers and Floral Art and Sue Howard won the Maisie Egerton Cup for Cookery and Handicraft.

Sue Flagg



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What's On Here

Car Boot Sale

On **Saturday 12th October** at the Playing Field, Hoxne IP21 5AD.

Set up from 1pm, start 2pm. Pitches £5. Refreshments available. All Proceeds to Hoxne Playing field charity no. 304769.



To book your pitch contact either Julie **01379 668126** or Gail **01379 668186**.

Mustard Theatre Company

Presents Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has

been marked for murder. As the weather turns and the group is cut off from the mainland, the bloodbath begins and one by one they are brutally murdered in accordance with the lines of a sinister nursery rhyme.

Performing **Thursday 24th October** at Wingfield Barns and **Saturday 26th October** at Hoxne Village Hall. 7.30pm start. For tickets and information visit:

www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk/buy-tickets.html

Roughcast Theatre Company

Bloody Poetry by Howard Brenton

Originally staged at the Royal Court in 1987, Bloody Poetry explores the relationship between the poets Byron and Shelley and their wives and lovers. We jump from Switzerland to

Italy by way of London, Bath and Dover Beach, from 1816 to 1818 to 1822 - the year that Shelley drowned, mourned by those closest to him, among them the now Lord Byron and his widow, the author of Frankenstein, Mary Shelley. It's an exciting mix of Romanticism and radicalism, leavened with a fair dose of humour too.

Performing **Friday 1st November** at **Wingfield Barns**. Other dates and venues: Oct 28, Old King's Head, Brockdish; Nov 2, Garboldisham Village Hall; Nov 7, Laxfield Village Hall; Nov 8, Fisher Theatre, Bungay; Nov 9, New Cut Arts, Halesworth;

Tickets £10/£6 (students). 7.30pm start. Not suitable for young children.

For further information tel. **01379 586745** or visit: www.roughcast.co.uk

Hoxne Music Group

Race Night Fund Raiser

All the fun of being at the races, but instead of Newmarket it's Hoxne Village Hall that will be showing films of horse racing with proper betting.

"For anyone who hasn't been before it's a great night out and people get really excited as the races progress" said Gail Jackson one of the organisers.

Race goers will be encouraged to bring a picnic and ladies are being asked to dress in their finest hats - a la Ladies Day at Ascot. Sponsors are being sought for all of the races and each of the jockeys in every race will also be sponsored.

The event will be on the evening of **Saturday 30th November** from 7.30pm. and a bar will be available. To book a



table contact Gail Jackson on **07503 181136** or Gill Short on **07880 634224**.

Gill Short was a new addition to the Hoxne Music Group committee at the AGM on 3rd September. However, there is currently no chairman, vice chairman or administrator/secretary.

Despite this the, music group have decided to carry on with fund raising events, like the Race Night, and a quiz next spring in the hope that more people might come forward to assist with future musical events.

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Suffolk Artlink have arranged a series of Free craft activities from 10am until 12.30pm on **Wednesday mornings** this Autumn. Come along for a friendly welcome, some tea & cake and a chance to try out something crafty - right on your doorstep. Each session is led by a professional artist. The remaining dates are:

9th October - Fun photography - sessions for beginners/improvers. Bring your own digital camera if you have one (though we do have a couple to borrow). **FREE** but **PLACES ON THIS SESSION ARE LIMITED SO YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK**. Call Suffolk Artlink on 01986 873955 or email: info@suffolkartlink.org.uk

23rd October - Mosaic - Free, no need to book - Design and make a mini-mosaic decoration with artist Jac Campbell.

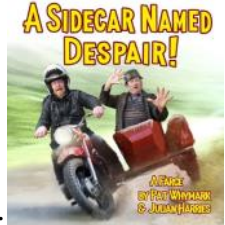
6th November - Ukulele beginners/improvers -

Free, no need to book - Learn the basics and you'll be playing real songs! Instruments supplied (or bring your own).



Common Ground Theatre A Sidecar named Despair

Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm - Take a ride up the comedy freeway with a tale of mobsters, missing gems and a mashed up motorbike. A black comedy with original music by Pat Whymark & Julian Herries. Book through the Common Ground website or call **07807 341364**, Tickets £10, with U21/unwaged £7. www.commongroundtc.co.uk



Bingo

Friday 25th October in aid of Fressingfield Thursday Toddlers group.

Friday 29th November in aid of Senior Citizen's annual meal.

Bar open. Raffle. Bar has chocolate and crisps, or bring your own snacks. Be ready to start just after 8pm.

70's Disco!

Saturday 26th October - All our favourites - Mud, Sweet, T Rex through to Elvis Costello, Elton, ELO. Pull on your flares and tank top - or come as you are!



From 8pm, Bar open, raffle, no burger van, but bacon rolls available! Fiver on the door/ Members of Sports and Social club FREE!

Fund Raising Evening

Saturday 2nd November - Great fun evening of Karaoke, open mic, live music, raffle, buffet, all in aid of Children's Liver Disease Foundation (charity no. 1067331) from 8pm.

Come Along for Coffee

Saturday 9th November - from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Teas, coffee, cakes, raffle and a few stalls. Pop in for

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LIVE music from the EXPLETIVES!

Saturday 23rd November - Described as a Rambunctious Tribute To The Punk &

New Wave Explosion of the 70s & 80s - come along to see what you think! Bar open, raffle, bacon rolls.



This is going to be an explosive night! Fiver on the door!

LIVE JAZZ with Morphology

Saturday 30th November - Four fantastic musicians who individually play with some of the BIG jazz names. Suffolk based Morphology takes cool jazz from 1950's California and mixes it with Latin and

calypso beats to create a fresh acoustic sound that is bright, breezy and melodic. See their website for a flavour

www.morphologyjazz.com Ticket price £9, to book contact Julie or on the door. Bar open, raffle, refreshments available.



Sunday Socials

Open on 13th October, 27th October, 10th November and 24th November from 3pm - 7pm for pool, darts, jukebox, bar open, there's a possibility of some live music! Pop in!

Advance Notice

New Year's Eve, Disco and burger van; Friday 17th January, Quiz; Saturday 21st March - Marc James.

Village Voice

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

Bar opens 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm with interval. Ice creams and pop corn available. Tickets in advance on 01379 668060 or from Hoxne Tea Rooms and Deli. You are welcome to borrow past DVD's free of charge- contact Booking Clerk- details below.

Friday 11th October - Late Night (15)

Comedy drama stars Emma Thompson as a pioneer and legendary host on the late-night talk-show circuit. Her world is turned upside down when she's accused of being a "woman who hates women". She hires Molly (Mindy Kaling) as the one woman in Katherine's all-male writers' room which brings about unexpectedly hilarious consequences as the two women who are separated by culture and generation become united by their love of a biting punchline.



Friday 8th November - Rocket Man (15)

Epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano



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prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story -- set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by Taron Egerton (star of the Kingsman films) - tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture.

Friday 13th December - Yesterday (12) Romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle and written by Richard Curtis. Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, After a freak bus accident Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed.

Performing songs by the greatest band in history, to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent. This highly

rated film is set locally with scenes filmed all around Suffolk including Gorleston, Halesworth, Dunwich, Shingle Street, Latitude Festival and also has Ed Sheeran making a screen debut in a supporting role.



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Produce and Craft Market

Saturdays monthly, 9.30am - 12.30pm, with café. Dates: 26th October, 30th November and 14th December.

Mustard Theatre Company Presents Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm, see page 8 for information and booking.



Quiz Night

Saturday 9th November - to raise funds for The Friends of St Peter & St Paul Church Hoxne. £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

Hoxne Music Group Race Night Fund Raiser

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm, see page 8 for information and booking.

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:

hoxnevbookings@outlook.com
or call 07876 215269

Wingfield Barns

Lost in Translation

Saturday 5th October, 7.30pm
Back in concert again at Wingfield Barns, local duo Lost in Translation (Pat Blanchet and Roy Goodwin) have made a big step forward in producing a new album of all their own songs that they have been working on for the last year. They are very excited to launch their new



CD 'Syleham Lights' on October 5th at the Barns with guest musicians Simon Winter (Keys) and Frank Warne (Cajon) who are on the album.

With all the stories behind the songs they will be performing these tracks which include the titular 'Syleham Lights', 'The Ghost of the Brockdish Bride' and 'Two-timing Isobel'. Profits from the night go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, joining in is allowed and of course the CDs will be available on the night. Tickets £10

Mustard Theatre Company Presents Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm, see page 8 for information and booking.



Harbottle and Jonas

Friday 25th October, 7.30pm
Partners in life and music, dynamic Devon duo Harbottle & Jonas are currently touring with their fourth and most ambitious album, 'The Sea Is My Brother'. Combining a love of the richness of traditional folk with their own original and powerful song writing, the album's maritime theme is maintained across political, historical, and personal stories and songs.



A compelling live show during which David & Freya blend their distinctive solo voices and close harmonies with concertina, harmonium, mandola, stomp box and acoustic guitar. This signature sound has been honed by over six years of performing together and up to 200 gigs a year including the prestigious Dartington

Hall as well as music clubs and festivals up and down the country.

With plaudits from Seth & Geoff Lakeman, Jon Boden, Rod Clements, Lankum, Declan Sinnott, BBC Introducing, and Tom Robinson (BBC6 Music), Harbottle & Jonas have managed to establish themselves as one of the most exciting prospects on the folk circuit. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door.

Roughcast Theatre Company Bloody Poetry by Howard Brenton

Friday 1st November at 7.30pm, see page 8 for information and booking.

Rowan Rheingans Dispatches on the Red Dress

Tuesday 5th November, 7.30pm
Dispatches on the Red Dress is an intimate and courageous new live show by twice BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winning songwriter Rowan Rheingans. Adventurous new writing meets the warmth of a folk gig in this heartfelt and personal one woman show, uniquely weaving immersive storytelling with live fiddle, banjo and original songs taken from Rowan's brand new genre-melding debut solo album 'The Lines We Draw Together'.

Unravelling the joy and pain from a story of her grandmother's youth in 1940's Germany, Rowan celebrates small acts of resistance and boldly asks a

troubling question for our times: can hope for our future be found in the very darkest pockets of our history? Tickets £14





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Saturday 9th November, 7.30pm

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ready to eat. The Affair is a wonderfully funny play... a laugh a minute, simply, unmissable! Our Casanova, Gustavo, is getting ready to ask

a very important question, but not before he has checked everything on his 'to do' list. After Daffadowndilly's arrival, what is supposed to be a romantic evening soon starts to spiral out of control;

following a knock on the door all reason turns to mayhem, and we are faced with a scenario that leaves all three characters grappling for sanity.

The Affair is a timeless comedy that depicts the highs and lows of relationships in a very funny way. With each character bringing a different light to the story, there is plenty for the audience to relate to and be amused by. Tickets £14/£12.

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Saturday 30th November, 2.30pm

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Mon 21st, Lunch at The Old Mill House,
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Thu 24th, Bridge Farm Barns, Monks Eleigh
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November

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What's On There

Apple Day

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Harleston Players

In 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 chose?'

All performances 7.30pm. Archbishop Sancroft High School on **Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October**, tickets **01379 855027**. Also **Thursday 24th October** at The Cut, Halesworth, tickets **0300 3033211** or newcut.org/whatson

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Harleston Cinema

Yesterday (Cert 12A) - Directed by Danny Boyle, and stars Himesh Patel, Lily James and Robert Carlyle and a cameo appearance by Ed Sheeran. After a freak bus accident

during a mysterious global blackout Jack wakes up in an alternative timeline to discover that he is the only person in the world who can remember The Beatles.

The film is described as "a pure fantasy of joyous proportions" with a "a gentle heart and a light touch" with "lots of laughs and goosebump moments" as well as showcasing the fantastic musical legacy of The Beatles.

YESTERDAY will be shown on **Thursday 28th November** at The Masonic Rooms, Redenhall Road, Harleston. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm matinee and 7pm for 7.30pm evening performance. Interval ice creams available matinee and evening screenings and bar open evening. Tickets price £4.00 may be booked from Harleston Information Centre, Exchange Street **01379 851917**. Further information from Carolyn **01379 854752** or Lesley on **01379 854897**.

Christmas Market & Café

Our annual Christmas market at All Saints' Church Mendham IP20 ONH will take place on **Saturday 30th November** 10am - 3pm. This is an ideal opportunity to get ahead with your Christmas shopping and solve some of those present buying dilemmas.

There will be stalls selling home-made preserves, cakes and other seasonal goodies, hand-painted pots and other items, jewellery, hand-crafted cards, gifts and decorations, even home-made treats for your four legged friends!

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Reflections

Stirring up Love?

To the streets! Protest! Riot! These are the conventional rallying cries of those who want to provoke people to action. Though at least, as I write this in mid-September, the cry seems to be more one of, *'To the courts!'*

As a country, we don't tend to demonstrate and protest very often or with a great deal of energy to it. The British are a people hard to stir, or as William Whitelaw observed of Labour's 1970 election campaign, *'They are going up and down the country, stirring up apathy.'*

All those passages in the Bible about Jesus being led like a lamb, or telling us to consider the lilies of the field, might make us think that there is something 'holy' or 'spiritual' in such detachment

and reserve. So it always comes as a bit of a surprise when in the stories of his teaching, Jesus comes out with some very mundane advice such as where to sit at a meal, as well as all his profound spiritual observations!

Similarly, the author of the letter to the Hebrews, after several chapters of theology and doctrine also turns to practical considerations; not least in asking his readers, to consider how they might **stir up love and good works**. Modern translations often prefer **provoke** which is even stronger, after all when was the last time you provoked someone to action?!

In these times of instability, I think the key thing is this; more than ever there is no use whatsoever in being so heavenly minded as to be no earthly use; how are we going to provoke one another to acts of love and good works when all around love is in short supply?

Michael Womack
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The Church of St John the Baptist, Denham

I have been trying to piece together the long history of Denham Church. It was mentioned in the Domesday Book as a church with 12 acres under the overlordship of Stigand, Bishop of Dunwich. It may have been constructed of timber then.

A stone dated 1289 now in the west wall is inscribed *'William de Kirksby placed me here'*. William de Kirksby was prior of Norwich cathedral and the court rolls of 1300 refer to building works at Denham and Elmham. The flint walls and south door are of this period according to the archaeologist's report.

Further work was done in the middle of the following century including a chantry

chapel which was built on the north side of the nave. Its arch is still there within the wall.

Has anyone any information as to what happened during the next 200 years? In 1744 there was a faculty for the demolition of a tower which had been built over the existing south door. You can see the doorway that gave access to this a little way up the wall. When was it constructed - and why - and by whom?

The only image we have of the church at this time is taken from a hand drawn map of 1725 and is probably not a very exact representation. There are two later prints showing different bell towers.

If anyone knows anything about the forgotten towers of Denham Church please would you let me know.

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

Church services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter includes details of services in the three parishes outside the Village Voice distribution. Copies can be picked up in churches or electronically by request from hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

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

Sunday 6th October

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Benefice Messy Church

Sunday 13th October

10am Syleham Thanksgiving for redecoration and blessing of J's plaque with Bp Mike

Sunday 20th October

10am Syleham Harvest Praise & Baptism

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Holy Communion

11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins

6.30pm Wingfield Benefice BCP Evensong

Saturday 2nd November

4pm Hoxne Commemoration of the Departed

Sunday 3rd November

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion

11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion

4pm Syleham Benefice Messy Church

Sunday 10th November

9am Wingfield Act of Remembrance

10.45am Denham Remembrance Family@Church

10.45am Hoxne Act of Remembrance

10.45am Syleham Act of Remembrance

Sunday 17th November

10am Syleham Village Praise

11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th November

7pm Hoxne Festal Eucharist and dedication of St Edmund chapel, with Bp Mike

Sunday 24th November

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion

11.15am Denham Holy Communion

11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins

6.30pm Wingfield Benefice BCP Evensong focus on our link diocese of Kagera

Church News

St John, Denham

The Denham Kubb Tournament that took place on 17th August was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Competition was fierce with the two teams in the final battling it out for the golden kubbs! It came down to



the wire, but in the end 'The Girls' were victorious, with 'The Bear Kubbs' in second place and 'The Irwins', last year's winners, in third place. Thank you to all who came and a huge thank you to everyone who helped out and to Margaret and Michael Reeves for their delicious scones! The event raised a much

needed £300 for Denham Church.

Helen Joslin



St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

The 'servery' is now open! To celebrate the 1150th anniversary of St Edmund's martyrdom, on **Wednesday 20th November** at 7pm Bishop Mike will be rededicating the 'Great Oak Screen' in its new position in the North Aisle. The name St Edmund will be added to the dedication of our church, which will be known as St Peter, St Paul and St Edmund.



The Village Voices will be singing 'A Prayer to St Edmund', the haunting anthem written by Kevin Crossley Holland with music composed by Jonathan Baker, especially commissioned for them to sing.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on **Saturday 23rd November** at the Village Hall 12 noon to 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



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.

21st October - Branch meeting.

18th November - Branch meeting.

Our Annual 'I-Chameleon' shop in Halesworth runs between **Thursday 24th and Wednesday 30th October**. We sell cards, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, preserves, garden produce, toys and more. Donations welcome.

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

Flower rota

6th and 13th October: Altar, Sue Thornett; **20th and 27th October:** Altar, Sarah Buckley; **3rd and 10th November:** Altar, Cathie McGregor; **17th and 24th November:** 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

Dedication of J's Memorial

Sunday 13th October at 10am. The Bishop of Dunwich, Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, will lead the service and dedicate the new memorial tablet (yet to be installed); the service will also celebrate 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. There will be refreshments to conclude. All are most welcome to the service but please get in touch if you would like to bring a tribute.

Thank you!

The **Cheese & Wine** evening in June, generously hosted by Colin & Jackie Campbell, was very enjoyable and made £710. The return of our **Summer Fete** on 31st

August gave us a lovely afternoon in Major Napier's garden at Syleham Manor, and added £1436

to church funds. Our grateful thanks to the many who supported, in so many different ways.

Future Events

Harvest Supper - Saturday 19th October 7 for 7.15pm in the Village



Hall. Always a fun evening with great food! Everyone very welcome, but it would be really helpful to know you plan to come!



Harvest Festival - Sunday 20th October at 10am. An opportunity to give thanks for God's provision and to further enjoy the decorations contributed the previous Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November - an Act of Remembrance at 10.45am.
Carol Service - Sunday 22nd December at 11.15am. Amici will again be joining us for our traditional service of carols and readings.



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Who was St Edmund?

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



The legend goes that he was being chased by Danish raiders and took refuge under the Goldbrook bridge. Unfortunately, the reflection of his golden spurs were seen glinting in the water by a newlywed couple who alerted his presence. He was captured and dragged up Abbey Hill and tied to an oak tree, where, on refusing to renounce his faith, he was put to death by a volley of arrows. It was said, he had so many



Carving detail from the St Edmund screen - see page 5

arrows in himself that he "bristled like a hedgehog". His head was then cut off

and thrown into the woods, where it was carried away by a wolf.

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

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

Park Radio

Ofcom, the media regulator, has approved additional power to Diss based Park Radio - so that means our coverage area will increase. This comes hot on the heels of recent success at the South Norfolk community awards where we received special recognition for our contribution to the local community in the Diss, Eye and Harleston area.



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Hoxne Bell Ringers

The inspection of the bells in Hoxne tower, anticipated in the last report, resulted in a beam being put in under the rotting headstock of the treble bell. Our bells are now secure and the engineer has suggested another inspection in 5 years. This means two of the five bells are now propped up by some additional means as their original hangings are no longer adequate.

The installation has also been examined by the Diocesan bell advisor who was very encouraging. He thought the restoration project as envisaged sound, but came up with lots of additional ideas. The PCC are considering various bell restoration plans and other building matters that arise from them. They will be visiting other churches to see what has been done elsewhere and what will be the most appropriate scheme for Hoxne.

Regular practise is taking place at Oakley on Friday evenings and skill levels are improving.

Bell ringing is an art or craft acquired by constant practise to condition your muscles to make very fine adjustments to accurately control a large swinging bell. It is deceptive as good ringers make it look easy, but they may have taken years to hone their skill. We have had some very good and social practises with up to twelve people with our teachers and helpers. Thanks again for all the

time and patience freely given to us by those people and for the use of Oakley and Bacton bells.

The PCC is arranging to have Hoxne tower examined by some more bell hanging companies to get their



New Support under headstock of the treble bell

expertise, ideas and prices so we have all the information available to us before making any decisions.

If anyone in the village would like to learn to ring we would welcome some



Rotten head stock on fourth

additional starters. The standard warnings are that it does take time and application, but as soon as you can control your bell accurately you will be welcome in

almost any tower in the land. When you get into change ringing there is no end to the complexity and difficulty available. It can of course become rather addictive. It is a social team activity, that requires mildly active physical and mental dexterity and I commend it to anyone.

Andrew Castleden

01379 668458 or 07931 725928

Red Feather Club

The Red Feather Club's annual Americana Weekend continues to go from strength to strength. Americana Day is held alongside a Saturday night dance and yet again it was sold out well in advance as they welcomed the hottest roots R&B band in the UK, the Revolutionaries. This was by far the biggest and best-known band to play at the Red Feather club to date.

The band did not disappoint, a hot night in many senses, a tin roof, a sweltering summer's evening, a packed house and an incredible energy from an experienced band putting on the ultimate show for the audience with DJ support from The Mailman and AndyAV8.



great music being played. Again, a big thanks to everyone who took part and helped out."

The entertainment included a host of DJs playing a fine blend of music from the 1920s, 30s, 40s and 50s, a wide range of swing, jazz, R&B, Western swing, rockabilly, doo wop and jive. 1950s-style singer Danny Fisher sang hits from the era for over an hour entertaining the crowd.

Following on from its best-ever Americana Day and a great reunion, further events are lined up for the autumn. On **Saturday 28th September** hot western swing band Junction 55 return to the restored NCOs' club. The band will be supported by legendary DJ Gypsy John, local favourite The Mailman and house compere, DJ Andy AV8. Tickets £12 from Andy **07788 966640** or www.eventbrite.co.uk

Due to the popularity of his previous presentation at the Red Feather Club in October 2017, former 95th BGHA Trustee and local USAAF historian Clive Stevens, has been invited to speak once again on **Friday 18th October** at 7.30pm. His new presentation focuses on the closing days of Eighth Air Force operations in England. It also features the story of various archaeological excavations in the area.

The season will be rounded off on **Saturday 26th October** with a Tea Dance and Poppy Dance featuring three-part harmony trio *The Knightingales* performing well-known 1940s classics. The Tea Dance is 2.30pm to 4.30pm, tickets £7.50 from Linda **01379 384009**



The Revolutionaries - picture: Jon Wilson

On Americana Day the show field was packed with vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Joint organiser Linda Woodward said: "Wow, was my reaction when I walked round the show field - at least 109 cars on show, wonderful weather,

or Beverley 01379 678581, while the Poppy Dance is 7.30pm, tickets £7 on door or to book phone 07794 945646.

Sunday 27th October is the final open day of the year and as usual there will be vehicles, re-enactors and stalls, followed by the AGM.

Details of our December Carol Service are yet to be announced.

For prices, times and ticket availability for all events, please visit our website:

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Red Feather Club Museum
Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG

Fressingfield Scouts

The day after school broke up 8 Explorers, 11 Scouts and 5 Leaders headed off on their summer expedition to Hadrian's wall. The Explorers and 2 Leaders planned to walk from coast to coast (86 miles) in 4 days. This was a huge challenge and made tougher by one very wet day. They completed the challenge by early afternoon on the fourth day.

Around £1000 in sponsor money has been raised for the headquarters development fund.

The 11 Scouts and 3 Leaders ran the base camp and did 2 walks along the wall. A small number of them hiked near a lake in heavy rain and learned how to skim rocks over the lake surface. The Scouts also went climbing, including blind and backwards climbing at Rock UK in Scotland and visited a Roman Fort and Museum. On the final evening the whole group went swimming in an outdoor pool with a great slide. Some learnt how to dive and the evening finished with fish and chips eaten out of the paper in true Northern style.

The Explorer Team after completion of the hike



Our open evening, at the new site in Priory Road at the end of July, went very well. Although the weather did its best to make sure everyone went home wet, a good time was had by all. Many Top Awards were presented to the young people and Group Scout Leader Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne received an Award of Merit from the County Commissioner.

The Top Awards require much work and commitment over several months. Three of our Patrol Leaders recently spent part of their Sunday working as Young Wardens for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust at Knettishall Heath, they cleared ragwort, collected pine cones for Christmas crafts and cleared brambles. This service will enable them to complete a small element of their Chief Scouts Gold Award.



Our new Saturday Warriors Beaver

Colony started on Saturday 7th September at Goodwin Hall, running 9.30am to 11am. The Beaver Colony is for children aged 6-8 and provides a range of exciting and engaging activities helping your young ones to start learning basic Scout skills whilst making lots of new friends. Any new members are most welcome to attend where they will meet our Leadership Team and other Beavers as well as playing lots of fun games to start their Scouting adventure. If you would like your young person to give Beavers a try either come along on a term time Saturday morning or please contact the Group Scout Leader; Andrew Aalders - Dunthorne 07908262623.

Three of our Patrol Leaders heading off volunteering for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Over the summer break our Leader Team has been busy. We have delivered, put up and packed away again our Marquee for a weeks hire at a young peoples camp.

The Goodwin Hall has been tidied and reconfigured to accommodate some second hand furniture we have been donated. Our website has been improved and updated to reflect the new Scout Association branding. Please have a look at:

www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk

But most of all leaders have been planning the coming terms programme for the Young People.

For the coming few months all sections will focus some weeks on our Gang Show which is on **Friday 13th December**. More details soon. Other activities planned are, a Water Activities day, air rifle shooting and archery, route planning, navigation training, Duke of Edinburgh Award briefing, beach cleaning, drop hike, work on meal preparation and balanced diet, communication badge, science badge and much more.

Progress continues with the new Headquarters building with much time being spent on seeking grants for various aspects of the project. When we have definite news of how we will proceed we will let you know. If you have any ideas on funding we would be very pleased to hear from you.

We have recently found that it is possible to buy a kayak made from recycled plastic retrieved from the sea, and we plan to raise the funding for this from the empty crisp packet collections we have been doing for several months. Thank you to those of you that have been saving them for us, please continue to either hand them to one of our members or leave them, tied in a bag, with Michael Knights at Daganya Farm, Nuttery Vale Hoxne.

Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

We have recently held two well supported fund-raising events. The Pie, Pint & Pud evening held in the North Aisle of the church and our Curry Lunch held at Suzanne Lewis' house. Thanks to all involved.

Our next two functions are being held in the Village hall. The Harvest Lunch is on the **Sunday 13th October**, £10 per head, tickets available from Anne Swann, **01379 669322** and the ever-popular Quiz night on the **Saturday 9th November**, £5 per head. Please bring a picnic supper and the bar will be open.

Advance notice: On the 21st February we have an evening with Danny Fisher singing hits from the 1950s and 60s. The Church doors will open at 7pm. Tickets are £12 with cheese and wine to follow the performance.

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*

St Edmund's School

We have welcomed many new pupils to the school in the start of the Autumn Term and everyone has enjoyed being back and taking on new challenges. Acorn Class has our youngest pupils, and Mrs Mansfield (Acorn Class Teacher) and Miss Hardy (Acorn Class Teaching Assistant) have all been learning about farming and festivals.

Many of the children have had great fun with lots of activities and have been encouraged to take part in the Harvest



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Breakfast that took place in September in Hoxne. Acorn class have been enjoying forest school so far this term and we are lucky to have the resources to show the children all the things that can be learnt outside of the classroom.

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Tuesday 15th October - 1.30pm -3pm

Thursday 14th November 1.30pm -3pm

For more information or to book your stay and play session, please contact the school office:

01379 668283

officehoxne@wvpschools.org

www.waveneyvalleypartnership.org

Hoxne Phoenix Group

At our July meeting we had a visit from Bryan Thurlow, who, in his incarnation of Mr Potter the gardener, was meticulous in every detail. To help set the scene, he dressed up an old wooden bench with tools, containers,



raffia and such like from the period. At intervals during his talk he would wander over to the table, pick up a loose piece of string and idly wind it into a ball. He had even changed his shoes from his more modern ones to old-fashioned ones such as might have been worn at that time, as well as wearing old-fashioned gardening gear of course.

Our August Meeting “Blood Sweat and Fears” was a very interesting power-point illustrated talk by Mary Newton, a Forensic Scientist for 40 years. During her time she covered a number of high profile cases such as the Murder of Milly Dowler, Russell Bishop who murdered 2 girls on the outskirts of Brighton in 1986, the murder of Stephen Laurence (1993) and Dennis Nielson. She explained how evidence is gathered from such things as footprints, car paint, hair, gunshot residue, fingerprints, mugs and glasses

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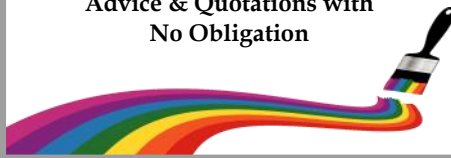
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and bite marks. They work on the basis “every contact leaves a trace”. 40 years on, some of the same techniques are still used today. She reminded us that in the 1960s there was no mental health support and those involved found that talking helps them to deal with any problems they might incur. DNA evidence commenced in 1988, but that still does not always answer certain questions although everyone has a unique DNA. Mary will be returning to us in 2020 to give a follow up talk.

As we go to print, from our September Fundraising Evening, £508 has been raised for the Dove Dementia Café and Dove Song based in Diss. We would like to thank all those who came and supported this evening - and hope they enjoyed the Puddings!

On **Tuesday 8th October** we are opening the Meeting to anyone (men included) who might be interested in a talk entitled “Ghostly and Macabre” by Martyn Taylor and on **Tuesday 12th November** we have a talk by Simon White from Beales Roses (following on from our visit to Beales Roses at Attleborough last year).

To conclude the year, we are having a Christmas Workshop demonstration by one of our own Members, Lin Saunders - more about that in the December issue.

As usual, anyone who is interested in coming to see ‘who we are and what we do’ is very welcome. We have had three new members in the last couple of months which is always very encouraging. We meet on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and our Visitor Fee is only £2.00 (which covers a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits).

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New Reeding Woods Group

The AGM and BBQ that were postponed by bad weather on 27th July finally took place on the chilly but dry afternoon of the 7th September. Chairman David Mitchell reported on the group activities throughout the year and the current state of the woodland and forthcoming plans.

As previously reported a survey of the Great crested newts took place in May, with fewer mature newts found but high numbers of efts(baby newts) and eggs found. This was probably the result of setting the event too late in the season, as an early warm period meant that the newts had bred and mostly left by late May.

This has been a poor year for orchids but the butterfly populations have undergone a dramatic explosion. The warm spring, followed by rain and then an exceptionally warm summer has resulted in the mature ash looking healthier while the woodland oaks look poorer, the result of a Green Tortrix Moth caterpillar explosion leading to defoliation. This has been a wonderful summer for butterflies, with plenty of Painted ladies observed and down by the pond the Broad Bodied Chaser Dragonflies have been in evidence.

We as a group have carried out autumn tidying and repair, spring formative pruning and path cutting and hay making, with 54 bales of hay stored. We attended the Horham Fete where we put on a display of forestry machinery and woodland crafts and replenished our funds by selling a few of our woodland



products. The Fressingfield Brownies have been to visit again, particularly enjoying the pleasures of playing in the meadow.

Tasks for the autumn will as usual involve trimming back overhead branches, once fruiting and nesting are over and fencing repairs, this will be once again an autumn “putting the wood to bed event”. Access along Pound Lane is now becoming difficult so some work will also be

necessary there. This is a community woodland owned by all the residents of Denham, Horham and Athelington, everyone is welcome to join the group and/or take part in our activities. For information about events see the notice board on the meadow at the wood, and to join the group please contact our Secretary Peny Conway on **01379 870165**.

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Hoxne Heritage Group

On September 8th just over 220 members of the local community visited the Hoxne Heritage Group's Exhibition celebrating the commencement of World War Two. The exhibition featured profiles of local Hoxne residents who served in the early



part of the war, artefacts and a narrative of events from the period, maps and posters.

responsible for the establishment of the Hoxne branch of the Local Defence Volunteers, later to become the Home Guard. The diary records in minute detail the names of the men who served and the dates on



which equipment, including rifles and ammunition, were issued. It also describes how our church of St Peter and St Paul was used as a lookout position for parachutists.

Also attracting great interest was a model of an Anderson shelter and a Morrison shelter expertly crafted by Allen Burridge.

Visitors were provided with examples of wartime food including Haricot Bean Sausage Rolls, Spam Sandwiches and Camp Coffee. The ultimate in realism was provided by period posters, music of the time playing on 1930's



The centrepiece of the exhibition was the recently discovered wartime diary of Major Harry Palgrave Raven who was

equipment and video screens playing wartime Ministry of Information films. The air raid siren set off periodically added to the nostalgia.

It was a mark of the success of the exhibition to hear so many people reminiscing and sharing stories triggered by the events and people depicted in the displays. As one of the elders of the village said *"times weren't always bad, there were good times too - the community stuck together."*

Two more exhibitions are planned for subsequent years to commemorate later stages of the war.

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Sweet & Savoury Bread

The aroma of freshly baked bread wafting through the house is evocative. Bread is not only delicious, it is also economical and can turn a simple bowl of soup into a dinner that will satisfy most members of the family. I find it incredible that simply flour, yeast, salt and water can create something beautiful to look at but also so delicious to eat.

My everyday basic loaf recipe is 500g strong white flour, 7g easy bake yeast (or 14g fresh yeast) 1tsp sea salt, 3tbsp olive oil and 300ml of cold water. Many years ago I read an article by Paul Hollywood saying tepid water wasn't necessary and I don't find it makes any difference at all. I am no longer able to knead the dough for the length of time it takes me to reach



the desired 'window pane' effect but rely on my table top mixer, using the dough hook, which, is more than able to cope with double or even treble the quantity.

It seems there are now various methods of kneading the dough but one rule of thumb, in my opinion, remains fast: after putting the flour in the bowl it is

important to put the salt and the yeast on opposite sides of the bowl as the salt could kill the yeast. For anyone new to bread baking there are numerous online videos demonstrating varying techniques all of which will explain more eloquently than I can and I have found the website www.homemadeloaves.co.uk to be really informative.

Here are a few recipes you may want to try, both sweet and savoury. I can heartily recommend them all.

Soft Flatbreads

300g white bread flour, plus extra for dusting
1 level tsp salt
50g butter
185ml milk

Heat the milk and butter until the butter is melted. Place the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl and add the liquid mixture. Combine the ingredients and then knead for 5/7 minutes until the dough feels soft and smooth. Cover with a clean cloth and set aside for 30 minutes. It will not grow like yeasted dough. Divide into 6 equal portions, and, on a floured board, roll out thinly to about 20cm dia.

Heat a large non stick frying pan and either dry fry or heat ½ tbsp olive oil. Place one flatbread in the pan for 1 - 1½ minutes. It will bubble up. Flip over, pressing down slightly and cook for another 1 - 1½ minutes. Stack the cooked flatbreads and cover with a clean tea towel which will help to keep them soft. These can be frozen cooked or uncooked layered in greaseproof paper.

Rosemary, Garlic & Sea Salt Focaccia

Any combination of toppings can be used or included in the basic mix. I recently included finely chopped cooking chorizo in



the basic mix and topped with olive oil and sea salt. The finished focaccia was soft, moist and delicious. For the pinwheel and focaccia as photographed, I made a single batch of basic loaf recipe and split the kneaded dough in two. After kneading, prove for an hour or so until doubled in size. Knock back and with your fingers stretch and pull into a rough 20cm circle (I used a 20cm greased sandwich tin). Place the dough in the tin, cover and prove for 20 minutes. With your fingers make indentations all over the dough and press fresh rosemary tips into the dough together with lots of finely sliced slivers of garlic (I used 5 cloves of garlic for this recipe). Drizzle 2 tbsp of olive oil, or more, evenly over the dough followed by a sprinkling of sea salt. Bake for 20/30 minutes at gas mark 7, 220C/200C fan or 3rd shelf in Aga roasting oven. Remove from the tin and place on a cooling tray. Drizzle over another tbsp of olive oil.

Sage, Onion & Cheddar Cheese Pinwheel

After kneading, prove for an hour or so until doubled in size. Knock back and on a lightly floured board roll the dough into a 25cms circle approx. In the middle I piled a combination of 1 large onion chopped and gently fried until cooked but not browned and cooled, mixed with approx. 150g grated cheddar, 6 sage leaves finely chopped and salt & pepper.

Then fold the outsides of the circle into the middle to cover the filling. Pinch together to seal. Turn over and on a lightly floured board roll into a circle approx. 25cms. If air bubbles appear, collapse them with the point of a knife. Gently place a 12cm approx. round tin, to use as a template, in the centre of the dough circle.

With a sharp knife, make 16 cuts equally around the circle from the outer edge to the tin. Gently turn each cut piece of dough to the right. Glaze with beaten egg and scatter over more grated cheese and chopped sage leaves and slices of tomato. Place on a lined baking tray, cover and leave to prove for 20 minutes. Bake for 20/30 minutes at gas mark 7, 220C/200C fan or 3rd shelf in Aga roasting oven. Remove from the tin and place on a cooling tray.

Monkey Bread

Jane Hornby, see online recipe at: bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/monkey-bread
Aga: I baked on lowest shelf in the roasting oven.

Bagels

Edd Kimber, see online recipe at: bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/edds-bagels
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Water for Life

You might remember reading in a previous issue about *Village Voices Community Choir* and their plans to support the charity, Water Aid, in their efforts bringing fresh water to the people of Malawi.

You may even have been in the audience on 13th June and listened to the choir sing. I should say, choirs, as *Village Voices*, joined by singers from *Crossing the Border* and *Too Many Cooks*, sang their hearts out in this special, fund-raising concert.

In the first half we sang many of our favourites on a 'Water' theme, with each song introduced



with a short explanation as to why it was special. After an interval, when people could enjoy a glass of wine and any number of fantastic, home baked cakes, buns and biscuits, the choirs sang the songs that they'll be singing in London on 15th September.

We really enjoyed the evening and we had a lot of kind, appreciative words from audience members at the end of the concert. Our Musical Director, Janet Koralambe's keen ear spotted where we could improve though, and we've been working on that since then.

Everyone's really fired up with the idea of joining with 40 other choirs from around the UK, in the 'Water For Life' concert at The Scoop, on the banks of the Thames. What a sound we'll all make! Thanks to Janet's hard work, we think (should that be 'hope') we're ready.

In fact, a big, "Thank You" all round. Through the generosity of people who attended the concert and donated to Water Aid, we've already raised £1500 to support their work in Malawi and that's even before sponsorship money is collected!

Thank You, again, Janet, for your enthusiasm and patience in all the rehearsals. A big Thank You as well to Jenny Knight. She's our, energetic, resourceful Secretary, who seems to organise everything, including all those fantastic signs you may have seen

around, at the drop of a hat. Thank you as well to everyone who supported us, baking, or helping with car parking. And a

special, really big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us with donations and sponsorship. We've enjoyed singing the songs and can't wait for London!

A Village Voice

Rural Coffee Caravan

For the last time this season, the Rural Coffee Caravan will be visiting Castle Crescent, Wingfield from 10am - 12pm on **Tuesday 15th October**. The caravan delivers information and friendship to rural communities across Suffolk. To get in touch:

Telephone: 01379 855338
ruralcoffecaravan.org.uk

Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

Denham Community Council is now a registered charity (no. 1185179) and is therefore in a position to start fundraising for the renovations of the Village Hall.

The Trustees of the new charity are Tania Farrow, Jane Gilmore and Kerina Jane - other members will be invited to join so that as many people as possible can be involved in the project. It's worth setting out the aims of the new charity as agreed in its constitution:

- To further or benefit the residents of Denham, Mid Suffolk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
- The provision, repair and maintenance of a village hall and related facilities for the use of the inhabitants of Denham, Mid Suffolk, and its immediate surroundings, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:
 - (a) meetings, lectures and classes, and
 - (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the

object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

The new Community Council is completely separate from the Parish Council and has its own rules and objectives. The Parish Council of course is the statutory body which is the ultimate owner of the Village Hall and therefore carries final responsibility for it. The two organisations will work closely together with the aim of bringing the much-needed Village Hall back to daily use as quickly as possible.

Alongside that project the Parish Council will of course continue to keep a very close eye on proposals for the installation and operation of large-scale chicken sheds in the area. The Council is in close touch with neighbouring villages which will be affected if these proposals go ahead and awaits actual planning applications which have not yet been received. Both Council Councillor Guy McGregor and District Councillor Matthew Hicks are also closely in touch with this situation and are committed to working with villages for the best possible outcome.

Residents are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and have their say on any matter. The next meeting is **Wednesday 20th November** and then **Wednesday 15th January, 2020.**

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

Neighbourhood Plan - A consultation period has begun to designate the parish of Hoxne for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Hoxne NDP will set local policy for how the village could

develop and where. It can also protect local green spaces. Once the Area Designation is granted by the District Council, the Parish Council as the lead body for the NDP will form a Working Group and start the plan development and consultation. Please look out for updates.

Housing Needs Survey - February next year will see the Housing Needs Survey delivered to all houses in Hoxne. This survey should be completed to enable the Parish Council to establish what the housing need is within the village and if sites should be brought forward for rural affordable housing.

Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan - The Parish Council has submitted a response to the Mid Suffolk Local Plan consultation. The Local Plan sets policy for the future development of Mid Suffolk and all its villages. As well as expressing concerns for changes to the settlement boundaries in the village (the areas where housing can be built), the Parish Council has asked for more strategic policy on development in the countryside.

This is particularly pertinent if proposals for intensive poultry units in neighbouring villages come to fruition. The draft Local Plan sets policy to protect valuable agricultural land but does not specify how this protection will be applied or what and how much development could take place.

Poultry Feed Manufacture at Town Farm - Meanwhile, following a letter of concern from the Parish Council to Crown Chicken re the imminent commencement of feed manufacture at their new Town Farm site, members of the Parish Council will meet the General Manager to gain a greater knowledge of Crown Chicken's activities.

Police Community Support Officers - District Councillor Hicks has informed the Parish Council that funding had been

provided for two Police Community Support Officers to work out of Stowmarket Police Station, attached to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and splitting their time between towns and rural areas. It would be appropriate for them to address anti social behaviour at the Water Meadows. The Parish Council were able to submit requests for PSCO assistance with any village concerns.

Brakey Wood 20th Anniversary Celebrations - The Parish Council have agreed to support plans for a 20th Anniversary celebration during the summer of 2020. Details to follow.

Low Street Shelter - Remedial work will be carried out immediately, followed by a substantial refurbishment using English Oak if possible.

Bus Services - The future of local bus services remains uncertain, but the Parish Council is keen that local communities continue to be served with a daily bus service to Diss and other towns.

Highways - Following concerns expressed by residents re serious accidents along the B1118, County Councillor Guy McGregor has arranged for a Safety Audit to be put in place near The Depperhaugh Nursing Home, as stage one of an assessment re appropriate prevention of further incidents.

Warm Homes Fund - Funding is available for first time central heating systems to be installed in privately owned and privately rented households. This is a Council backed scheme run by Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People.

The Parish Council meets on the **first Thursday** of the month. The next meetings will be held on **Thursday 3rd October** at the Playing Field Pavilion and **Thursday 7th November** at St Edmunds Hall. Both commence at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



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Eye to Hoxne

This is a pleasant five mile walk from Eye Town centre, through varied countryside and the grounds of Brome Hall, with views across the river Dove to Oakley park. There are plenty of refreshment choices in Eye, whilst in Hoxne you can find The Swan Inn and the Hoxne Post Office, Shop, Deli and Tea Rooms.

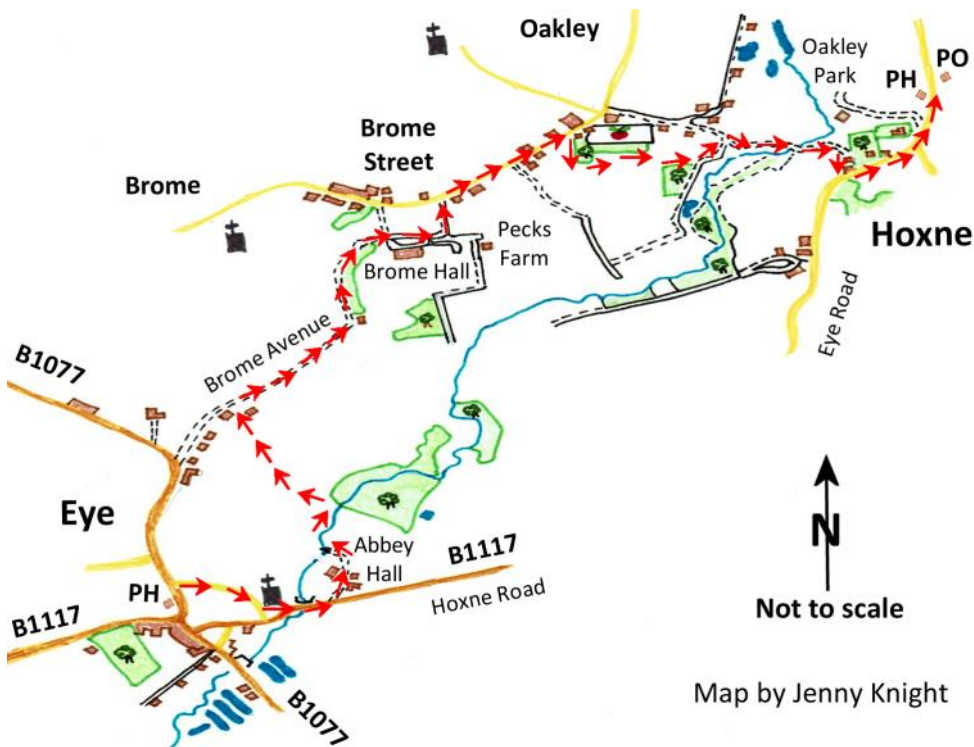
The energetic might consider walking both ways, incorporating lunch and/or a shopping trip in Eye. But most will rely on the bus service from Hoxne to Eye, details at: bustimes.org/localities/hoxne

From the centre of Eye, take the narrow road running alongside the pharmacy,

Church Street. At the church, pass through the gate into the church grounds and keep to the left. Exit the grounds by the gate onto Hoxne road or the B1117. Cross the road and follow the pavement to Abbey Bridge over the Dove. Pass over and continue until the lane and footpath to the Abbey lead off to the **Left**.

Continue past the remains of the priory and Abbey farm. Pass through a gate and over a bridge, crossing the Dove once more.

Within a few yards **Turn Right** along a track running parallel to the river. When the river bends right, a bolder track bares **Left**.



Map by Jenny Knight

In approximately 200 yards there is a crossroad of paths. Look for a gap in the hedge on your **Right**. Pass through and continue, keeping a hedge on your right. When the hedge stops keep on in the same direction. The path soon passes between two hedgerows, sometimes a little overgrown until it reaches Brome Avenue, a single track road and part of the Mid Suffolk Footpath. **Turn Right**.

Follow this lane through open countryside and pass through a gate, where after the lane continues through a wooded grove to Brome Hall. Keep dead ahead across the front of The Hall. Do not turn onto the private drive.

The path now dog-legs right and left and continues on a lane to Peck's Farm, where it turns sharp left and continues to a Road.

Turn Right at the road. Continue on the road for approximately half-a-mile. Look for an archway through a high hedge on the **Right** and pass through.

The path now clings to the edge of a wood, turning left, left again, right and right again, where it follows a short hedgerow before turning left.

Keep ahead on the path which soon becomes a track with more woodland to the right. Ignore the first track on the right, then at a T junction turn **Right**. This track swings left and downhill, passing the old laundry to Oakley Park House. The view to the left takes in Oakley Park and the Old Stables.

At the bottom of the hill, leave the track and keep straight on where the footpath hugs a wire fence on its left before crossing the wooden *White Bridge* over the Dove.

The path now winds through tall trees before swinging right and climbing past a house on the left. Pass through a gate to the Eye road and turn **Left**. Continue on the road to Hoxne.

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The Lunch Bunch Visits...

On a sunny but damp autumn day, we headed over the river Waveney to the small and cosy country hotel whose namesake was born in the village. Sir Alfred Munnings was known as one of England's finest painters of horses, and as an outspoken critic of Modernism. There is a small carpark next to the pub or a minutes walk away there is a village carpark around the corner.



The sun was streaming into the L shaped bar and we ordered our drinks and were offered a lovely table in one of the windows. There are some really nice touches in this pub that makes the place feel special. Nice crisp white tablecloths and fabric napkins and real flowers on the tables, as well as a good selection of beers and sort drinks! The lunch menu is concise, but a really good mix of fresh and local food for all tastes and I'm reliably informed it is regularly changed to add seasonal specials. They offer a good value fixed price menu on two or three courses.

The menu also contains a potted history on the life of the man himself, so if you are unfamiliar with his work and his history, keep hold of your menu to read while your starter is brought out - its well worth a look, as we did and learnt a lot! But as soon as our food arrived all our attention was focused on that. We had a traditional spread of

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prawn cocktail, local pâté and garlic mushrooms, all beautifully presented and delicious.

Our main meals were equally presented and exceptionally tasty. Nice chunky and crisp chips along with the scampi, an impressive chicken Caesar salad with just the right amount of dressing (sometimes there is just far too much!) and a local beef fajita with fries and salad. Empty plates all round and we weren't the only table clearing our plates!

We were then offered an array of delicious hot and cold sweet things to pick from and tea and coffee. All in all, we half wished we had booked one of their ensuite rooms so we could have sampled their evening meal menu as well!

It was a really friendly and warm atmosphere. Great value, generous portions and great tasting food! Well worth another visit. They also regularly hold special theme nights, recently holding a French night and a Caribbean night so it's worth giving them a call to see what's on happening.

The Lunch time special was £10.95 for two courses and just £13.95 for three.

The Lunch Bunch



A Word from Wingfield

Vale. Matt 7 verses 15-16

This may well be my swan song from Wingfield as my family has decided to sell the cottage which we bought almost 40 years ago when Abbey farm came on the market. So now it is back on the market. But as Brexit casts a shadow over the housing market, as resident gardener minder, it may be some time before I leave and move back to Sussex, from where we departed to escape the over heating , growing urban bustle and population pressures. My daughter has prepared a quiet place for me where I shall be able to cope. I shall miss the Waveney valley, my daily swim, the fantastic Fressingfield surgery, Diss Quaker meeting, and so many good friends.

My final communication before moving to Suffolk came from Whitehall. It was signed by Labour Minister Prescott saying that our West Sussex Structure plan was flawed. Our team had spent five years producing it and it had even received a final blessing from the Government's Inspector after a public enquiry having had the support from all seven of our district councils, and countless parishes. And It covered the intended expansion of Gatwick airport and the use of the taxiing strip as a second runway. Our five years hard labour in vain achieved nothing because we had resisted pressure to accommodate further development in SE England all in the pursuit of our unfair skewed national economy.

Today, we live in turbulent times when the idea is abroad that it is possible to make Britain Great again - Great Britain. I saw the empire before the MacMillan's winds of change blew across Africa. However, the die was already cast by WW2, and there is still no way we can

put the clock back. Edward Gibbon, probably Britain's greatest historian ever, wrote about the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. It may be timely for a similar text on the British Empire. The penultimate chapter could be informed by the Panama papers explaining how the last bastions are to be found in Caribbean islands occupied by off shore pirates who have escaped the clutches of the Inland revenue; and a concluding chapter entitled "Boris, End of Empire".

Churchill who lived through this was deeply saddened by its final days as his amazing life came to an end. Undoubtedly Britain once enjoyed the fruits of its Empire and we are now widely condemned for its exploitation and for slavery, plantations set up using indentured labour, cheap raw materials, and the subordination of its peoples. But, as one of its obedient servants, I still remain defensive of the contribution that many of us made, especially in modelling institutions to help progress newly emerging nations. So I shall give just one example, but there are so many.

Back in 1970 when HM the Queen called in at Fiji's capital Suva, in the Royal Yacht Britannia on her way to the Cook Bicentenary celebrations in Australia, our new University of the South Pacific the last in a whole series we had created, asked if she might visit us and present in person the Royal Charter under which we had been established. Normally such documents travel by post or courier but she consented to deliver it in person, and as the Vice Chancellor was away in New Zealand it fell my lot to write a short speech requested by the palace for her to deliver to the assembled Council and members of the University.

Local women came to greet her and wove a 60 yard long mat six feet wide for her to progress along before entering our huge ex Sunderland flying boat hangar recently vacated by the RNZ Air Force

where we were to hold the ceremony. But it had become the nesting place of great numbers of black myna birds introduced from India as pets by the Asian immigrants brought to grow Fiji's cane sugar. After many attempts we decided to dope the birds and transport them by lorry into the interior hoping they would not return to foul the occasion (or HM). We were also concerned at subjecting her to the high humidity and oppressive heat of Laucala Bay, so we made a large chicken wire container for a days supply of ice from the local ice cream factory with an electric fan underneath to blow cooled air over her and which, to our surprise, worked. There was no time, nor ice, to test it.

So, I sent her my three paragraph speech on the high seas, and on his return showed it to the Vice Chancellor, a distinguished Kiwi constitutional law professor who later succeeded Edmund Hillary as the NZ High Commissioner in Delhi. He was most unhappy by the theme of the text and immediately sent off a revised replacement version. I bet him 10 kina that she would read mine, which as I recall was along the lines that my people came to the Pacific as explorers, traders, missionaries, and educators, and the new university was

the culmination of our efforts to prosper the lives of the twelve Commonwealth nations from which the student body was drawn etc etc. Per contra, the VC's theme was that his country, NZ, had handed over the RNZAF flying boat base 250 acre site with its buildings, and had sent teachers which enabled the university to begin its work. We had no idea which one she would use and side by side listened carefully to her words and I won 10 kina.

Now, some 50 years later, our past imperial record is widely, condemned. Many chickens have come home to roost from Cecil Rhodes to Mau Mau. There is little praise for the good work of so many.

The Empire did indeed help make us great, but I very much doubt whether the clock can be put back again. Our future now lies in hard work, our creative genius, new technologies, saleable manufactures, and crucially, a spiritual re-awakening. Then perhaps, we may return to the forefront of countries able to lead the world into a very uncertain future that our children will inherit. We must endeavour to make Britain truly great again for them. That will require true deeds rather than just false words.

Tommy Gee

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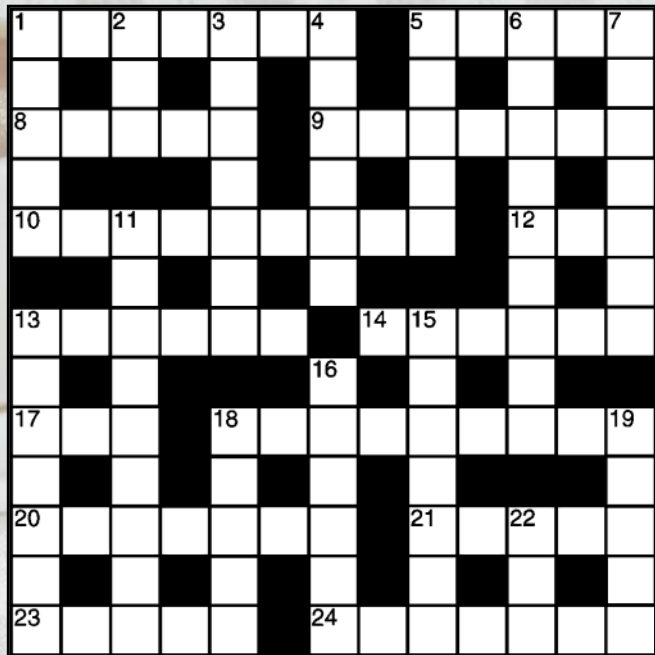
Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55

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Crossword Puzzle No. 132

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 **Friday 8th November** latest.

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



Across

- 1 Criminal posted permission (7)
- 5 Stricken victim partly reveals ruse (5)
- 8 Brown pigment found in Northumberland (5)
- 9 Origin of a 60's pop band (7)
- 10 Mind baton when involved in this sport (9)
- 12 Spoil Mary just a little (3)
- 13 Make a note of the fastest ever time (6)
- 14 Jolly and cheerful just like Jupiter (6)
- 17 A steamship you idiot (3)
- 18 Record of events maybe from a newspaper (9)
- 20 Rude tie worn by a learned person (7)
- 21 Feign confidence on a steep cliff (5)
- 23 Edges round lakeside grass (5)
- 24 Partly make out the disc Ernie is playing (7)

Down

- 1 Small piece of bread may offer comfort (5)
- 2 Reverse the veto and make an arrest (3)
- 3 Rare lie concocted sooner (7)
- 4 Legwarmers perhaps (6)
- 5 Musical group backing into a carpentry joint (5)
- 6 Main icons having trouble getting off (9)
- 7 It takes trellis to support a falcon (7)
- 11 Dog partial to a banger (9)
- 13 People who may enjoy 15 down (7)
- 15 Collection of stories about transport (7)
- 16 Finder searching for a pal (6)
- 18 Locate edge in church - that is illegal (5)
- 19 Pixie like in a self induced manner (5)
- 22 Avail oneself of part of the house (3)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 131 was: Ian Heath, Stradbroke

Answers: **Across** 7) Cheque 8) Points 10) Pimento 11) Banjo 12) Lido 13) Weird
17) Smart 18) Lent 22) Alter 23) Thistle 24) Strive 25) Picnic

Down 1) Scapula 2) Bermuda 3) Burns 4) Bombard 5) Inane 6) Ascot 9) Home-Truth
14) Improve 15) Letting 16) Stretch 19) Balsa 20) Storm 21) Dixie

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