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HPP Playing Fields Pavilion, Hoxne

HVH St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne

SWH Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

WB Wingfield Barns

Letters to the Editor

SYLEHAM CAROL SINGERS

We had another lovely evening going round to various houses singing carols on 19th December. It didn't rain; we had good fun and we collected £390 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. A big thank you to all involved.

Jane and Adrian

SURE SIGN FOR HOXNE

Terrific village sign. It fulfils its function as a clear statement and visual summary of Hoxne, yet has texture and depth to engage the inquisitive.

David Rogers

DISPLAY DELIGHT

As early as August last year, a small group of volunteers began planning for the annual Festival of Christmas Trees in Hoxne church. To help fund the event, a Christmas Hamper was raffled and raised £200 for the purchase of trees and decorative lights.

As a consequence, 35 trees were trimmed and illuminated by local groups, institutions and individuals. Each tree

being themed with a Christmas Carol or Christmas related song. Visitors were provided with tea, coffee, mince pies and cake by our hard working team of volunteers.



Feedback has been both encouraging and welcoming; it has undoubtedly served to raise the awareness of our church within the local community. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who supported the event, but most importantly to individuals from the display team without whom the display would not have been possible. All donations will go to the Church and the Friends of St Peter and St Paul with St Edmund. Best wishes.

David Hyde

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Notice Board

HOXNE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

If you are a Hoxne resident, with this issue of the Village Voice you will find a copy of the Housing Needs Survey. It is important for the future development of the village that we receive your views. Please complete and return the survey. If you do not receive a copy, or need additional copies, please contact the Parish Clerk as shown on page 2. Thank you.

HOXNE VILLAGE SIGN

The eagerly awaited new sign was revealed on 20th November, St Edmunds day, to a keen gathering of parishioners, councillors and the press. Early risers would of also heard some familiar voices introducing the day on Radio Suffolk and after the event Allen Burrige, who unveiled the sign, was additionally interviewed. St Edmund's day itself was marked with a tribute from the children of St Edmund's Primary School.



It was sometime ago that the Parish Council were asked why doesn't Hoxne have a village sign? They went on to ask the people of Hoxne where it should be placed and what it should depict. The results of the 2016 survey showed an overwhelming interest in a sign being placed on Low Street Green, and over 75% of the respondents requesting that the sign depict St Edmund and the majority of the other responses being in favour of images of the Hoxne Hoard.

From then onwards a team worked hard to bring the ideas to fruition. With particular thanks for the Parish Council's working group of Iain Gibson, Edward O'Connor, Mick Procner, Steve Rich, Claire Whiting and Richard Whiting for the hours they put into considering the design of the sign. Their ideas were brought to reality by David Rich, a relative of Steve Rich, who at the time was studying for his BA (Hons) in Architecture and went on to obtain a first class degree. The initial visuals was then displayed for parishioner consultation and the final design evolved.

The very skilled craftspeople at the *Village Sign People* made the sign and, as we often are as a parish, indebted to Mick Procner for his construction skills in building the plinth for the sign. Financial support for the sign was received from Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council.

The final design features a central representation of King Edmund's crown, together with an oak tree and arrows to



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depict the manor of his death. The background has **gold** to represent the **Hoxne Hoard** and **blue** for the four rivers that flow through the parish; the **Dove**, the **Waveney**, **Chickering** and **Goldbrook**. The colours can equally represent **Goldbrook** itself and the part the river and bridge played in the St Edmund legend.

Also depicted is the **Silver Tigress**, part of the **Hoxne Hoard** - which was found by local metal detectorist Eric Lawes in 1992 while out looking for a hammer. These Roman finds are now on display in the

British Museum along with the hammer!

But did you know Hoxne had its own money? The Hoxne **Half Penny** was issued in 1795 by Thomas Tallant and was a token celebrating the Hoxne and Hartismere cavalry unit of the Suffolk

Yeomanry. It was used as currency in local shops and was thought to have also been being given as a Volunteer Medal. The coins face is depicted on the sign.

And finally, who would have thought that a little village like Hoxne would have a period in time named after it? There are two modern reproduction **hand axes** set into the plinth of the new sign. These are to represent those found twelve feet deep in a Hoxne Brick Pit in 1797 by John Frere. He deduced that they were tools and the work of early humans rather than thunderbolts or meteorites, so showing that people had been around (certainly in Hoxne) well before biblical times. Sadly, he died long before he was proved correct.

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Following more modern excavations the layer of soil where the hand axes were found was dated between 374,000 and 424,000 years ago, and this major interglacial period is now known as the **Hoxnian** period.

ST EDMUNDS MONUMENT

To coincide with last years 1150th anniversary of the martyrdom of King Edmund, Hoxne Parish Council sought to erect replacement marker posts around the recently listed Grade II monument. Legend says the monument, sited off Abbey Hill, is where the oak tree stood that Edmund was bound and executed by the Danes in 869AD using a volley of arrows.

The four new posts have been carved with depictions of the legend, thanks once more to the skills of Mick Procner. One of the front posts symbolises the oak, but what is on the others? To find out, please visit the monument and experience the sense of place for yourself.





What's On

Monday is **Steak Night** and every other Tuesday is **Buskers Evening** at 8pm.

Quiz Night

Every second Wednesday at 7pm with half time nibbles.

Fish & Seafood Special Menu

Friday & Saturday we have a variety of different fish & shellfish dishes that change weekly.

Sunday Roast Dinner

From 12 noon till 4pm.

Valentines Evening

Join us on Friday 14th February for a 3 course meal with a glass of bubbles at your table. Choice of dishes from our special Valentines menu for an inclusive price of £24.95. Lamb & fillet steak have a supplement of £4.

Limited tables available, so please book now to avoid disappointment.

More information can be found on our Facebook page "The Swan Inn Of Hoxne" and on our website.

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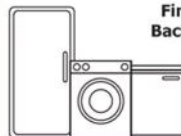
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Jack and the Beanstalk

Puzzle House Pantomimes return to Hoxne for the 14th year to present a traditional fun-filled family panto on **Sunday 2nd February**, 3pm at St Edmund's Hall. Six actors portray a range of characters in a show full of songs, live keyboard music, thrills, spills and silliness.

Join our hero Jack Trott in the village of Butter Vale as he dares to challenge the sleeping, evil Giant who lives in The Land Of Clouds. Bungling baddies Nabbit and Grabbit are sent down from the clouds to steal all the gold and to capture the Princess. A magical beanstalk gives Jack the chance to climb to The Land of Clouds and face the Giant. Can brave Jack save the day? The audience can help out by joining in with some songs and solving puzzles on the way!

Box office **01379 384656**. Tickets £7.

New: Café Church at Hoxne

Come and join our new Café Church on the **second Sunday** of each month at Hoxne. Coffee and croissants from 9.30am. The informal service starts at 10am with discussion of a different topic each month, activities, prayer, hymns and songs. All ages are welcome. Forthcoming dates are **Sundays 9th February** and **Sunday 8th March**. See you there!

Hoxne Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting is an opportunity for parishioners to hear from organisations in Hoxne and to discuss matters relating to the village life. All are welcome to attend on **Thursday 12th March**, 7.30pm at St Edmund's Hall. Organisations submitting reports are requested to send a representative to read the report at the meeting.

The meeting will be chaired by Cllr Edward O'Connor, Chairman of Hoxne Parish Council, and there will be the opportunity to hear from both your County Councillor and District Councillor. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but an assembly of the whole parish which happens once a year - come along and find out more about what is happening where you live.

If you would like speak on behalf of the organisation you represent, please contact the Parish Clerk (see page 2) to confirm your place on the agenda.

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Knight & Spiers

Saturday 22nd February, 7.30pm. On a summer's day in 2016, the organisers of FolkEast Festival masterminded one of the most intriguing and exciting collaborations on today's folk scene.

Peter Knight, legendary violinist and ex-member of folk-rock band Steeleye Span was paired with leading melodeon player and ex-Bellowhead member, John Spiers, for a special one-off performance which left audiences in awe. With no space to be found in the marquee, people stood

everything he does. Always direct and unafraid to speak his mind, his song writing has been praised for its surgical clarity. He cites his major influence as "Anon".

His most recent album 'So Much to Defend' has received wide critical acclaim and includes reflections on minor league football, empty nest syndrome, learning to swim, Cook-in Sauce and, not least, the Gecko as a metaphor for contemporary society. Tickets £14



Picture: Rob Blackham

Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith

Sunday 29th March, 7.30pm. Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith are one of the finest duos to have emerged onto the British folk and acoustic scene in recent years. Their unique ability to make old songs seem relevant and new songs sound ancient has brought them widespread critical acclaim.

Their most recent album 'Many a Thousand' was released in autumn 2018 and accompanied by an extensive UK tour. The new material includes more original compositions with reflections on the modern world and storytelling that gets to the heart of life in Britain today.



Picture: Emily Fairweather

five deep in the pouring rain in order to witness the bringing together of two of the most genuinely gifted musicians in their respective fields.

With a standing ovation and roars for more, and much to the delight of folk fans everywhere, Knight and Spiers decided not to leave things there. Tickets £15

Chris Wood

Saturday 7th March, 7.30pm. Chris Wood is an uncompromising writer whose music reveals his love for the un-official history of the English speaking people. With gentle intelligence he weaves the tradition with his own contemporary parables.

A self-taught musician, composer and song writer, Chris is a lifelong autodidact whose independent streak shines through

The original material sits alongside some unearthed gems from the British and Irish folk canons delivered with powerful harmony singing and sensitive musical arrangements.

The duo's live performances are a celebration of traditional music but there is also a deep integrity and sincerity that stems from their passion for the social themes within the music. There is a common thread of political struggle, resistance, and justice as well as the occasional love song. Their shows manage to be both hard-hitting and uplifting and it is this ability that justifies their reputation as two of the most exciting musicians and social commentators on the scene. 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.

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Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

What's On

Saturday 25th January, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Open/Coffee Morning as part of the National Village Halls week.

Friday 31st January, 8pm. Bingo in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Friday 14th February - Valentine's Karaoke - free entry, Valentine's raffle.

Friday 28th February, 8pm - Bingo in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Saturday 21st March. Marc James sings for us, event in aid of hall funds. Fiver each or FREE if you are a Sports and Social club member. Food available to purchase.

Friday 27th March, 8pm. Bingo in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Regular Events

We hold an Open Mic night on the **first Friday** of the month - come along from 8pm onwards.

On the **second Friday** of the month there's Karaoke - again from 8pm onwards.

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

Annual membership of the Sports and Social club is £3.50 (£3.00 concessions) which gives you access to the village hall at opening times each **Tuesday** and **Friday** from 8pm onwards as well as discounts on some events. Please call in. Pool and darts available. Bar open. We will be pleased to see you.

Advance Notice

Thursday 2nd April - Eastern Angles theatre, 'Red Skies'.

Friday 17th April - Quiz in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance, 7.30 for 8pm start.

Saturday 23rd May - 'All about Buddy' in aid of Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Meningitis Now.

Saturday 4th July - Family BBQ.

Saturday 11th July - Expletives - punk & new wave.

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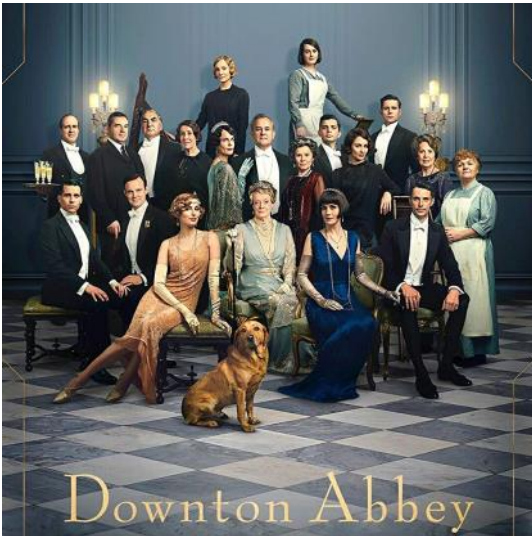
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Hoxne Village Hall

Film Nights

Bar opens 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm with interval. Ice creams and popcorn available. Tickets in advance on **01379 668060** or on the door subject to availability.

Friday 14th February - Downton Abbey Historical period drama film written by Julian Fellowes, creator and writer of the television series. Produced by Gareth Neame, Liz Trubridge and Fellowes, and directed by Michael Engler. The film continues the storyline from the series,



with much of the original cast returning. Set in 1927, depicts a visit by the King and Queen to the Crawley family's English country house in the Yorkshire countryside. An assassin has also arrived and attempts to kill the Monarch. The family and servants are pitted against the Royal entourage, including the Queen's lady-in-waiting, who has fallen out with the Crawleys, especially the Dowager Countess, over an inheritance issue. Certificate PG.

Friday 13th March - Judy.

Biographical drama about American singer and actress Judy Garland. Renée Zellweger stars as Garland, with Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock, Rufus Sewell, and Michael Gambon in supporting roles.

Zellweger won Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama, Directed by Rupert Goold. The film follows Judy Garland's career during the last year of her lifetime when she relocated her stage career to Britain. After some initial success for a run of sell-out concerts at the Talk of the Town in London, her efforts eventually stop making progress and even start to worsen due to health issues. Certificate 12A.



Village Spring Clean

Sunday 15th March - Clean Up Sunday. Meet in the Hall car park 10am. Refreshments provided by 1st Fressingfield Scouts in Hall at 12 noon. All welcome - please come and help tidy up your village, see page 41.

Produce and Craft Market & Café

Saturdays monthly, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Dates - **29th February** and **28th March**.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4th April - Hoxne Music Group Quiz, see page 28.

Friday 17th April - Film Night, *Knives Out*. Certificate 12A.

If you would like to find out about holding an event at the Hall, please call Sharon or Sally on **07876 215269** or email:

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Harleston Cinema

Thursday 27th February, matinee 2pm, evening 7.30pm - Knives Out (12A). This film is a fun, modern day "Whodunit" with "razor sharp script and killer cast" according to critics at the Toronto film festival where it made its debut. They loved the film - from the great ensemble cast, to the suspense of the story telling which keeps viewers guessing until the film's final moments.

Starring Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Christopher Plummer.

If you are a fan of Sherlock, Murder She Wrote, Columbo, or practically any other good murder mystery, this will be a film for you.

Harleston Masonic Rooms, Redenhall Road. Tickets (£4 per head) can be reserved at HIP, Exchange St. **01379 851917**. Please come and join us for a comedic and intriguing evening!

Young Czech musicians come to join forces with Eye Bach Choir

Wednesday 26th to 29th March - In an exciting collaboration, Eye Bach choir is hosting 60 musicians from the Conservatoire in Prague here in the Eye area.

They will be joining the choir to perform 'A Sea Symphony' by Vaughan Williams in St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds on **Saturday 28th March** and in London at Dukes Hall on **Sunday 29th March**.

The orchestra will also play the beautiful 'Vltava' from Smetana's 'Ma Vast' and the choir will join them in Dvorak's 'Te Deum'.

Open rehearsal - There will be an OPEN REHEARSAL for all to come to hear the orchestra, free of charge, on **Thursday 26th March** between 11am and 4pm in Eye Town Hall.

Hosts needed - Eye Bach Choir is seeking local people, kind enough to host two players for the 4 nights of their stay. Some subsistence money is available to cover the cost of meals.

If you think you can help please contact Felicity Golding on **01379 668494** or **07748 727477** or via email: golding.hoxne@btinternet.com

Choir goes to Prague - In April, members of the choir will be doing a return visit to Prague to perform once again with the orchestra in the beautiful St Salvator Church.

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Obituary

James Allen Feavearyear

1950 - 2019

The funeral of Jim Feavearyear took place at St Peter, St Paul & St Edmund's Church on the 18th of December with the Reverend Michael Womack conducting the service with a tribute by his lifelong friend Clive Baxter. Jim was a very keen sportsman playing football and cricket for Hoxne. He also played tennis, pool, darts and pub games and was a regular visitor to The Grapes in Cross Street, Hoxne.

James 'Jim' was educated at Hoxne School, before attending Eye and Diss Grammar Schools. After leaving school he worked for Larking Gowen Accountants in Diss staying with them for about 30 years, rising to the position of senior accountant. Sadly he had a stroke at the age of 46 and took early retirement.

Jim lived on Oak Hill, Hoxne with his loving parents Jimmy and Mabel, sister Pam and brother Peter. After the death of his parents Jim continued to live at Hoxne until his move to a flat in Diss. Jim became involved with the Street Forge Workshops at Thornham which

provides a wide variety of training activities for adults with physical and mental disabilities. Jim helped them with their accounts as a registered charity.

The funeral was attended by over 50 family members and friends from Hoxne and further afield, showing the affection they had for Jim who was a noteworthy character, not to be forgotten. Many of us had played various sports with Jim over the years.

His other great passion was for music and *The Times They Are A-Changin'* by Bob Dylan was played as the entry music, followed *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen and finally *Only A Pawn In Their Game* also by Bob Dylan.

The wake afterwards was at St Edmund's Hall, generously provided by Peter and his family, which was enjoyed by those who attended to talk about memories they had of Jim, who had the good fortune to have spent time with him. Life changes, Hoxne has changed, time moves on and memories keep faces alive in our minds.

Donations in memory of Jim for the Street Forge Workshops may be sent c/o Rosedale Funeral Home, Diss, IP22 4JE.

*Stephen Govier with thanks to
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Reflections

All That You Can't Leave Behind*

Sunday 29th March at 11.15am in Wingfield is my last service before I retire. Which means, that, there's a home to move and a study to empty. What can go in the bin, and what are the things that absolutely can't be left behind?

I doubt if anyone is surprised that I'm leaving behind the paperwork from PCCs; a whole filing cabinet drawer full of them that I won't miss in the slightest. One of my predecessors left me her file of PCC minutes; I never looked at it and I rather expect my successor to do the same with the ones I leave.

There's also notes about meetings etc. with the diocese in its various guises - again I doubt my successor will read them.

Regrettably too much time is lost on what Simon Ling in his guide to the music of George Harrison describes as '*religious civil servants for whom the organisation and the rules have become more important than the message*'. Sadly, I suspect that is true of all of us - we waste too much time and energy on things that don't really matter.

There's also a set of files I'd love to take, but must leave behind. The records and paperwork to support the weddings, funerals and baptisms that it's been my privilege to be involved in. Hopefully, my successor will never need to read them, but here's the legal proof of loved ones legally buried and couples lawfully married.

So along with the thank you notes and cards, they'll be lots of treasured memories of my time here with you all in the different seasons of life. It is those memories which I can't leave behind.

*With apologies to U2

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

Sunday 2nd February

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

Sunday 9th February

9.30am Benefice Cafe Church, Hoxne

Sunday 16th February

10am Syleham Village Praise
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February

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

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday service - TBC

Sunday 1st March

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

Sunday 8th March

9.30am Benefice Cafe Church, Hoxne

Sunday 15th March

10am Syleham Village Praise
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion
11.15am Denham Holy Communion
11.15am Hoxne Mothering Sunday Service
6.30pm Benefice BCP Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 29th March

11.15am Benefice Communion, Wingfield
Revd Michael's Last Service. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch in Wingfield Barns from 12.30pm. Everybody is welcome.



Church News

St John, Denham

Dr Barbara Becket from Historic England came to visit Denham church one afternoon last November. We walked round the building as dusk was falling and she pointed out the obvious ways of alleviating the moisture in the masonry such as removing moss and cleaning out the gutters. There is a luxuriant stand of ivy growing from the ancient flintwork of the south porch so any suggestions on how to get rid of this without damaging the wall would be useful. Once inside she was cautiously reassuring about the cracks in the chancel which were the reason why we had asked her to come along. Movement in stonework is not uncommon depending on seasonal conditions and changes in moisture content, so it is the progress of the crack that is significant.

She was intrigued by the thirteenth century effigy that lies within a recess in the north wall behind the lectern. It is of a lady, not much bigger than a child, wearing a wimple and holding a heart upon her breast. Her head rests upon angels' wings that have been much battered by the puritans. She also is severed by cracks and may well represent Matilda Mulcton. Her husband, Thomas, was Lord of the Manor of Denham and gave the advowson of the church to the

Prior of the Benedictine Monastery at Norwich Cathedral in 1245.

In the light of Dr Becket's enthusiasm for the church and her suggestions for its upkeep, perhaps we should organise a working party in the churchyard on some Saturdays during the year. Volunteers will be sustained with tea, coffee and cake.

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Our very enjoyable Christmas Fair in the village hall at the end of November raised £1499.45. Thank you to all who contributed, helped or came to start the festive season.

In December, the second 'Christmas Tree' festival, created by the numerous village organisations and groups was enjoyed by many visitors. The creativity and variety of the displays showed the abundant talents in our community and together with the music and refreshments available, made this a memorable visit. A huge 'thank you' to the committee who organised the event.

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. **17th February** - Branch meeting; **16th March** - Branch meeting. Cathie McGregor, Branch Leader **01379 668434**.

Flower rota

2nd & 9th February: Altar, Cathie McGregor; **16th & 23rd March:** Altar, Prue Day.

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

Carol Service

Everyone was in good voice and Amici once again wowed the congregation with an excellent rendition of several ancient carols. The church was full and no one was in a hurry to depart as they enjoyed the festive refreshments on offer and viewed the beautifully decorated windows. A generous collection made a valuable addition to church funds, so our grateful thanks to Amici and to all who attended.



Christingle

Messy Church in January took the form of a simple Christingle Service in St Margaret's Church; we made Christingles, of course, and also window 'globes' and shiny paper chains which we joined together to symbolise the light of Jesus spreading throughout the world, AND we still had our 'scrummy' tea!



Commandment Boards

With a newly decorated church and gleaming windows, the PCC would now like to restore the historic 'commandment boards', which are almost illegible. These contain the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer - essential reading in olden days when few parishioners possessed books.

The cost of conservation, including all fees, will be approximately £3000: we already have half that sum available and will aim to raise the rest during the coming year. We plan to hold a simple first event probably during late February/early March: we have yet to confirm details, but flyers will be distributed around the village in due course.

Revd Michael

We shall all be sad to see Michael and his wife Mary leave us at the end of March (not to mention Monty the dog). Many have come to love them and value their ministry amongst us and they will leave a big gap. Please see page 20 for details of Revd Michael's 'farewell' service in the benefice.

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

St Andrew, Wingfield

In the last issue of Village Voice, I wrote about St Andrews church needing repairs and asked for help to procure funding and with ideas for fund raising to meet the cost of repairs. I have received information from two villagers on suitable charities and application routes to them, which have been most helpful and also several offers of help with fund raising. People have also stopped me to chat about the Church and several offered help and ideas.

This interest in St Andrews has been most appreciated and I am most grateful. We are having a St Andrews parish meeting in March to discuss how best to proceed and I will let you know how we get on, but a big thank you to all those who have shown interest, if you have any more ideas please let me know.

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Feavearyear's in Wingfield

by Rory Fawbert (age 12)

Introduction

The reason I chose this as my school project is that I became interested in the family history on my mum's side ever since we visited a mausoleum (a building housing a tomb or group of tombs) built by my ancestor, Absalom Feavearyear, who was born in 1777 ("Absalom Senior"). My relation to him is that he was my great x5 grandfather. Since then I have been interested to find out more about him and the Feavearyear name. This led to me and my mum also finding some interesting information about his son, also called Absalom ("Absalom Junior") from the Norfolk Records Office.

To this day my grandfather, Robin Feavearyear, still resides at Town Farm in the small village of Wingfield, Suffolk where his ancestors have lived for many generations.

In this project I have three questions I aim to answer:

- Where did the Feavearyear's come from?
- What were they like?
- Did they participate in any important events?

To do this, I used research already done by my mum on the Feavearyear family history. I also gathered my own research by speaking to others and used information I found myself.

The Feavearyear name

The Feavearyear's are thought to have originated from the low countries which nowadays are Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and parts of northern parts of France and Germany. Some believe they

came to East Anglia in the 13th and 14th century and later in the 16th century, this time fleeing religious persecution. Others believe they escaped from Flanders because of the plague. Most were known as highly skilled craftsmen in woodwork, stonework, machinery and farming. They were also known for their eccentricity! In the 19th century the Feavearyear's were said to be quite wealthy as they owned a lot of machinery.

We have managed to trace our family tree back 11 generations to at least the 1600s. It was quite complicated due to the marriage of first cousins. We think the Feavearyear's settled in Wingfield around 1747 to 1748 after living in nearby villages.

Absalom Feavearyear Senior

Absalom was born in 1777 in Wingfield, Suffolk. He was a carpenter and stonemason. He married Mary Coltrop in 1803. In 1806 they had a son, also named Absalom. Mary died in 1838.

Absalom is known for building his own mausoleum for him and his family, this happened because he had a violent dispute about the high cost of tythes (a type of tax) with the parish priest, Edward Dykes Bolton. The argument resulted in Absalom saying that he would "*never step foot in the church again*" the priest replied "*oh yes you will, you'll have to die sometime*" but Absalom the carpenter and stone mason was determined so in 1840 he designed and built himself a mausoleum on his own piece of land at Wingfield Green at the age of 64. He even paid for it to get consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich for a sum of £30 and made the surrounding 10 acres into heirship land (meaning that it has to be passed down in the family). He later built a headstone for his son Absalom (Junior) and his daughter-in-law Thirza. Legend has it, he built himself

his own coffin long before his death but got too fat to fit into it, so he had to build a new one and used the old one as a shelf.

The mausoleum is still there to this day. A few years ago the mausoleum was given Grade II listed protection, which means it can't be knocked down or have changes made to it. Information can be found on the Historic England website describing the mausoleum (or as Absalom called it, his "Summer House"): <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1393791>

Last Summer I got to visit it myself with a lady who has lived locally all her life. She said she first visited the mausoleum with her father when she was a child and described Absalom as her hero. She still visits the mausoleum to this day. She felt that Absalom had been misunderstood and been made out to be crazy and unreasonable but the real reason for him standing up to vicar was because he was angry that he was having to make coffins for small children who were dying because their parents didn't



have enough money to feed them due to having to pay tythes. The way he protested against this was to not go to the church ever again. If this is right, it must have been difficult for him because he was a very religious man, which can be seen from his carvings at the mausoleum.

The "Summer House" is a small building with metal bars on one window to allow the air to flow.

There is a plaque on the outside with the words: "This Summer House was built in the year one thousand, eight hundred and forty by Absalom Feavearyear, Carpenter of this Parish in the sixty fourth year of his age".



Inside there are three tombstones and vaults, one for Absalom Senior in the middle and one for his son Absalom (Junior) on the left and the other for his daughter in law Thirza on the right.

The inscription on Absalom's Tombstone says: "*In a vault beneath are deposited the Mortal remains of Absalom Feavearyear (carpenter of this parish) and donor of this estate and several cottages to his son Absalom and to heir at law for ever. After a long and severe conflict with the world the flesh and the devil, Died in hopes of a joyfull resurrection on the...*" (the date of his death not being inscribed) "*On the earth is the lords, and fullness thereof. World and they dwell therein*"

At the top there is very detailed carving of Absalom himself with the farmhouse in the background, the door open and the table is set. He is chopping wood for carpentry.



Absalom Senior died in 1852 and got his wish, he was buried at the mausoleum although nobody carved the date where he left a space. Absalom Junior and his wife Thirza did not get buried in their tombs at the mausoleum and were buried at Wingfield church.

Absalom Feavearyear (Junior)

Absalom Junior was born in 1806. He married Thirza Feavearyear, his first cousin, in 1840. On the 1841 census it shows Absalom living with his wife Thirza and his father Absalom Senior. In the 1851 census they were still there with their 5 children including Rachel Feavearyear (my great x3 grandmother), Noah, David, Absalom and Maria. In 1861 they had a "Servant" living with them. Absalom was a Farmer of 110 acres employing four men and a boy. By the 1871 census they were living at "Farm House" Wingfield which may have still been at Wingfield Green. He doesn't appear on the 1881 census but we know from his death certificate he didn't die until 1885. A distant relative in America also tracing the family tree found some information on Absalom being in an asylum called 'Bethel Street hospital for lunatics' in Norwich and what was even more interesting is that he had private care. As I live near Norwich, I decided to go to the Norfolk Records Office to see if I could find out any more on Absalom and his time at the asylum. This is what I found from the from case book:

17th December 1864 "10 years ago he was for several months a patient in the *Heigham Hall* asylum (we could find no records), from which he escaped by taking out the bedroom window, he then walked home a distance more than 20 miles. His wife says his general health is not good but improves when he becomes insane."



This is a picture of me and my sister, Absalom's great x5 grandchildren, when we visited the mausoleum

"About a month previous to his admission into this hospital he became very restless, excited and wanted to buy up all his neighbours property."

24th January 1865 "Destructive, tearing his blanket an trying to take out a window".

8th May 1865 "Made an escape in the moonlit light but was seen crossing the medical offices garden and secured easily."

11th October 1865 "Decidedly improved and holds a rather rational conversation".

1866 His health improved and he left on a trial basis in October and went home but over indulged in 'intoxicating liquor' which bought on a relapse. They did not believe he was fit to be 'at large'.

1867 Improvements are made and he is permitted to meet friends in the city;

March: Absalom gets a month's trial to leave under the care of his family;

May: Absalom has recovered and is discharged.

29th February 1872 "He has been re-admitted and has been quite destructive".

1873 "attack of E?? of the leg". - some of the writing was not readable. He recovered by June.

1874 He made mental improvement but still is destructive; **June:** *“month’s trial to leave permitted”*; **October:** *“The patient proved unmanageable.”*

1875 There were no notes for the entire year.

1876 In February he was seen tearing paper into small pieces.

1878 *“occasionally destructive but more quiet and well behaved.”* **November:** *“States he is determined not to spend Christmas here.”* *“In speaking of his wife and relations he used bad language and was much excited.”*

1880 February: *“collects all kinds of rubbish and has been destructive of late.”*

1880 - 1885 There were notes about an incident where Absalom had to be restrained and suffered injuries.

Absalom Junior was released on 2nd April and died on 10th April 1885.

Summary

When I started this project I wanted to know where the Feavearyear’s came from and what they were like. I only focussed on two ancestors because they were the most interesting to me and the ones that I could find the most information and stories on. From doing research I have found the answers to these questions. The last question I wanted to answer was *“Did they participate in any important events?”*:

Absalom Senior - I feel he was a very misunderstood person because many people thought he was unreasonable and a bit crazy but I think he was a pretty inspirational man because he stood up to the vicar when he saw the church was causing the deaths of young children in poverty with their taxes. I like that he kept to his word and never set foot in the church again! I also like that he went to so much trouble to not be buried in the church by building the mausoleum when

he was quite old. I really liked seeing the hidden details and craftsmanship from over 150 years ago.

Although Absalom didn’t change the world and it probably didn’t make any difference to the taxes, I think what he did was important to him and it still stands there today in his memory.

Absalom Junior - What I will probably never be able to find out is what Absalom Junior and his father’s relationship was like. Absalom Junior and his wife Thirza were never buried in the mausoleum, even though Absalom Senior had planned for them to be buried there. I wonder if it was because they didn’t wish to be or because of the difficult times Absalom Junior had. Maybe when he died he wasn’t able to make decisions?

When we found out about Absalom Junior being in a mental asylum and the notes about him trying to escape and having to be restrained it was quite upsetting. I can imagine it wasn’t a pleasant experience and I don’t think people with mental health problems were treated very well then.

If Absalom was alive today he might have been able to get treatment and not have spent as much time away from his family. I imagine it would have been pretty hard to have a husband or father in a “lunatic asylum” in those days, especially in a small village where everyone knows each other.

Although he didn’t participate in any important events that I know of, I liked the story of him escaping and walking from Norwich to Wingfield. It shows he was very determined; I can see that this was a family trait!

I now know that family history is a very big subject and my grandad’s family “The Feavearyear’s” is only a quarter of what makes up me!

Rory Fawbert

Wingfield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 30th January** with Ian Limmer from Beales Roses. This will be followed on **Thursday 27th February** by Tim Fuller of Plantsman's Preference talking *Propagation* and on **Thursday 26th March** with a Discussion Evening from John Hewson on *Gardening As We Get Older*. Non-members welcome, £5 pay at the door. 7.30pm start at Brundish Village Hall. For further information, contact Priscilla Williamson, email: priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

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Hoxne Garden and Social Club

The Festive Season is a bit like Marmite really, you either love it or like me you hate it, bah humbug. However many people will view Christmas in a more spiritual way, away from all the bad taste, trimmings and over indulgence and to be honest even for a Scrooge such as myself there is something moving about going to a well attended carol service in a village church. As a lover of church architecture there is something uplifting to walk up to a village church that is lit up like a beacon on a cold wintry night (and is still probably the tallest building in the village). Knowing that on entering, one will be welcomed by the warm glow of candles and the anticipated communal singing of traditional carols. This year the experience was enhanced by the variety of Christmas trees on display in Hoxne Church, including one the Garden and Social Club put one up. Such a display reinforces the communal get together at this time of year, even Scrooge would have been moved.

Village Voice

Into the new decade we go, so what has the Hoxne Garden and Social Club got to offer? On **Thursday 20th February** Jim Paine will be talking about *Climate Change and Your Garden*, something that is now affecting all of us with gardens, whilst on **Thursday 19th March** Jane Bastow will be reflecting on how gardening helped her in coming to terms with the death of her husband. We will also be having our AGM after this talk. All meetings take place at the village hall starting at 7.30pm.

Being 'communal' is not just a festive activity, but occurs all year round as exemplified by the many clubs and groups in Hoxne. Hopefully the Garden and Social Club can try to support that communal spirit with your involvement. So come and join us! Members, and non members, are welcome to our talks.

Chris Parkin

New Reeding Woods Group

Pound Lane wood was set up in 2005/6 as a community woodland and leisure facility for all the villagers of Denham, Horham and Athelington. However the hope was that it would also become a wild life haven, and both of these ambitions have achieved fruition. The woodland, because it is enclosed, has become a favourite venue for dog walkers, and the pond has become a favoured habitat for Great Crested Newts. Beside the pond is





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a random heap of logs, set there to provide a home for hibernating wild life including newts and the group would appreciate it if visitors to the woodland would leave these logs undisturbed.

Among the group's tasks for the coming season is to cut back and remove vegetation which is preventing access to Pound Lane, and in doing so, enhance the grassland element along the route of the RUPP (Road Used as a Public Path). Blackthorn in particular is now colonising a significant proportion of the green lane, shading out other plants and grasses. Volunteers from all three villages will be welcome to assist with this task and posters advertising the date will be circulated in the early spring. Work will be undertaken with hand tools, although disposal of arisings will be by mechanical chopper. Once cleared, the orchid population already observed in the area will be encouraged and regular maintenance can be undertaken in the future. This will be one of many working parties at the woodland and everyone is welcome to all our events.

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**.

Hoxne Music Group

Hoxne Music Group would like to thank all those who made the Race Night at the village hall last November such a worthwhile event. Those that attended entered into the spirit of the occasion, with racegoers who won money on the betting expressing great delight, and organisers Gail Jackson

and Gill Short most grateful to the sponsors of jockeys and races.

The Hoxne Music Group's next fund raising event is the annual quiz which takes place on **Saturday 4th April** at Hoxne village hall, starting at 7.30pm.



Teams of up to six are invited at £5 per head. Please bring a picnic supper and the bar will be open. Contact Helen Macdonagh to book in your team either by email to helenmacdonagh@aol.com or telephone **01379 669331** (please leave message for ring back if no reply). If you don't have a team of six don't worry - smaller groups always welcome and we can make up teams on the night if individuals or two's and three's wish to come along.

The Hoxne Music Group are still keen to add new members to the committee. So if you have recently moved into the area, or recently retired with time available and would like to become involved, please also make contact with Helen.

If funds are available the group plans to organise at least one annual musical event to be enjoyed by local residents, friends and family.

Hoxne Phoenix Group

The Speaker at our November meeting was Simon White of Beales at Attleborough who gave us an illustrated talk on Beautiful Bulbs. Simon has been with Beales since 1981 where he started his horticultural career. His photos of crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils and tulips, begonias and freesias, gladioli and irises were all named individually and gave us a wonderful insight into what one can do with plenty of time, money and energy. One tip is if you plant bulbs in tubs you can move them around the garden with relative ease to give a completely new look to that area. He also brought along a large selection of

every type of rose, together with bulbs and various garden tools for us to purchase afterwards.

December is always a relaxing evening with drinks and nibbles. Before that we were given a practical demonstration of how to make a Christmas Tree decoration by one of our members, Lin Saunders. We then set about making our own - most people much more successfully than I was! (Some of our members even made a couple to join together). A very relaxing evening.

January is our 13th Birthday meeting and we welcome Mike Wabe with us to talk on Medieval England and on the **Tuesday 11th February**, we hold our A.G.M. followed by a social evening. The A.G.M. is always a short meeting but we cover the necessities in reports and approve the accounts.

Aden in the 1960s is the subject of our talk for the **Tuesday 10th March** meeting and this is an open meeting for men to join us as well. By the time you read this we will have had our annual New Year Lunch at the White Horse, Stoke Ash to which husbands/partners joined us too.

If any of these topics appeal to you and are interested in joining the Ladies Phoenix Group, please contact me or come along to one of our meetings (always on **second Tuesday** of the month in Hoxne Village Hall). You do not have to live in Hoxne as we have members from Denham, Horham, Syleham, Wingfield, Thornham and Eye.

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Hoxne Bell Ringers

Hoxne bell ringers have continued to improve their skills by regular practise at Oakley on Fridays and Bacton on Wednesdays as well as occasional visits elsewhere. The band

has done very well to get where it is in just the one year, as we started with so few experienced ringers. We are deeply indebted to Winston and Carol Girling for supporting us throughout the year and to the other teachers who have also helped us.

We have managed to ring once for a service at Oakley and narrowly avoided a clash with hand bell ringers at the Carol service. We shall try and repeat this (the ringing for services not the narrow escape) in the future as a small repayment for the use of Oakley bells. In December we have been reduced in number by accident and illness from which we wish everyone a speedy recovery. We hope to start some more learners in the New Year.

Nicholson Engineering, a well known and respected firm of bell hangers, inspected the Hoxne bells in November. They sent a comprehensive report, recommendation and quotations which have taken some time to assess.

The Hoxne bells prove to be badly out of tune and probably always were and to get them to sound well after a restoration will take rather more work than just adding a sixth bell. Matthew Higby & Co, another firm of bell engineers, have also visited and their report, recommendations and prices are awaited.

The bell restorers need to test the sound of all the bells and that has meant we have raised the fourth bell off its supports so it could be struck and heard to ring. As it was lifted out of its bearings, the rotten headstock fell to bits and the wheel came off. It had been resting on a stack of wooden blocks, so to make it more secure we have raised it out of its bell pit and put the bearers on top of the frame where it now proudly stands. Happily the tone of this bell is good and may well be used as the datum bell from which the others will be tuned.

The tenor bell, the fifth, however, is not so good and is not in tune with the fourth so may become the clock bell. Thanks to Winston and Chris Davies for providing the equipment and doing the work.



These two bells are of extreme antiquity being dated approximately 1420 for the fifth and between 1424 and 1513 for the fourth. They are listed for preservation so we are unlikely to be able to tune them. The fifth weighs 12 cwt 3 qtr (648kgs) and has a Latin inscription that translates as “*O Margaret make these tasks joyful to us*”. The fourth is 9 cwt and 3 qtr (495kgs), and its inscription translates to “*By the merits of Thomas may we deserve the joys of light*”.



Please contact me for any more information or to learn to ring yourself.

Andrew Castleden

01379 668458 or 07931 725928

Hoxne Heritage Group

Even though the festive season has occupied many activities of the Heritage Group recently, some of our members have been very busy beavering behind the scenes.

In early December we had our Christmas meal at the Fox and Goose - a wonderful social occasion accompanied by excellent food and just a little wine to wash it down! Later in the month we combined with the Garden and Social Club for an informal supper accompanied by local folk and shanty songs delivered by the Harbour Lights - another very successful and sociable evening.

On the business front we are still trying to reach a satisfactory outcome for the artefacts previously displayed at the church.

Over the past few months our expert archivist, Pauline, has been pleased to assist families researching their ancestors who had association with Hoxne. Of the two most recent enquiries, one was from Scotland and related to an ancestor who was a cattle drover and died in Hoxne in 1761. From C15th Hoxne held bullock fairs until they moved to Harleston (Bullock Fair Close) as cattle were driven regularly from Scotland to London and stopped over in Hoxne for 8-10 days to rest. Plagues of cattle distemper occurred intermittently resulting in large cattle losses and, commonly, bankruptcy for the drovers. This drover is buried in the churchyard in Hoxne.

The other request was from a member of a family in Australia and related to John Roper, master miller at the Hoxne ‘Watermill’ in 1816.

Due to Pauline’s interest and commitment we have been able to provide both families with extensive information regarding their ancestors association with Hoxne.

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Fressingfield Scouts

Our Crisp Packet collection initiative is going well and we have collected enough to be paid 20% of what we need to get a great new Kayak made from recycled plastic. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with this.

The network of collection points is growing, and now includes Goodwin Hall and the Mace shop in Fressingfield, Stradbroke Community Centre, Stradbroke Fitness Centre (the Swimming Pool), Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall, Wilby Primary School, The Carrot Shed in Weybread (IP21 5TR) and to Michael at Daganya Farm, Hoxne IP21 5BB which will all accept empty crisp packets for us.

Our other main fund raising was a weekend Bag Packing at Morrisons, Diss where donations exceeded £1,750. Some of our Scouts helped at another of Jenny's quiz nights and raised nearly £100 of donations from grateful participants. Additionally, one of our Beavers raised around £750 with a sponsored Pentathlon Challenge.

We ran a successful Grand Draw at the Gang Show in Mid-December. Main prizes were a barrow of booze, a luxury hamper, £50 Tesco voucher, and Family Swim Pass as well as many smaller prizes. Thank you to everybody who bought tickets or donated a prize.

These funds will go towards the new Headquarters development. We continue to research and apply for grants to fund the main expenditure, although progress is slow we are beginning to have some success. We are grateful to Hoxne Parish Council for recently awarding a grant towards the fund.

Some of our Leaders are attending the Norfolk County Scouts "Big Weekend" at the beginning of February. This is a

weekend in Great Yarmouth getting together with colleagues from across the county in formal and more relaxed sessions to learn from each other. There will be practical sessions intended to help with programme delivery, workshops, discussions and more formal sessions. There is also the opportunity to try some team building at crazy golf, pedalos, ten pin bowling and sandcastle building.

The various section Leader Teams have been busy planning evening sessions and outdoor activities for the New Year. We try to get the Young People involved by running short activities where they give us feedback on what they have been doing over the recent months and they suggest things that they would like to try, which we then do our best to accommodate.

We have badge work, cooking, team building, short hikes, games sessions, personal development, challenge evenings, skills training and equipment checking until Easter.

Also camps, camp cooking sessions, expeditions, joint activities with other sections, climbing, all being planned for later in the term and during the Easter break.

The Pioneer Scout Troop and Tiger Cub Pack are planning on running a Pop Up Pancake Café on **Shrove Tuesday, 25th February** at Goodwin Hall



Fressingfield 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Please come if you haven't had enough pancakes!

The same teams will both be helping with the **Hoxne Clean Up Sunday** meeting at Hoxne Village Hall on **15th March** from 10am and will be providing refreshments for everybody around midday.



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Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Firstly, congratulations to Rhona and her team for the excellent display of Christmas trees in the church, we have received many good comments and are already looking forward to December 2020.



As we all know the kitchen/servery is now in full use, it means that more events can be held in the church with the added benefit of refreshments being served.

Together with the church Council our next target is the provision of the toilet, essential if we hope to hold more events in the church.

Looking forward to such events, the first will be "*An evening with Danny Fisher*" on **Friday 21st February** at 7pm, cost £12 to include cheese and wine after his performance. He provides singing hits from the 50s and 60s and comes very highly recommended. Tickets from Margaret Brawn on **01379 668352**.

Details of our programme for the rest of the year will be in the next issue.

Many thanks also to Jenny and Sharon for organising the quiz in November which raised just over £600 for our funds.

We are sometimes asked for details on how we spend the money we raise; a copy of our balance sheet is on display in the church but the real answer is to come along to the AGM in April and listen to the treasurer.

Our coffee mornings on the **third Saturday** of the month are still quite popular, providing a library of books to be perused and purchased, as well as tea and cakes, 9.45am to 11.15am.

Once again thank you all for your support.

John Brawn, 01379 668352
Chair of the Friends committee

Red Feather Club

Dance Events

Saturday 28th March - Swing into 2020 with Whitstable's *The Native Oysters Band*. Formed originally as a community street band for the Whitstable Oyster Festival parade, the Native Oysters have evolved to become a funky, electrifying experience with tight, powerful horn arrangements and creamy, soulful vocals. Also guest London DJ Tequila Mockingbird spinning swing he creates vintage atmospherics reminiscent of bygone eras. Admission £12. 7.30 till 11.30 pm.

Saturday 27th June - Hawaiian night with the welcome return of The Devil's Cut Combo and guest DJ Texas Tommy.

Saturday 26th September - 200th Mission dance with the 95th's very own big band Skyliner. Tickets, please email: andy.av8@hotmail.com or call **07788 966640** for further details.

Public Open Days

Last Sunday of the month **April to October**, 10am - 4pm. The award-

winning Red Feather Club museum, operated and managed by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, in a former NCOs' club exclusively houses uniforms and memorabilia relating to the 95th Bomb Group who flew out of Horham during WW2. 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, SatNav postcode: IP21 5DG. For details of prices, times, ticket availability etc for dances and other Red Feather Club events, visit our website.

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The Lost Chapel of Denham St John

Some years ago I published a History of Denham and I recently came across some of my old research notes. I was interested in the bricked up arch and wondered what the chapel would have looked like and how the floor memorials were arranged. The largest of the memorials once had figurative brass engravings. No mention is made of this memorial by the eminent antiquarian Edmund Farrer in his *'List of Suffolk Monumental Brasses'* published in 1903.

If we look at the manorial history of Denham we find that John de Denham held the manor in 1354 and it was probably at this time that the Chapel had been erected or was already in use. In 1428 we find that William Harleston

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held the manor here. William was firstly to Elizabeth Inglosse the daughter of Sir Henry Inglosse and secondly to Phillipa Stonor. This information ties in with the indented memorial with the figure of William in the centre and a wife on each side. William died seised



of the manor in 1481, when his widow inherited the manor which she then sold to John Sulyard.

So we know that the Chapel was being used in the 1480s. William Harleston of Denham, Hoxne and Debenham died on the 14th November 1480 and was the son of William Harleston and his wife Elizabeth Luttrell the daughter of Sir Hugh Luttrell. William was married to Phillipa Stonor the daughter of Thomas Stonor [d.1431] of Stonor, Oxfordshire and Alice Kirkley the daughter of Sir John Kirkley of Kent, but left no issue [The Stonor Letters file 78].

In the '*Paston Letters*' we find mention of William Harleston who was employed by the William 1st Duke of Suffolk [1396-1450] who was seated at Wingfield Castle. William Harleston also acted as a councillor to Alice de la Pole [1404-1475] the wife of William de la Pole. Alice was a patron of the arts and her elaborate memorial can be seen at St Mary's Church, Ewelme, Oxfordshire. Alice was the granddaughter of the famous English poet Geoffrey Chaucer.

We find that Phillipa became a vowess after her husband's death and took the mantle and ring; this was a common practice for a widow. In 1482 the manor of Denham was sold to John Ryssh a gentleman of London [perhaps a

speculator]. The manor then passed through the hands of the Goddard family of Framlingham and subsequently to Sir Edmund Bedingfield [d.1496]. The Chapel had always been referred to as the Bedingfield Chapel, but as you can see, they came onto the scene much later. It would be interesting to think that the window in the Chapel may have contained armorial painted stained glass.

Another memorial of interest in the Chapel is to Henry Bedingfield of Hestley manor in Thorndon [Vade Mecum 1687] as the owners of this manor held Denham, but that is another story. Thanks to Dairmaid MacCulloch for information on the indented brass and references from William Copinger '*The Manors of Suffolk*'.

Stephen Govier / Martin Stuchfield



Food for Thought

As a young girl I imagined that if Sleeping Beauty awoke on 25th December, she would know it was Christmas Day by the evocative smells wafting through the house. From the bacon sizzling and crisping on top of the turkey, to the steaming pudding with all its' fruits and spices, to the breadcrumbs waiting for the onion, clove and bay leaf infused milk to cool and, dare I say it, the giblet gravy? Of course, other Sleeping Beauties will have their own recollections of food at Christmas. Individual memories will be as disparate as the wonderful spectacle provided by the Christmas Trees in The Church of St Peter and St Paul with St Edmund. Each unique, but following a common theme. Celebration and Community sprang to mind. If the truth be known, I was silently shedding a tear at the sheer magic of it all and the thought of how very blessed most of us are. One tree reinforced this thought. Plain and simple. No sparkle. No magic. Just little paper boats. One could imagine many thousands of refugees, men, women and children fleeing their homes in search of safety, security and a new life. The tree was provided by **Next Stop Symi**.

Philip Flagg of **Next Stop Symi** a UK Charity and local of this parish, told me that *"Very sadly and as a measure of the misery inflicted by war and pestilence, the numbers of refugees arriving on the Greek islands increases not decreases. Held there in camps, the misery of their confinement also increases. Many have been there for over two years with no chance of rebuilding their lives."*

*"If you want to help the Volunteers on Samos to alleviate hardship and suffering you can purchase a recipe book called **Displaced Dishes** that is produced by **The Samos Volunteers Charity**. There are no 'middle men', only the opportunity to provide direct help. The compilation is made up from suggestions given by residents from a single refugee camp on Samos Island, Greece."*

<https://displaceddishes.com/product/displaced-dishes-a-cookbook/>

I have cooked and enjoyed several dishes from this book. Two I recently prepared were the **Lamajoun**, a Middle Eastern version of a lamb mince pizza, and **Pear, Pomegranate and Avocado Salad** which I served with homemade **Labneh**, a basic yoghurt cheese and sprinkled with dukkah, a nutty mix and Egyptian spices. It was delicious.



We all have to eat; we like to eat; eating makes us feel good. Food is almost always shared; people eat together, mealtimes are events when the whole family or settlement or village comes together.

More thoughts of displacement and food comes from **Counterpoints Art**. It is an organisation that offers support during Refugee Week, an annual, UK wide festival of arts, cultural and educational events

that promote the contribution of refugees to the UK: *“A shared love of food and family recipes is something that connects us all, whatever our background. The majority of refugees are forced to flee their homes carrying only the most necessary things. Some leave behind everything except the clothes they are wearing when they start their journey to safety. One of the few things that people are able to bring with them is their passion and love of food. For refugees, cooking can bring not only joy but also empowerment. It is also a way of keeping their home country alive within their families and for their children.”*

Elahe a mother of three and a refugee from Iran who settled with her family in the UK and who took part in promoting migrants’ recipes during Refugee Week said *“I feel alive when I’m cooking. Food is an important way for me to stay connected to my past and to my country”*. Her happiest memories are associated with food, she goes on to say *“I remember as a child waking up to the smell of my grandmother’s cooking and the beautiful aromas as she mixed together the ingredients in the early mornings.”*

How many of us can empathise with these thoughts? I certainly can. Nobody made steak and kidney pudding like mum. Always shin of beef in a china bowl with a cloth cover or proper bread pudding with dad waiting by the oven, spoon in hand. Nobody cooked fish like dad and his memory lives on every time I sit with fresh crab surrounded by the ‘tools of the trade’ whilst listening to a play on Radio 4. He told me to keep whistling so that he knew I wasn’t eating the picked meat as I worked.

Clafoutis

My memory jogger dish, a very firm favourite of my husband, is **Clafoutis** which I first cooked in Glenuig, Scotland in

September 2008 after reading the recipe in a national newspaper. I bought Bramley apples from Mallaig and picked wild blackberries growing by the mountain overlooking the bay.

1 lb Fruit
4 Eggs
110g Caster sugar
85g Plain flour
300g Full fat crème fraîche
A few drops of vanilla essence

Butter and sugar a baking dish. Fill with fruit. Whisk together other ingredients and fill the dish. Bake for about 25 minutes until golden and just set. On this occasion I used a bag of defrosted fruits of the forest.



It’s generally considered that Baked beans, crumpets and Jaffa cakes are among the top items homesick expats are getting shipped across the globe, with cheese and onion crisps, squash, ginger nuts and Bisto gravy also common shelf fillers.

So if you have a recipe, one that triggers a memory or story or just your favourite comfort food, let me know the details so I can share it in a future edition of the Village Voice.

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Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

Withdrawal of the tentative plans for construction of large-scale chicken sheds at Southolt and Horham does not mean that all the problems associated with industrial agriculture have miraculously been resolved.

Residents of Denham and surrounding villages have noticed apparently increased heavy goods vehicle movements in the area, clearly connected to the chicken feed businesses and the massive production centre at Eye airfield.

Obviously most of the road network connecting the villages consists of minor roads at best, often single track and always barely maintained to a reasonable standard. Large trucks and minor roads are a bad combination because the trucks cause further damage to the roadways and verges, produce diesel pollutants, and clog up the roads for day-to-day road users (including pedestrians and cyclists).

The legal position is that the road network can be used by anyone who pays vehicle tax; there are no laws which restrict use to certain classes of vehicle. Legitimate business activities can't be inhibited by arguments about convenience, noise and road damage.

On the other hand, many businesses are constrained by their planning permission to a certain number of vehicle movements per day, and during specific hours. The planning department can't be expected to monitor this routinely, so it is up to residents and neighbours to report anything which seems outside allowing activity.

And Denham Parish Council, along with other nearby parishes, has asked the Suffolk County Council Cabinet member for Highways, Andrew Reid, to consider undertaking a proper audit of road use in the area, in order to identify the worst problem areas and determine whether steps can be taken to improve matters. In the light of local opinion this issue may stretch well beyond the immediate area, right across the northern part of Suffolk.

Of course, reduction (and in some cases withdrawal) of some bus services does nothing to help the situation as it puts more private cars on the roads. Fewer buses plus more trucks plus more cars does not indicate a thought-through and joined-up transport policy. And it does nothing to benefit calls for a greener county and its declared ambition to be carbon neutral.

Residents are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and have their say on any matter. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th March** at 7.30pm in the Church.

If you would like to help with the renovation of the Village Hall, or to contact the Parish Council about anything, our Clerk Rod Caird will be happy to hear from you.

Hoxne

The Parish Council was delighted with the opening ceremony for the new village sign and would like to thank all those involved with the design and erection of the sign and those that came along to the opening ceremony, with particular thanks to the children of St Edmund's Primary School for their contribution. The Parish Council is now considering locating an information board to provide details of design elements of the sign.

Thanks must also go to those who worked so hard to make Christmas so wonderful in the village; the lights on the

green and the visit from Father Christmas himself add wonder to the festive season.

At the January meeting, Colin Ablitt was elected to the vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has recently awarded grants to Hoxne playing field association, Fressingfield Scouts and Eye and District Volunteer Centre (to support the provision of hospital transport). A copy of the grant award policy is available on the website and applications are welcome throughout the year.

Concern continues at the loss of bus services through the village and a number of avenues to remedy this as much as possible are being researched, to include a possible community transport service. The Parish Council is keen to establish some indication of local need for public transport and will include this as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

Planning - The Planning Authority (Mid Suffolk District Council) has granted planning permission for the replacement of agricultural buildings with five dwellings and associated garages at Corner Farm, Green Street. At the time of writing, the decision on the erection of five dwellings at the former Goldbrook Plants site is still awaited. The Parish Council continues to make recommendations to the Planning Authority, as per its statutory duty, and for both the above applications the Parish Council's recommendation was refusal. Reasons for these recommendations and details of all applications considered can be found in the Parish Council minutes published on the website and noticeboard.

To the future, the Working Group for the Neighbourhood Development Plan met for the first time on 9th January. The Group consists of members of the Parish Council and parishioners and more members are welcomed. To progress the

work of what will become planning policy, the Working Group agreed the following; to appoint a professional consultant to support the work (the fee for this will be met by government grant), to ask the village three questions: 1. What is good about Hoxne? 2. What is bad about Hoxne? 3. What would you change about Hoxne? Please give thought to these questions. There will be the opportunity to respond to these at the Annual Parish Meeting in March and through further community engagement.

Highways - Please continue to report blocked drains, potholes etc on-line at www.suffolk.gov.uk/highways

Feasibility Reports from Suffolk Highways, kindly funded by County Councillor McGregor, have now been received for Swan Bridge and the B1118 at Chickering. The details of the latter currently cannot be released by the Parish Council. However, the Swan Bridge study and suggestions for improving pedestrian safety were considered at the January meeting. It was agreed not to introduce any remedial measures as it was felt that both traffic and pedestrians were aware of the need to take care without the introduction of physical build outs.

Meetings - The Parish Council next meets on **Thursday 6th February** and **Thursday 5th March** at St Edmund's Hall. Both commence at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. The Annual Parish Meeting is on **Thursday 12th March**, see page 9 for full details.

Village Spring Clean - This will take place on **Sunday 15th March**.

All volunteers should meet at St Edmund's Hall at 10am. Please come along and support the work of the small team who arrive every year to collect litter, wash signs and keep your village tidy. Equipment will be provided, but please bring your own gloves. Refreshments provided by 1st Fressingfield Scouts in Hall at 12 noon.



Syleham

A Happy New Year to all residents. At our last meeting, held on 6th November, the Council discussed finances and further ways to improve the village in 2020.

The accounts are in good order, enhanced by generous donations from our District Councillor's Locality Fund and Suffolk County Council. These will be used to purchase new grit boxes that will help road safety in the village and a contribution to further improvements at J's Meadow.

It was agreed to keep the precept at the existing level for 2020/21.

The audit of footpaths and signage in the village will take place over this winter and reported at our next meeting. The aim is to restore this amenity to first class condition.

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Please bring your own ideas for the village to Parish Council meetings in 2020. Our next meeting takes place at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 4th March** at the Village Hall.

Wingfield

By the time this report is published, we will be well into 2020 and our first meeting of the New Year on 24th January may have taken place. However, belated best wishes for a year of positive changes in Wingfield.

In the Spring we hope to see sheep grazing on Wingfield Green (weather permitting). Robin Feavearyear has organised this with Stuart Edington, a local sheep farmer. The benefits to the vegetation and wildlife will be significant and the general appearance of the Green greatly enhanced. Many thanks to all involved.

In the same time frame you should be able to see a new parish noticeboard to replace the old one in Vicarage Road. This improvement is due to a generous donation from the Locality Fund of our District Councillor, Lavinia Hadingham. Thank you Lavinia.

By the time of our next report we hope to announce more significant improvements to the village's amenities and environment.

In the meantime, all residents with a smart phone may wish to familiarise themselves with FixMyStreet. An app that allows you to photograph a pothole and automatically report it to the Highways Department with its location. Please use it sparingly and only report holes you deem dangerous to road traffic.

We hope this is a positive start and you will bring your own ideas to the Parish Council's attention at our coming meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Friday 20th March** and starts 7.30pm at Wingfield Barns.

The Lunch Bunch Visits...

The short winter days make lunchtime visits tricky. Everyone in the 'Bunch' is either working or trying to fit all they need to do into the shortened hours of daylight. So this time we broke with tradition and decided on a 'Winter Special' and went out after dark! On a cold and frosty winter evening we made our third visit to The Swan Inn, Hoxne. The gentle turnover of landlords over the past few years has made this venue a must for regular re-visits.

We booked a table and on arrival the pub was already quite full of drinkers and a few other diners. The fires lit and the place warm and comfortable. Our table decorated with flowers and candles making it feel really welcoming. The bar staff bright and smiley. We ordered drinks from the bar and sat down to investigate the menu. There was a good selection and few interesting sounding Veggie options along with some old favourites. I'm told they hold weeknight theme evening which include things like 2 Steaks for £20 which I think would be well worth investigating.

We ordered and were soon presented with our starters, they have opted for the "slate" plates which look lovely, but I'm sure members of the waiting staff at any venue using them will tell you are hard to handle! But ours managed admirably and nothing rolled off. The Thai Fishcakes described as "lightly spiced" certainly packed a bit of a punch and the hummus was delicious and came with plenty of pitta to scoop it up. After a perfectly timed delay and the offer of more drinks our main courses were brought out. The delicious aromas from the volcano of

liver and bacon wafted down the table

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making all our mouths water and was soon followed by a delicious looking Sea Bass floating on crushed new potatoes with snow peas. The huge plates with the Hunter's chicken and Parmo chicken, chips and salad arrived. You just can't go wrong with a dish that includes chicken, sauce and cheese. Some would say the inclusion of bacon makes the Hunter chicken slightly better, but in this case, I think the jury is out, the Parmo chicken was crisp and tender under the



river of sauce and cheese. Our appetites sated, the table cleared and we were offered the dessert menu. Given the outside temperature custard and syrup sponge seemed to hit the mark, but the other options were equally appealing!

Teas and coffees completed the meal and we all commented on what a lovely evening we had all had. There was a nice friendly atmosphere, staff pleasant and helpful and not at all overwhelming. We were pleased with the quality and quantity of our meals along with the great service. Good luck to the new-ish landlord and we wish you a long and prosperous time at The Swan Inn of Hoxne. Starters from £7.95, mains from £13.45 and dessert £5.95.

The Lunch Bunch

A Word from Wingfield

One World?

We all appear to assume that we humans all live in one and the same world. After listening to HRH Andrew I realised that was not so. His is in a completely different world from the one I inhabit. Not everyone realises this. Most of us appear to assume there is just one world in which he is another occupant. We all have our own worlds built largely from our perceptions of other peoples worlds which we either accept, reject or just live with.

At the centre of my world is me, my mind and my senses. And you too have yours. It travels with me wherever I go. I have no fixed point of reference for my here and now, but my own which travels with me where ever I go and am. And I assume this applies to you likewise. But it is what each of us perceive, and those perceptions can be very different, evident more in thoughts and ideas rather than the physical, which seems to be universal to our senses.

An early Japanese film called *Rashomon*, made this point by presenting three versions of a rape: the perception of the rapist, that of the hidden observer and then that of the victim. There were three very different connected but irreconcilable worlds. In the recent election, the parties were worlds apart. People remarked, “*where is he coming from*”, and “*what sort of a world is he living in?*”. People found it difficult to identify with either of the two main contenders. All are stuck in their own world.

Throughout the world there is general acceptance that we can fix our position on earth by using the Greenwich meridian for our space coordinates, and tell the time using GMT. These help establish what I call our “*where and when*”. Certainly they are not the coordinates of Kalahari bushmen or Melanesian fishermen. They are still very different until they buy a mobile. They have no fixed abode, and may not use watches. Most people have fairly recently discarded the view that the earth is flat and that the sun travels round the earth, and are now coming

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February

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March

Mon 2nd, Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash; Mon 16th, Halesworth & lunch at The Angel Inn; Mon 23rd, Bury St Edmunds; Mon 30th, Highways Nursery & Shopping Centre;

round to the view that space and time are both infinite and that, so too is creation itself, with neither having a beginning or an end.

What we do know is how little we know or understand. This has been highlighted by many recent discoveries of such unexplained mysteries as black holes, with succeeding theories on relativity and quantum mechanics, and now we have many new 'tools' of enquiry at our disposal such as the computer, spectrography, molecular biology, space travel, cosmology, space telescopes, nuclear physics, atomic fusion, instant communication, etc.

So is it not curious that although we are so clever we are in such a mess and digging ourselves in deeper every day. Increasingly as international migration spreads and hostile climates result, and as the rich grow richer, we humans are finding greater difficulty in living together, and unable to devise systems of government to enable us to conduct our affairs so that we can live optimally in peace and happiness fulfilling our humanity and potential. We find ourselves unable collectively to confront and tackle climate change by disciplining our lives. We exploit the finite resources of the earth and many of us are messing it up selfishly living in our

own worlds, no longer people living together in one world. Are you a selfish my world introvert, or an unselfish one world extrovert?

So having observed HRH Andrew on the telly I realised that, like the Roman Emperors, the Royals live in their own blinkered world, and the Princely my world interview made his world evident to us all, a charade likely to become terminal.

Many years ago his elder brother said that he wanted to be not just head of the Church of England, but also of all the faiths. He also conversed with his plants which seemed bizarre. I now realise that he too occupies a different make believe world of his own. Prince Harry seems too aware of his situation and is trying to change worlds. It happens. Think Archbishop Welby. He had Damascene experiences: Holy Trinity Brompton, Lambeth Palace and true parentage.

At 94 I have become aware that I too will soon be making a change, but information on what comes next is just conjecture, and there seems at present to be no way yet of communicating what ensues there to readers of the Village Voice. The church has a version, but like Thomas Didymus, I am not sure whether they have got it quite right.

Tommy Gee

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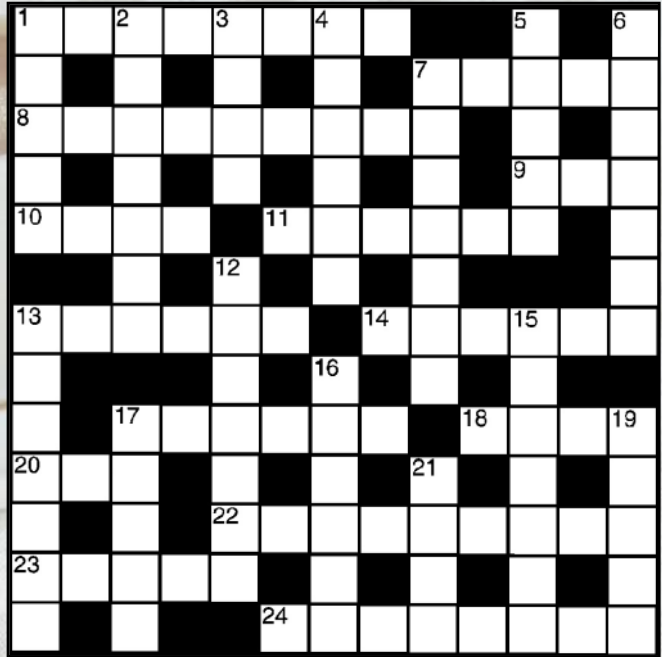
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Crossword

Puzzle No. 134

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 **Sunday 8th March** latest.

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



Across

- 1 Ale cited for being fragile (8)
- 7 Wept over spilt cider (5)
- 8 Bring an end to ermine tat (9)
- 9 Pussy cat's shipmate (3)
- 10 Knot found in a ridge of rock (4)
- 11 Mumble in German to mother (6)
- 13 Whatever direction regardless (6)
- 14 Confuse by a loud noise in a bundle of hay (6)
- 17 Immature bovine swallowed everything (6)
- 18 Spotty sounding London borough (4)
- 20 Meadow located in pleasant area (3)
- 22 Curl set up to create a statue (9)
- 23 Selects from various classes (5)
- 24 Began and went ahead somewhat alarmed (8)

Down

- 1 Put off part indeterminate idea (5)
- 2 Theft of a lyre can cause confusion (7)
- 3 Feature of each inn (4)
- 4 Ace found in a broken piece of china (6)
- 5 Under age worker in a pit I hear (5)
- 6 Laud tea obsequiously (7)
- 7 Underground line in the red (7)
- 12 Everybody in a trial not just the highest (7)
- 13 Examine most of many ales (7)
- 15 Belief actually hides what is true (7)
- 16 Corruption surrounding an outside broadcast - tough (6)
- 17 Atmosphere in a company in North Africa (5)
- 19 Find me in the finish and remove errors (5)
- 21 Galvanize a Tottenham player (4)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 133 was: June Hampson, Stradbroke

Answers: Across 7) Sultan 8) Pepper 10) Account 11) Ideal 12) Lute 13) Avoid 17) Pride 18) Rake 22) Halve 23) Rejoice 24) Remote 25) Accrue
Down 1) Assault 2) Placate 3) Sarum 4) Deficit 5) Speed 6) Grill 9) Stevedore 14) Cruelty 15) Calibre 16) Referee 19) Share 20) Blame 21) Eject

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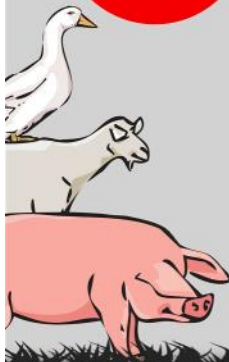
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