

A close-up photograph of a bee on a yellow willow catkin flower. The bee is positioned at the bottom left, facing the flower. The flower is a long, cylindrical cluster of many small, yellow stamens. The background is a soft-focus green, showing other leaves and catkins of the willow tree.

# *Village Voice*

DENHAM, HOXNE, SYLEHAM & WINGFIELD

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**WB** Wingfield Barns      **BVH** Brundish Village Hall

# Letters to the Editor

## SYLEHAM CITIZENS

Both the Waveney Foodbank and the Lighthouse Women’s Refuge have asked me to pass on their thanks for the amazing donations collected at January’s Senior Citizen’s meal held at Syleham and Wingfield village hall. I was able to pass £445 to the Waveney Foodbank people to use towards their running costs, and seven enormous bags of toiletries to the Lighthouse Women’s Refuge based in Ipswich.

Our annual Senior Citizen’s meal started some 30 years ago and is a very sociable event with three course meal, free to those attending, supported by the Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club.

SWSSC have reluctantly had to take the decision to change the format of this event to a buffet and entertainment event, still free to attend. Events are held at the Village Hall throughout the year to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall, as well as to help towards the cost of the Christmas events. The following events are specifically to help towards the Christmas events and we would love to see more people popping in. Come along for Coffee from 10.30am to 12.30pm on **Saturday 5th September** and **Saturday 7th November** as well as Bingo on **Friday 27th November**. Look out for other specific fundraising occasions. Thank you for your support.

*Julie Thompson*

## BORDERHOPPA

The 2020 outings leaflet is now available. We have many trips arranged throughout the year including pub lunches, garden centres, the coast, mystery tours, boat trips and many more. You can pick up a leaflet at your local library, information centre, GP surgery, from one of our drivers or by calling the office and we’ll post one to you.

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## J'S MEADOW

### Community space in Syleham

This piece of land is hidden behind the houses opposite Syleham and Wingfield village hall, IP21 4LT.

Take the footpath and you will see it just a little way down on the left. It is a small area of grass which has been fenced, and now has tiny hedging plants growing near the fencing.

Occasional working parties will ensure the weeds do not get the better of these delicate plants. We have been lucky enough to have been donated some wood chip to further care for this hedging.

The bug hotel is well established and old railway sleepers are waiting to begin construction of herb and sensory raised beds when the weather dries the area. Many thanks to all who, meanwhile, are acting as plant nurseries!

Three beautiful, donated Silver Birch have been planted and are becoming established. We have a few donated items of seating for you to use.

Take a walk to J's Meadow or, if need be, use the village hall car park. The meadow is available at all times for everyone to enjoy, just use the pedestrian gate.

## BRAKEY WOOD, 20 YEARS ON

Brakey Wood was quite an achievement for Hoxne, 20 years ago. It was a Millennium project, organised by the then Parish Council, and at the time, they raised close on £85,000 for the wood and its planting. This in a matter of a few months. No small effort for any village anywhere!

In recognition of the cost of ongoing upkeep and maintenance in the years to come, the decision was taken, at inception, by the Parish Council, in conjunction with the Woodland Trust, for

## Coronavirus

### People in Self-Isolation in Hoxne

At the time of writing, we are all aware that Coronavirus will be effecting many more people and that there will be some who may struggle to collect medication and provisions as the situation evolves.

**Firstly**, can we ask ourselves whether our neighbours, or anyone who is isolated or vulnerable, needs help and whether we are able to offer help.

**Secondly**, is there anybody who would be willing to volunteer to be part of a village scheme to help if needed? DBS checks are not required at this stage as it is envisaged that volunteers will only pick up and drop off at the doorstep.

If you are interested in **volunteering**, please contact one of the following who will coordinate enquiries:

Gill O'Connor, **01379 668241**

email: [gillocon@btinternet.com](mailto:gillocon@btinternet.com)

Iain Gibson, **01379 668564**

email: [iaingibson27@gmail.com](mailto:iaingibson27@gmail.com)

If you need **assistance** yourself and have **internet** access, please view the latest information at [hoxne.net](http://hoxne.net) or register on [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk) for neighbourhood updates. If you only have **telephone** access, please call one of the contacts listed above. It is hoped to have leaflets available with updated information at **Hoxne Post Office Stores** in due course.

the Trust to take on the ownership, whilst recognising that the Parish and parishioners would always have access to it.

The Parish Council, 10 years ago, held a celebratory day in the wood. This was to mark the increasing maturity of the wood, to recognise the efforts of 10 years earlier and, perhaps more importantly, to note

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the value of the wood as a community asset. The event was a family day out.

20 years on, and with the full support of the Parish Council, a further celebration is in preparation, BBQ, bar, tea, music and entertainment. We already have the active support of a number of groups in the village.

It is open to all to contribute to a fun afternoon to enjoy this valuable amenity. The date for your diary is **Sunday 2nd August** - hope for a sunny day! We do not intend it as a major fundraiser, but any surpluses made in holding the event will be distributed to local groups.

*Philip Flagg*

## EYE & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

**E**ye Cricket club is preparing for the 2020 season! We are looking for new members to join as players, coaches or helpers. If you have an interest in playing or helping out please dig out the whites and come along.

We have Senior and Junior teams where everyone is welcome. We hold weekly practices from April onward. We have over 30 juniors playing mid-week and two senior teams playing on a Saturday and Sunday. We hold Quiz nights and BBQs throughout the season. There is a kids end of season day with a not to be missed water fight (be warned it gets messy but great fun and exercise!) with other kids from the area.

Pop along to our Jumble sale at Eye Townhall on **Saturday 4th April** and ask to speak to a committee member or call Mark on **07927 286600** or email:

[eyedistrictcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:eyedistrictcricketclub@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook "Eye Cricket Club".

## MESSY CHURCH

**M**essy Church families were sad to say 'goodbye' to Revd Michael and his wife Mary at the session on 1st March. The occasion was, though, a jolly one marked by flowers, chocolate, a special cake and a beautiful card specially made by one of the parents, with lots of



photos from Messy Church. Revd Michael started this popular monthly Sunday afternoon form of church, and will always be remembered with affection.

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# What's On Here

## Hoxne Plant Sale

Perennial plants from a Lincolnshire Nursery. **Saturday 28th March**, 10am-11am on Low Street Green, Hoxne. Proceeds for Hoxne playing field pavilion refurbishment.

## Syleham Sale

There will be a table top / car boot sale at Syleham & Wingfield village hall IP21 4LT on **Saturday 4th April** starting from 9am till 1pm. We will be raising money for East Anglian Air Ambulance. It's £6.00 per table to go to air ambulance charity (keep any money you make). There will be the usual tea, coffee & cakes and bacon rolls for sale. Please call Donna Baker on **07876 487294** or **01379 668361** to book your table or pitch (if wet it will all be in the hall). Hope to see lots of people there!

## Hoxne Music Group Quiz

The Hoxne Music Group annual fund-raising quiz 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 Macdonogh to book in your team either by email [helenmacdonogh@aol.com](mailto:helenmacdonogh@aol.com) or 'phone **01379 669331** (leave a message and I will call you back).



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

## Denham Cheese and Wine

Denham Community Council will be holding a Cheese and Wine Party from 7:30pm on **Saturday 4th April** at Horham Community Centre. Tickets are £6.50 in advance and are available from Kerina on **07766 454997**. There will be a raffle on the night and donations of prizes would be gratefully accepted. All monies raised will go towards the Denham Village Hall renovation.



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- Waggiest Tail*
- Most Pretty Bitch*
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- Best Legs*
- Friendliest Dog*
- Obedience*
- Agility Course*
- Dog Egg and Spoon Race*
- Fancy Dress*



## FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 19th April 2020 - 11am - 2pm

Hoxne Playing Field, IP21 5AD

£2 entry per class

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We are a charity and all the money raised goes towards providing equipment to support and enhance the learning of our children at the school. Registered Charity number: 1102747



## Hands Across the Sea

### Anglo Irish Music at Wingfield Barns

**T**aking place on **Saturday 18th April**, this event on has been a couple of years in the making. We first met Tim O'Shea and Friends from County Kerry during the Winter Music Weekend in Sixmilebridge in the west of Ireland when they were promoting their new CD. We very much enjoyed their blend of songs and traditional music so chatted to them after the concert and found that they had never performed in England but were keen to do so. So we said we would see if we could try and arrange for them to come over to Suffolk, and Wingfield it is! Tim has toured extensively in Ireland, Europe and the USA, sings and plays guitar and is joined by Rosie Healy on flute and tin whistle and Michael Kelliher on Accordion and harmonica.

The English performers will be Dave Shepherd, fiddle player and dance specialist from Colchester, and Christina Alden (guitar and vocals) and Alex Patterson (fiddle and vocals) based in Norwich and having several years experience on the local music scene and nationally as two thirds of the well known trio Alden Patterson and Dashwood.

The day begins with a variety of workshops for music, song and dance, with a break at lunchtime (food available) for an informal music session. There will be a showcase of dances, tunes and songs learned before the evening concert.

All in all this promises to be a day not to be missed - do come along if you can, and if you can't get along to any of the workshops in the day time, then do come to the evening concert (pre concert suppers available), it should be

a fabulous evening. We hope to see you there.

For more information and for tickets please visit [wingfieldbarns.com](http://wingfieldbarns.com) or telephone **01379 384505**.

*Emmon and Judy Andrews*

## Hoxne Playing Fields AGM

**T**he Annual General Meeting of the Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee will take place on **Thursday 30th April** at 7.30pm in the playing field pavilion, Hoxne, IP21 5AD.

The Committee would like your feedback to see how the role of the pavilion and playing field can be taken forward and what facilities or improvements will encourage more community use in the future.

## Hoxne School Association

### 70s, 80s & 90s Night

**Y**es, it's another fund raiser for the Hoxne School Association! We are holding a 70s, 80s & 90s night on **Saturday 2nd May** at Hoxne village Hall. Fancy dress is optional! Tickets are £10.00 in advance or £12.00 on the door. Lookout for posters or contact for more information:

*[hoxneschoolassociation@outlook.com](mailto:hoxneschoolassociation@outlook.com)*

## Syleham & Wingfield VE 75

**T**o celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day, there will be a free event for all residents of Syleham and Wingfield, together with members of the village hall Sports & Social Club.

From 2pm on **Friday 8th May** at Syleham and Wingfield village hall and J's Meadow there will be a street party style tea, games & activities, raffle and music into the evening. If the weather is good bring chairs and/or rugs. Plenty of



What's On

**April**

4th Karaoke; 10th Gaby Starbuck returns to sing some of your favourite tunes; 13th Jacks & Co., a regular act that will be returning throughout the year.

**May**

16th Karaoke; 23rd Clive Meadows, a group covering all music for all generations to dance the night away.

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

Every second Wednesday is **Quiz Night** at 7pm with half time nibbles.

**Fish & Seafood Special Menu**

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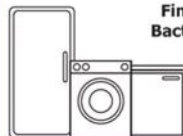
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Donations of Cakes/Sandwiches/Finger Food greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas, can help or would like to get involved, please contact:

Julie Thompson, text **07929 794636**

email: [juliethompson435@gmail.com](mailto:juliethompson435@gmail.com)

Jacky Taylor, text **07846 365818**

email: [taylor5re@btinternet.com](mailto:taylor5re@btinternet.com)

See posters and flyers for further details.

Other events during the weekend:

**Saturday 9th May** - Come along for Coffee, 10.30am to 12.30pm, raffle in aid of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity.

**Sunday 10th May** - Village Hall open for drink, chat, pool & jukebox, 2pm-4pm.

## Hoxne Rogation Walk

In England, the ceremony of Beating the Bounds at Rogationtide dates back to Anglo Saxon times and involved walking the Parish Boundaries followed by feasting. Join us on **Sunday 17th May** for a pleasant walk followed by tea and cake at The Old Vicarage, courtesy of Rod and Carmel Searle. Meet at the Lych Gate at 2pm.

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## It's all about... Buddy!

Join us for an evening of Buddy Holly and a rock 'n' roll party. It's all about Buddy featuring Paul Birch at Syleham and Wingfield village hall, IP21 4LT on **Saturday 23rd May** from 8pm 'til late. This is a **FREE** event and includes



buffet supper. Raffle and bar open. In aid of Children's Liver Disease Foundation (reg 1067331) and Meningitis Now (reg 803016). Details from Rowley **07873 375159** or Julie **07929 794636**.

## RoughCast Theatre Company

Following last year's sell-out performance of Hobson's Choice, RoughCast return to classic comedy with their production of Joseph Kesselring's hilarious black comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In this famous and much-loved farce, a young drama critic's life is turned upside down when he discovers that his two adorable and well-meaning spinster aunts have taken to poisoning their gentlemen house guests and burying the bodies in the cellar of their old Victorian home.



At Wingfield Barns on **Friday 29th May** and St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne on **Sunday 7th June**. All performances start at 7.30pm, Tickets £10/£6 (full-time students). For further details visit:

**[roughcast.co.uk](http://roughcast.co.uk)** or tel **01379 586745**.

# Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## What's On

**Thursday 2nd April** - Eastern Angles theatre, 'Red Skies'. Book via Eastern Angles website [easternangles.co.uk](http://easternangles.co.uk) or call **01473 211498**, tickets £11 (concs £10), 7.30pm start. 'Red Skies' features

two of Suffolk's most famous residents:

George Orwell, who took his name from the Ipswich river, and Arthur Ransome, who was resident

on it, and asks what would have happened if they had met? Bar open, raffle.

**Saturday 4th April** - Table top sale in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance from 9am to 1pm, bacon rolls, raffle, table £6 each - call Donna on **07876 487294** to book a table. See page 8.

**Friday 17th April** - Quiz in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Bar open, raffle, teams of 4, fiver per person inc ploughman's style buffet supper.

**Friday 8th May** - from 2pm free VE 75 celebration event for Syleham and Wingfield families + Sports & Social Club members. With music and karaoke into the evening, open to all. See page 9 for further details.

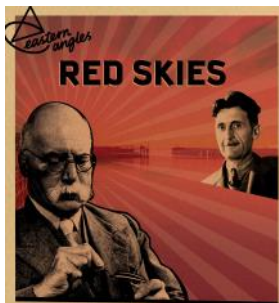
**Saturday 9th May** - Come along for Coffee, 10.30am to 12.30pm, raffle in aid of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity.

**Sunday 10th May** - Bar open, pool, darts, chat, jukebox, join us from 2pm-4pm.

**Wednesday 20th May** - Syleham and Wingfield village hall Management

committee (charity number 297332) will hold their 2020 AGM at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please do come along to find out the achievements, and future plans. All very welcome.

**Saturday 23rd May** - It's all about Buddy! with Paul Birch. An evening of Buddy Holly and a rock n roll party! In aid of Children's Liver Disease Foundation (reg 1067331) and Meningitis Now (reg 803016). **FREE** event includes buffet supper. Raffle, bar open, from 8pm 'til late. Details from Rowley **07873 375159** or Julie **07929 794636**. See page 11.



## Make, Do and Friends

After a very successful launch event at Wingfield Barns, *Suffolk Artlink*, together with *Dance East* and the *Rural Coffee Caravan*, will be offering some **FREE** creative *Make, Do and Friends* sessions. Tea and cake provided. Come and join us. All sessions are on **Thursdays** and run from 1.30pm - 4pm on the following dates: **9th, 16th & 23rd April and 14th & 21st May**.

## Regular Events

We hold an *Open Mic* night on the **first Friday** of the month - come along from 8pm to sing/play or to listen, free entry, bar open. Next dates: **3rd April & 1st May**.

On the **second Friday** of the month there's *Karaoke* - again from 8pm onwards, free entry, bar open. Next dates: **10th April** with Easter raffle & **8th May** with VE 75 celebrations.

We continue with *Bingo* for locally nominated charities and good causes on the **last Friday** of the month. Come and join us to start just after 8pm. Bar open, crisps and chocolate available or bring your own snacks, raffle. If you would like to nominate a 'good cause' please get in touch. Next dates: **24th April** in aid of SSAFA the Armed Forces charity and **29th May**.

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

**Saturday 4th July** - Annual family BBQ and traditional games.

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

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

**F**ebruary 29th saw the end of the financial year for the Village Hall and the Bar. Our Annual General Meetings will be held in the Hall on **Thursday 23rd April** where we will present our reports on the year's activities, and plans for next year.

As far as the bar goes, we have had a busy year with six weddings and four big parties! All the bar profit is passed to the Hall each year and last year this allowed the Committee to keep hire prices the same as the previous years for regular users. Please come and join us at 7.30pm on 23rd April to hear more; bar open!

If you would like to join the Hall Committee, or fancy pulling a few pints behind the bar do please contact us, details below.

## 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 17th April** - Knives Out.

American mystery comedy film written, co-produced, and directed by Rian Johnson. A contemporary whodunit, the film follows a family gathering gone awry. The family patriarch's death leads a master detective to investigate. Cast



includes Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Shannon, Don Johnson, Toni Collette, Lakeith Stanfield, Katherine Langford, Jaeden Martell, and Christopher

Plummer. The film received three Golden Globe nominations in the Musical or Comedy categories: Best Motion Picture, Best Actor for Craig, and Best Actress for de Armas. Certificate 12A.

Films for **May**, **June** and **July** have yet to be selected. Watch out for posters around the village and flyers or see our website for details. Any suggestions for new releases that you would like to see please let us know, details below.

### Dates for your diary

**Saturday 4th April** - Hoxne Music Group Quiz, see page 8.

**Saturday 2nd May** - Hoxne School Association Fund Raiser: 70s, 80s & 90s Night, see page 9.

## Produce and Craft Market & Café

Saturdays monthly, 9.30am - 12.30pm.  
Dates - 25th April, 30th May and 27th June.

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

[hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com](mailto:hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com)

For details of the organisations that use the Hall, see: [hoxnevillagehall.co.uk](http://hoxnevillagehall.co.uk)

## Wingfield Barns

### Photographic Exhibitions

Saturday 4th April to Monday 13th April, 11am to 4pm (closed on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th). The Royal Photographic Society Creative Eye Group and East Anglia Region Exhibition of Prints and Projected Images. Featuring a large variety of work by members of the Society. Admission free.



### A View From the Bridge

Friday 10th April, 7.30pm. Set in the 1950s in the shadow of one of New York's landmark buildings, the Brooklyn Bridge, *Open Space Theatre Company* presents one of Arthur Miller's greatest plays.

Eddie Carbone struggles to allow Catherine, the orphaned niece he has nurtured and who is now on the cusp of womanhood, to go out into the wider



world. His inner turmoil increases as she falls in love with one of the two illegal immigrants he and his wife are sheltering. Can Eddie accept the inevitable or will his stubborn obsession turn to tragedy?

Tickets £12 & £9.50 (concessions for under 18s, over 65s).

### Hands Across the Sea

Saturday 18th April. We are pleased to welcome Tim O'Shea and friends from Ireland to join our English friends Dave Shepherd, Christina Alden and Alex Patterson for a day of music, dance and song. Instrumental, social dance and song workshops from both Ireland and England, lunchtime music session, showcase and concert at 7.30pm. Daytime workshops £12, concert £15, event ticket (to include 2 workshops) £35. See page 9 for more details.



We welcome Tim O'Shea and Friends from Ireland to join our English friends Dave Shepherd, Christina Alden and Alex Patterson for A Day of Music, Dance and Song 18th April 2020



### The Rheingans Sisters

Wednesday 29th April, 7.30pm. The Rheingans Sisters make playful, powerful and richly connecting music that is wholly contemporary while deeply anchored in folk traditions. The award-winning multi-instrumentalists, composers and folk scholars were nominated for 'Best Duo/Group' at 2019 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Over the last five years, audiences across the UK, Europe and Australia have been captivated by the duos very special live performances. Drawing on their pan-European musical scholarship and their spirited mission to make connections between the music of different geographical roots, they have developed a rich artistic approach to the deconstruction and reimagining of

traditional music alongside their own beguiling compositions. Performing live, the sisters are inimitable; full-hearted



performers and spontaneous, on-stage improvisors, with adventurous use of fiddles, voices, banjo,

bansitar, tambourin à cordes, spoken word, dancing feet and percussion.

The Rheingans Sisters will release their much anticipated fourth album in Summer 2020 on Bendigedig (ARC Music). Tickets £15.

### Christina Martin with Dale Murray

**Friday 1st May, 7.30pm.** The Wonderful Lie tour. In 2019-2020 audiences in North America, Europe and the United Kingdom will be set for an added listening experience thanks to the release of Martin's seventh album, "Wonderful Lie". Long known and lauded for her signature indie pop-to-rock style, "Wonderful Lie" finds Christina wading effortlessly into the roots rock and Americana sound pool. Among the album's ten songs, four stand stellar as original Martin compositions.



Christina began recording her own music while slogging it out on the Austin, Texas bar scene. A multi award winning singer-songwriter, she has been

relentlessly recording and touring in Canada and in the UK and Europe, building connections at venues big and

small, singing songs about loss, love and perseverance. Her songs have been featured in films and television, and she's performed at music festivals around the world (Rolling Stone Weekender Festival, Belfast Nashville Songwriters Festival, Folk Alliance International, Ottawa Bluesfest and Reeperbahn Festival). Tickets £12.

### Harleston & Waveney Art Trail

**Saturday 16th to Monday 25th May, 11am - 6pm.** Open Studio every day including Bank Holiday Monday.

Rosemary Elliott will be working as artist in residence in studio 4 throughout the Harleston and Waveney Art Trail Open Studios this year. There will be a retrospective exhibition of her paintings and prints including her latest contemporary landscapes inspired by the rapid changes of light in coastal locations of East Anglia. She will be working every day in the studio giving



visitors a chance to see her work in progress throughout the open studios event. There will be a large guide map on display showing all the artists studios from Bungay to Brockdish enabling visitors to plan their journeys. More info: [www.hwaf.org.uk](http://www.hwaf.org.uk)

### Bof! Workshop and Dance

**Sunday 17th May.** BOF! is an established East Anglian band with considerable experience in playing traditional French and Breton dance music. They have a vast experience of playing at clubs and festivals and for specialist dance groups in England and France. The members of BOF! play a variety of authentic instruments and sing. Their line-up is:

- Simon Haines, diatonic accordions;

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- Phil Lyons, acoustic guitar / bass guitar / vocals;
- Gwendal Moële, vocals;
- Val Woollard, bagpipes / flute / recorders / desk bells;

Bof!'s performance at Wingfield Barns will begin with a dance workshop to teach some of the simpler French and Breton dances. After a break, they will play for an evening "bal".

The songs and instrumentals they play are equally suitable for dancing and listening to, so in addition to a dance space, there will be a seated area for non-dancers. Food will be available on site during the break.

There is more information about Bof! on their website where you can hear samples of their music:

[www.bof-frenchdance.co.uk](http://www.bof-frenchdance.co.uk)

Tickets: Workshop (4.30pm) £5, Evening Dance £12, Combined Ticket £15.

## Arsenic and Old Lace

**Friday 29th May, 7.30pm.** RoughCast Theatre Company presents their production of Joseph Kesselring's hilarious black comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. See page 11 for details. Tickets £10/£6 (students).

## Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 6th June, 2pm.** Michaela Allen - a midsummer piano recital with afternoon tea in the garden.

**Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm.** Andy Cutting - the soulful and technically outstanding melodeon practitioner with an ear for a fine tune.

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

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

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## What's On There

# JUMBLE SALE

## EYE TOWNHALL

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## Harleston Players - Billy Liar

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Young Billy Fisher fantasises about leaving his Yorkshire home, his straight-laced parents and his dementia-suffering grandmother to live the big city life in London. His Walter Mitty-type dreams separate him from the reality of his job as an undertaker's clerk, where he works with his best mate Arthur. He has somehow promised to marry two different girls and continually makes up extraordinary lies to cover his haphazard life. Given the chance to change his luck, what future will he choose? Can he break away and 'live the dream'? Performances at Archbishop Sancroft High School at 7.30pm on **Friday and Saturday, 24th & 25th April and 1st & 2nd May.**



Tickets are available from Robinson's Traditional Stationers in Harleston (tel 01379 855027) and online via [www.harlestonplayers.co.uk](http://www.harlestonplayers.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/harlestonplayers](http://www.facebook.com/harlestonplayers)



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# Easter

## An ending and a beginning

**A**pril begins this year with Holy Week and Easter, when we remember Jesus's death on the cross on Good Friday and his mighty resurrection from the dead on Easter Day. The ending of Jesus's human life becomes the beginning of a new relationship with God for all of us; our sins taken away and in their place the hope of life that never ends. Our churches will be celebrating with special services, listed in this issue. It is particularly exciting that on **Sunday 5th April**, Palm Sunday, in Wingfield we will be processing from Oaklands Farm to the church with Dicky the donkey and palm branches. All welcome: meet at Oaklands Farm IP21 5RH at 10.45am,

parking available. Then for early risers on Easter morning, there will once again be a meditation and breakfast starting at 7.45am at Gatehouse Farm in Syleham.

April marks a new beginning in other ways too. At the end of March we said goodbye to Revd Michael Womack, our rector for the last seven years, as he and Mary departed to Norfolk to enjoy their retirement. The recruitment process for a new rector is now going forward with all the opportunities and possibilities that it offers. Meanwhile services will continue as usual, led by myself, Revd John McCracken and Revd Richard Court and our team of Lay Elders. During the vacancy I will be contactable by e-mail or phone (details below) and normally available in the benefice from Friday to Monday. My day off will be Thursday. Neighbouring clergy will also be supporting us and our Rural Dean, Susan Loxton, will be dealing with any issues which need her help or oversight.

*Eleanor Goodison*

*eleanor.goodison@gmail.com*

*07876 143579*

## Communion during the coronavirus outbreak

**W**hile there is a risk from the coronavirus, we will not be exchanging a handshake at the Peace during communion services, but will share the Peace without physical contact. In accordance with guidance received from our Bishop, we will not be sharing the chalice either and the congregation will take communion in one kind only. Intinction, that is dipping your wafer in the wine, is not an option as this can increase the risk to others. Be assured though that in taking the wafer only we share in the whole of Communion. Our approach will continue to be kept under review in the light of government guidance.

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# Church services

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## Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter includes details of all services and also covers the three parishes outside the Village Voice distribution. Copies can be picked up in churches or electronically by request from [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

If you need to get in touch with the Hoxne Benefice, tel.: **01379 388889**

### **Palm Sunday 5th April**

8.30am Hoxne BCP Communion  
11.15am Wingfield Holy Communion - meet at Oaklands Farm for 10.45am  
4pm Benefice Messy Church, Syleham

### **Good Friday 10th April**

12 noon Wingfield  
3pm Hoxne

### **Easter Eve 11th April**

8pm Denham - Service of Light

### **Easter Sunday 12th April**

9.30am Syleham Family Communion  
11.15am Hoxne Family Communion  
11.15am Wingfield Family Communion

### **Sunday 19th April**

10am Syleham Village Praise  
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

### **Sunday 26th April**

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

### **Sunday 3rd May**

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

### **Sunday 10th May**

9.30am Benefice Cafe Church, Hoxne

### **Rogation Sunday 17th May**

10am Syleham Village Praise / Walk  
11.15am Hoxne Holy Communion

### **Thursday 21st May**

Deanery Ascension Day Communion TBA

### **Sunday 24th May**

9.30am Syleham BCP Holy Communion  
11.15am Denham Holy Communion

11.15am Hoxne BCP Mattins

6.30pm Benefice BCP Evensong, Wingfield

### **Sunday 31st May**

11.15am Benefice Communion, Syleham

## Church News

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### St John, Denham

The church has been checked over by Nicholas Spall of NS Restorations who has drawn up a report of urgent work needed to overhaul the gutters, drainage and damaged slates on the chancel roof. It is essential to ensure that the walls of the chancel are reasonably weatherproof before embarking on repairing any cracks and crumbling plasterwork. The architect seems confident that we can raise enough funds to restore the chancel to a stable condition and make good the deterioration in the vestry and buttresses.

We have had a successful first maintenance morning in the churchyard removing ivy from the porch and also some of the exuberant ivy festooning the gravestones. There is plenty left for bees and other wildlife. Probably the next objective should be moss which looks pretty but is very effective in keeping the walls moisture laden. After Easter we are planning to hold these working parties every **second Saturday** in the month assuming the weather is fine. Any

help and/or expertise is welcome. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided to maintain energy levels.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Service of Light on Easter Eve - **Saturday 11th April** at 8.00 pm.

We will continue to celebrate afterwards with a glass of wine and some nibbles.



*Hilary Castleden  
01379 668458*

## St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**A** 'Vision Statement' for the future of the church is being considered by the PCC and the approved final version will be circulated in the Parish within the next three months.

The Summer Fete will be on the afternoon of **Saturday 13th June** at Abbey Farm Gardens. This will be a family orientated event and more

information will be distributed. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.



## 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. **20th April** - Branch meeting; **18th May** - Branch meeting. Cathie McGregor, Branch Leader **01379 668434**.

## Flower rota

**5th April:** Lent; **12th & 19th April:** Easter Rota; **26th April & 3rd May:** Cathie McGregor; **10th & 17th May:** Prue Day; **24th & 31st May:** Jenny Looe.

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

**R**evd Michael's final service in Syleham was expected to be the very happy occasion of the baptism of Oliver Orr, first child of Alex and Zoe who were married in the church in 2018. This, and Michael's farewell service in the benefice, will have taken place by the time Village Voice appears and no doubt we shall have a report in a later issue.

## Easter in Syleham

Our celebration of Easter (**Sunday 12th April**) will again begin with an early morning garden meditation at 7.45am, followed by a light breakfast.

This will take place at Gatehouse Farm by invitation of Sarah Buckley and will be followed by a Family Communion Service in the church at 9.30am. All very welcome to either or both!

For services and reflections elsewhere in the benefice during Holy Week, please see the church calendar on page 20.



## Fund raising

Our focus this year will be restoration of the historic 'commandment boards', which are almost illegible. These contain the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer and the cost of conservation, including all fees, will be approximately £3000.





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## Syleham Church down the ages

On **Saturday 25th April** at 6.15pm in the church there will be a talk by noted local historian and authoress, Elaine Murphy. Wine and tasty nibbles! Donations welcome on the evening.



### Save these dates!

**Saturday 18th July** - Garden Lunch

**Saturday 3rd October** - Harvest Supper

You can keep in touch with St Margaret's via [www.achurchnearlyou.com](http://www.achurchnearlyou.com) - you just need to enter postcode IP21 4LN.

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

## What's On There

### Harleston and District U3A

As well as offering more than twenty interest groups and a regular monthly meeting with a speaker and some social time, membership of U3A will give you the opportunity of joining coach outings without the stress of driving and parking but with lively, friendly company.

This year, thanks to our enterprising Events Officer, Trevor Scott, trips to Hoveton Hall and Gardens (including afternoon tea), Pensthorpe Natural Park and Gardens and West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and Country Park have been planned.

U3A is aimed at anyone who is no longer in full time employment. Find out more by visiting our website:

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

or telephone Membership Secretary, Kim on **01986 788149** or come along to one of our monthly meetings which are held on the **third Wednesday** of the month, 2pm at St John's Church, Harleston.

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### April

Mon 6th, Afternoon Tea at Gissing Community Centre; Thu 9th, Waitrose, Wymondham; Thu 16th, Bungay & lunch at The Flixton Buck; Mon 20th, Waveney Stardust Boat Trip; Thu 30th, Alder Carr Farm Shop & Café;

### May

Thu 7th, Lunch at The Chip Inn, Long Stratton; Mon 11th, Bressingham Garden Centre; Thu 21st, Lunch at The Kings Head, New Buckenham; Tue 26th, Southwold; Thu 28th, Dads Army Variety Show, Marina Theatre, Lowestoft;

# Hoxne Playing Field and Pavilion

There are probably many people reading this who are not aware of the background to the Hoxne Playing Field and Pavilion, and so the committee have put together this information about the facilities.

## The Background

In 1965 Mr Derek Mager sold an area of land, which is now the village playing field, to the parish of Hoxne for the sole purpose of recreation for the villagers. Part was allocated to the village itself and part to Suffolk County Council for use by St Edmunds Primary School.

A wooden building was purchased and erected soon after this and it was used as the sports pavilion for many years to follow.

The Playing field was registered as a charity in February 1965 under the reference 304769 and named Hoxne Recreation Ground.

Eventually in 1996 a more permanent brick built pavilion was built to replace the old and decaying wooden building.

Then a team of local volunteers, led by Trevor Jackson and David Muttit, spent many evenings and weekends building an extension to the pavilion to create a new bar area. This helped to develop a

thriving social club at the pavilion which in the early 2000s had more than 100 members, who would regularly socialise there.

## Managing The Playing Field

The Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee for the pavilion and playing field, but the Trust Deed states that the general management of the facilities and arrangements for its use and upkeep “shall be vested in a Committee of Management”. This is now known as the Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee. The Management Committee is a team of eight volunteers who work tirelessly to try and maintain the building and playing field for the community to enjoy. The costs of maintenance and improvements are met through fund



raising by the committee and yearly donations from the Parish Council. It costs approximately £6,000 a year to run the pavilion and playing field. Fund raising activities include, for example, the sale of Christmas Trees, annual plant sales, annual clay shoot, open gardens,



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takings from the harvest breakfast, proceeds from the summer play café, social activities and pavilion lets.

In 2014 the committee managed to raise some £50,000 through grants, fund raising and individual donations to replace the ageing play equipment with the excellent children's play area now in place. Safety inspections of the play equipment take place monthly.



## Help Needed

The committee are planning to undertake some repairs and renovation to the pavilion building. If there is anyone in the community (skilled or unskilled) who would like to offer a few hours to help with the work we are looking to do, please come along to our AGM on **Thursday 30th April 7.30pm** at the pavilion, see page 9.

## Hiring the Pavilion

The pavilion is the perfect venue to hold children's parties, small family gatherings or events. It is also ideal for regular group meetings. If you are looking for somewhere to hold your next event look no further than the pavilion.

The building has a main room with bar area as well as a fully equipped kitchen and of course there is the playing field outside to make use of. There are also two changing rooms with showers.

There have been a variety of events held at the pavilion from weddings to gala balls, adult birthday parties from 21st to 50th as well as many children's parties. Choirs have used the main room, funeral gatherings have also been held in the pavilion.

If you are interested in hiring the pavilion, please contact Julie Bryant on **01379 668126** or Gail Jackson on **01379 668186**. Alternatively send us a message on our Facebook page - just search for '*Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion*'. There are preferential rates for residents of Hoxne.

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# Mary Rose Tudor and St Edmund

**Y**ou may ask what connection Mary Rose Tudor has with St Edmund. The answer is that they were both buried in the cathedral church of the Abbey of St Edmund at Bury.

The parentage of St Edmund has not been proven, but he may have been a prince of the house of Wessex or as commonly reported the son of Alkmund and Siwara of Saxony. On the death of Edmund reputedly at Hoxne in 869/870, he was buried in a rough wooden chapel for around 30 years before his body was removed to Beodericsworth, which later became St Edmund's Bury.

Mary Rose Tudor [1496-1533] was the daughter of Henry Tudor [1457-1509] and his wife Elizabeth of York [d.1503] and the favourite sister of Henry VIII [1491-1547]. Mary Rose Tudor was initially married to King Louis XII of France [1462-1515] and afterwards to Charles Brandon [1484-1545] Duke of Suffolk a favourite of Henry VIII. The Duke and Duchess of Suffolk chiefly resided at Westhorpe Hall in Suffolk a large moated manor house in West Suffolk.

On her death in 1533, an elaborate funeral was organised, but Charles Brandon her husband did not attend, nor did her brother Henry VIII. Mary Rose died in June 1533 and her body was embalmed and laid in state in the chapel at Westhorpe Hall, before her burial on the 20th July 1533 in the crypt of the Abbey Church. Five years later with the dissolution of the monasteries her body was removed and re-buried at St Mary's Church within the precincts of the Abbey Church.

Edmund's shrine was desecrated and destroyed in 1539 as a result of the English Reformation and by the 4th November 1539 the Abbott and his monks

were expelled from the Abbey, having secretly reburied the remains of St Edmund. But was this a sham reburial, as it is also reported that the remains of St Edmund were stolen by the French Count of Melun after the Battle of Lincoln in 1217.

The Count of Melun is said to have subsequently donated the St Edmund remains to the Basilica of Saint-Sernin in Toulouse, where a shrine was ultimately erected to house them. A Basilica inventory from 1425 details St Edmund's body as being interred at Toulouse.

In 1901 relics of the body were returned to England by order of Pope Leo XIII to be placed in the new Catholic Westminster Cathedral that was under construction. These relics were temporarily housed at the Fitzalan Chapel of Arundel Castle, but concerns were raised about their validity and so have been kept locked in the vault.

In 1966, Father Houghton of Bury St Edmunds, who ardently believed in the Arundel relics, attempted to attain them for his parish, but previous concerns on their authenticity halted his plans. Undeterred, he arranged for three teeth from the remaining Toulouse relics to come to England and these are now kept at Douai Abbey, Berkshire.

However, the authorities in Saint-Sernin claim that the box containing St Edmund's body has not been opened for centuries - so what of the relics at Arundel and Douai Abbey, surely their provenance cannot be in question?

The Abbey Garden Tennis Courts are being dug up this year to see if the remains of Edmund can be located. Perhaps the dig should instead be at Hoxne or maybe find the burial place of Bishop Humbert as he was killed at the same time as Edmund? While the final resting place of Mary Rose Tudor is accepted, I surmise Edmund's location will stay an enigma.

*Stephen Govier*

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## Hoxne Heritage Group

Last September over 250 members of the local community and some from much further afield visited the Hoxne Heritage Group exhibition commemorating the 80th anniversary of the commencement of World War Two. Some will recall that it was our intention to hold a second exhibition in 2020 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of end of the War.

Planning for this exhibition is underway and will cover the period from December 1941 to August 1945. For Hoxne these were very eventful years and we hope to provide a snapshot of what life was like in and around the village by using maps, photographs, artefacts, models and personal narratives of events. These will be supported by wartime films and music which, we hope, will re-create a realistic atmosphere.

A significant number of men and women from Hoxne served in the Armed Forces, seven men were killed and are remembered on the War Memorial in the

Church. Many more were taken prisoner and endured severe hardships before returning to the village. With the threat of a Nazi landing on the beaches of East Anglia receding, the village geared up for a prolonged war and the exhibition reflects life on the "Home Front" as well as recording more distant campaigns. In June 1943 the village underwent the "friendly invasion" when the Americans arrived to establish the 95th Bomb Group at a newly constructed airbase at Horham. The 95th would go onto to fly 300 missions to Europe and earn three Presidential Citations and make a huge impact on village life.

Visitors to our previous exhibition were most appreciative of the wartime food tasters that were prepared and we intend to continue this success with some new additions to the "menu" so if anyone has any wartime recipes they would like to see prepared please contact us.

So, as we approach the 75th anniversary of both VE and VJ Day, if any of your family has reminiscences, stories or artefacts from the time, we shall be very pleased to hear from you. We already have a number of exhibits, photographs and models kindly donated, but more would be welcome. The exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 5th September** between 10am - 4pm and we look forward to welcoming you all.

[www.hoxnehistory.org.uk](http://www.hoxnehistory.org.uk)

## Red Feather Club

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



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## Public Open Days

**Last Sunday** of the month **April to October**, 10am - 4pm. The next dates are: **26th April** with classic car club visit, **31st May** and **28th June** Americana Day.

## Dance Events

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

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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## Hoxne Garden and Social Club

**O**fficially it is now spring, according to the Meteorological Office would you believe. Yes, it certainly has come in this year with a whimper. Yet despite the wind and rain spring flowers abound everywhere in Hoxne. The sight of daffodils and primroses must bring a cheer to even the stoniest heart.

No matter what the weather throws at us, life still goes on and so it is with the Garden and Social Club. We are now at the Club's year end and by the time you read this we will have chosen a new committee. Sue Flagg has stepped down as a committee member having been a stalwart supporter of the club for many

years. Thanks must go to her for her contribution.

We have a programme of talks already lined up for the year 2020/21 starting with Roger Woodward discussing his role as a Health and Safety Officer investigating accidents in the work place. To maintain the balance between horticultural and non horticultural talks, we next have Ken Abel demonstrating how to grow the perfect pelargonium including their propagation.

We aim to make our talks informative, thought provoking and of course entertaining. It is fair to say that some of the speakers we have hired have been better than others at doing this. Nevertheless it would be nice to think that our talks overall contribute to the richness of village life. Clubs like ours will only continue with your support. Come and join us!

*Chris Parkin*

## New Reeding Woods Group

**P**ound Lane is a road used as a public path and as trustees of the adjacent community woodland the New Reeding Woods Group have a responsibility to keep it accessible, and improve the habitat for the grasses and orchids already observed in this area. Over recent years it has become overgrown and a working party convened on Saturday 7th March to begin the task of clearing.

A group of Steering group members and volunteers from Denham and Horham armed with chainsaws, strimmers and



loppers began the mammoth task of chopping back the blackthorn and brambles that were impeding access. The cuttings were then shredded by mechanical chopper. Over the course of the day, two trailer loads of cuttings were collected and less than 100 metres



had been cleared so this will be an ongoing task. Further events are planned after the nesting season. Many thanks to all those who

helped; it was agreed that although hard work it had been a very satisfying day!

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 Phoenix Group

**S**ince the last issue we have had an extremely interesting and amusing talk by Mike Wabe reminding us, suitably attired as he was, of life in Medieval England. His costume(s) - he added bits as his talk continued - enhanced the talk, together with the various implements he had come along with (if he had been stopped by the police en-route he might have some explaining to do as to why he had a couple of spears in the boot!).

In January we also had our customary New Year Lunch together with husbands who were able to join us. Once again the

White Horse at Stoke Ash came up trumps providing a superb meal for us all.

Unfortunately February's meeting fell on an extremely windy evening with weather warnings about travelling. This was the AGM so, with 16 members present, we got through it fairly quickly. Viv Bradford, our President, reported on another successful year - although we had lost one or two members, but had gained three new members from the Village. The Treasurer, Noreen Couch presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance for the coming year. Subscriptions have had to be increased due mainly to speakers' expenses - the first increase in 13 years since the formation of Phoenix. The Secretary gave a brief resume of the speakers and activities we had in 2019 including the Fundraising Evening for the Diss Dove Dementia Café which raised £601. This sum will pay for a music tutor for another year. Due to the inclement weather, we finished the AGM with drinks and nibbles before taking the plunge to get home safely.

In March we will be welcoming Margaret Griffiths and Sheena Duncan to give us an illustrated talk on Aden in the 1960s (they both served in the forces at that time). They have travelled widely and their talks are always very amusing.

Humour with Heart is the title of our April talk which is a talk by a local author who only took up writing not long ago. Then in May we have a Speaker from the National Trust talking on the Hervey Family who owned Ickworth House in the 1500s.

As usual we welcome any new members to our meetings, held at 7.30pm on the **second Tuesday** of each month in the Lounge at Hoxne Village Hall. All we ask for is a Visitors Fee of £2.00 which includes Tea/Coffee & biscuits.

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## Hoxne Bowls Club

**O**n Sunday 19th April, the new season beckons for Hoxne Bowlers with the annual Open Green Day - weather permitting. All are welcome, whether experienced or new to the sport.

Club members will be on hand from 2pm to welcome newcomers or anyone wishing to try bowls for the first time. All we ask is that you wear a pair of FLAT soled shoes.

The club plays in three local leagues and has its own club competitions and a weekly club night, so there is something for everyone.

After the wet winter we've had, members will be keen to get back on the green and have another successful season.

Can't make the open day, but are interested in joining or trying the game? Phone the Club Secretary - Roger Knight on **01379 668403**.

## Hoxne Bell Ringers

**J**anuary and February can be rather cold months for bells ringers as most churches do not have warm areas. We have, I hope, got through the worst part of the winter and can look forward to sunlit church yards accessed through open west doors!

We held a bell ringers' lunch on February 22nd in the Swan pub to celebrate our first birthday and as a thank you to Winston, Carol and Zoe who have been tutoring us through the year. It was nice to also have Becky and Linda and family who have been ringing with us at Bacton. Thanks to Winston, Carol and Zoe for their help and to the Swan for looking after us.

The Hoxne bell restoration project has received a major boost with the offer of two bells to be donated free of charge by



the Kelttek Trust. This is a charity dedicated to preserving and redistributing church bells from redundant churches or rings that have been up graded or replaced.

The donated bells must be capable of being tuned to match our existing (retuned) five bells. Because of the value of this donation it is tempting to think about an eight-bell ring rather than a six bell plus a clock bell.

We have received the recommendations and budget quotes from Matthew Higby & Co and they have produced yet more options and variations. We will need to assess them and compare them with the quotations we have previously received. The Hoxne PCC has delayed consideration of the bell restoration while the resolution of an objection to a faculty application is being sought.

We have been doing some repairs and improvements at St Nicholas Oakley which is where we have our regular



practices. We have replaced damaged stays and we have re-bushed the clapper on the tenor which was worn due to long term use. We were pleased to be able ring for a Sunday service again recently and are very grateful for the use of their bells on Friday evenings.

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Our trustees, John Lawrie, Polly Potter, Gill O'Connor, Amanda Jones and Michel Henri meet four times a year and the next meeting is on **Monday 20th April**. If you think we may be able to help you please contact us.

As a charity, the Maynard Educational Trust is funded from investments and donations. If you would like to support the Trust, we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact:

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*Old Thatch, Goldbrook, Hoxne IP21 5AN*

## Wingfield & District Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 30th April** with Neill Ludmon talking on *The History of Medieval Gardens*. This will be followed on **Thursday 28th May** by Karen Kenny with *Composts and Manures: what goes into them and what is the effect*.

Non-members welcome, £5 pay at the door. 7.30pm start at Brundish Village Hall. For further information, please contact Priscilla Williamson, email:

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## Fressingfield Scouts

We have been busy in the first months of the year, although the evenings are dark and the weather often unpleasant, we have been very active.

January started for most sections with a games session and in subsequent weeks Explorers and Adventurers have both been cooking and baking in our new portable gas camp oven. A few weeks later the Explorers thawed and served the baked items to their parents and friends. Everyone was impressed with the quality.

Wolf Cubs have been learning about balanced diet and food groups, Tiger Cubs celebrated Chinese New Year and Beavers have identified and tasted new, unusual and exotic foods.

Tiger Cubs have made bird feeders and taken part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch.

Adventurer Scouts were lucky to have a clear, though cold, evening for stargazing and learning how to navigate by the stars.

Pioneer Scouts have been developing team work skills with challenges and games and are improving their understanding of the Scout Law and Promise.

During half term, Adventurers Scout Troop had a camp in the grounds of Yoxford School. Activities ranged from a night hike, archery, fencing, pond dipping and a visit to Southwold for fish and chips and some time on the amusements. They have also completed the Digital Challenge Badge where they showed their skills at programming, games and quizzes, made Internet Safety posters and learned about phishing emails and how to stay safe online.

A party of five Explorers took part in the County organised BPA 2020 which involved an overnight hike with a series of challenges on the route. It was a very

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wet and windy night and they came a very creditable 4th out of 24.

On Shrove Tuesday Pioneer Scout Troop and Tigers Cub Pack ran a Pop Up Pancake Café which was well attended and raised over £75 for the HQ Development Fund.

The Yoxford School Cub Pack and Beaver Colony have both been to Clip and Climb in Ipswich.

Beavers spent a couple of weeks learning about and practicing household skills, tidying up, hoovering, laying a table, making sandwiches and safe use of electric sockets and knives.

Following the recent electricity cuts, they talked about how to safely use candles

Wolf Cub Pack have been cooking, creating, preparing, cooking and eating their own stir-fries. There were hot woks and sharp knives but they all went home in one piece and full!

In early February, ten Leaders joined two hundred Scouting colleagues at the Norfolk County Scouts organised "Big Weekend" in Great Yarmouth. This was two days of technical training, updates, reminders, skills improvement, networking, good food, teamwork and fun. This was the first time the County Team had put on such an event and it was a great success with everyone hoping it will become an annual event.

Some Leaders are working towards qualifications to become additional water activities instructors so that we can increase our canoe, kayak and sailing provision.

Coming up, the senior sections are planning climbing sessions in the second half of term and over the Easter break, Pioneer Troop has a camp focussing on camp cooking skills which they will be teaching to Cubs.

Tiger Cubs and Pioneer Scouts are pleased to be taking part in the Hoxne Village Clean Up on March 15th. This

year the Scout Group is providing the free refreshments afterwards.

A further collection point has been added to our Crisp Packet recycling project. Lisa Morris of Anglian Organics has set up a box at the Veg Shed at Hattons Nursery, Metfield IP21 0LL. Lisa will also accept crisp packets when she is delivering organic fruit and vegetable boxes: [anglian.organics@outlook.com](mailto:anglian.organics@outlook.com)

To find out more about 1st Fressingfield Scout Group have a look at our website:

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## Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Since our last letter we have held in the church a concert by Danny Fisher who performed a large selection of songs from the 50s and 60s, it was excellent, it was just a great pity that more people did not come along.

However despite the disappointment, our committee will continue to hold events to raise money for the preservation of our lovely church.

Future events are our Summer Lunch, a Pie and Pint evening, the Harvest Lunch in October and a quiz in November, details of all these in the next issue.

Finally, our AGM is on **Friday 24th April** at 7pm in the village hall, please do come along and take the opportunity to discover how your money has been spent in the last year and our plans for the future.

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*

## Food for Thought

### Simply Cheese

*“When the kettle was boiling, the old man put a large piece of cheese on a long iron fork, and held it over the fire, turning it to and fro, till it was golden-brown on all sides. Heidi had watched him eagerly. Suddenly she ran to the cupboard. When her grandfather brought a pot and the toasted cheese to the table, he found it already nicely set with two plates and two knives and the bread in the middle.”*

**Heidi, Johanna Spyri, 1880-1**

Daniel M. Mallory, an American author and editor, claimed that ‘Heidi’ is a book about the healing powers of cheese and that the plucky little girl from the Alps couldn’t have gone very far in saving Clara or her dear Grandpapa without the help of dairy. We all know that cheese is a nutritious food made all around the world and not only from cow and sheep milk, but also from water buffalo, goat, camel, yak and even reindeer milk. Cheese is sold pasteurised or raw, plain or flavoured, pickled, processed or even, occasionally, sweet. Your favourite may be cheddar, one of the most popular cheeses made in the U.K, or a smelly cheese such as a German limburger which is fermented using *Brevibacterium linum*. This bacterium is partly responsible for the smell of the human body, and, as a result, when people say limburger smells like human feet they are scientifically correct.

Cheese has been around for a long time and is thought to have been first discovered around 8000 BC around the time when sheep were first domesticated. Cheese comes in hundreds of varieties and is a food that provides nutrition in the form of vitamins,

minerals, and a high-quality source of protein that can be kept for months. Whatever your favourite, most of us will have a chunk or two lurking in the fridge.

Imagine a world without cheese. No Margherita pizza, cauliflower cheese or mac and cheese. No ploughman’s lunch or freshly grated parmesan stirred into pasta. No crockery crowned with a crispy and brown dome of cheese. Where would the Welsh be without their rabbit (original spelling) and the folk of Coopers Hill without an 8lb ball of double Gloucester to launch themselves after every spring! Life without cheese dishes wouldn’t be half as good. Here are just two of my favourites.

### Garlicky Prawns with Feta

Serves 2 as a main course or 4 as a starter with a green salad and crusty bread to soak up the juices

- 450g raw prawns, peeled if whole and de-veined
- 20g butter
- 1 tbsp mild olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped



2 tbsp chopped curly leaf parsley  
Juice of 1 fresh lemon  
1 pinch of salt  
125g crumbled Feta cheese

Chop the butter into pieces and scatter on the bottom of a heavy lidded pot. Scatter over half the prawns followed by half the garlic, parsley and salt. Drizzle over ½ tbsp olive oil. Repeat this process with the remaining ingredients. Cover the pot and put over a medium heat. Cook for 8 minutes or until the prawns have lost their raw colour. Pour over the lemon juice and scatter the crumbled feta on top. Replace the lid and shake the pan. Leave for 1 minute and serve

### Double Baked Cheese Soufflé

Makes 5 approximate depending on the size of the ramekins - they freeze really well

125ml full fat milk and 125ml double cream combined  
60g cornflour  
45g butter  
2 eggs whole  
2 eggs - separated/whites whisked to stiff peaks  
250g gruyere Cheese, grated  
1 heaped tbsp finely chopped flat leaf parsley  
Salt & pepper to taste  
Butter to grease ramekins, plus  
Grated parmesan for ramekins

For Sauce per soufflé  
60ml double cream  
Heaped dessertspoon grated Parmesan  
Reggiano cheese

Butter the ramekins and sprinkle insides with grated Parmesan. Gently melt butter in large non-stick pan and stir in flour to make a roux. Gradually add the milk & cream mixture until you have a thick sauce. Add grated gruyere cheese



and stir over gentle heat until the sauce is smooth. Put to one side and cool slightly. Stir in beaten whole eggs and extra egg yolks. Gradually fold in the egg whites. Season to taste, add chopped parsley and stir through gently. Gently fill ramekins to the top with the soufflé mixture. Place the filled ramekins in a baking dish and pour in sufficient hot water to come halfway up the sides of the dishes. Bake for 20 minutes at 180C until brown and well risen. Allow to cool and turn out onto a tray.

### To Double Bake:

Turn the soufflé out into individual oven proof dishes with the brown top on the base of the dish.

Pour enough double cream over the soufflé to come to about a ½ inch up the soufflé.

Sprinkle the whole dish thickly with grated Parmesan cheese and bake at 180C for about 10-15mins or until the cream thickens and the soufflé is nicely glazed. This dish also pairs well with a green salad and crusty bread.

Enjoy

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# Parish Council Reports

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

## Denham

Work on fundraising for renovation of the Village Hall has now begun in earnest after the process of registering the site on behalf of the Parish was officially completed. We have a number of people supporting this, but any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

We currently have three groups working on different strands of the project so that we can try to progress things as quickly as possible. The local fundraising group is busy writing to local businesses and planning events, the first of which is a Cheese and Wine Party to be held from 7:30pm on **Saturday 4th April** at Horham Community Centre. Tickets are £6.50 in advance and are available from Kerina on **07766 454997**. There will also be a raffle on the night and donations of prizes would be gratefully accepted.

The grant funding group is busy completing applications with the support of Mid Suffolk District Council and has currently identified £2,800 of funding which has been ringfenced for the project. We are now in the process of beginning applications for both Community Grant Funding and Heritage Lottery funding to apply for the larger grants needed to complete the project. Our third group is looking at the building specifications for the project in preparation for final costing and invitations to bid for the renovation work. Part of this work will also look at preserving the artwork on the inner wall of the building and possible plans for the outdoor space.

Alongside this, we are creating a dedicated website for the work of Denham Community Council, including the renovation progress, so that we can keep everyone updated. Please visit:

[www.denhamccmidsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.denhamccmidsuffolk.org.uk)

Tania and Nick Farrow are also planning to do a 95 mile sponsored walk starting on May the 8th, the VE day Bank Holiday. The walk, in honour of the 95th Bomb Group stationed at Horham, will take place over five days and will include a round trip through a number of important USAAF sites around Suffolk, ending at Denham Village Hall. Sponsorship details will be available shortly and all proceeds will go towards the renovation of the hall.

If anyone has even a small amount of time that they could dedicate to supporting any of these activities we would welcome your contribution. Please contact Tania Farrow on **07758 739052**.

Residents are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and have their say on any matter. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 27th May**. Meetings are currently held in Denham Church by kind permission. The May meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and also the Annual Parish Meeting, at which local groups and organisations are encouraged to present reports of their activities over the past year.

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 County Council has commissioned a Working Group to look at the concerns of the impact of HGVs on the quality of life in rural villages. Parish Councils are being



encouraged to make representations and if you have any particular concerns you would like to be included in the submission, please contact the Parish Council as per the details below or speak to one of the Parish Councillors (details inside front cover).

**Planning** At the time of writing, the detailed application for the erection of four large dwellings at Abbey Hill has been withdrawn, however, the application for five dwellings at the former Goldbrook Plants site has been refused by the Planning Authority. 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 noticeboards.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan** - the Working Group are determining priorities for the plan and initial thoughts on policy development are to include: Protect the open spaces on the village; look at opportunities for development critically, no big developments and define a firm development boundary; protect the heritage of the village and conserve its history; prevent development at Downbridge and Nuttery Vale; protect the environment and quality of life and support and encourage small businesses providing services. What are your thoughts. The Parish Council will be offering several opportunities to engage with priority setting and we hope that we will hear as many thoughts as possible.

**Dog Litter** - All parishioners are 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 to clear up after your dog will be much appreciated. If you notice incidents of owners not cleaning up after their dog, this can be reported to the enforcement team at Mid Suffolk District Council via:

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**Meetings** - The Parish Council next meets on **Thursday 2nd April** at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please see the website and noticeboards for details of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in **May**.

## Syleham

**O**ur first meeting of 2020 took place on March 4th where we discussed the projects conducted by councillors over the winter.

Firstly, Steve Phillips gave a comprehensive report on his survey of the village's footpaths and their signage. Steve has been working with the footpaths department of Suffolk Highways. We await their plan for restoration of both the paths and the missing signs. The network of pathways is a rich heritage of Syleham village, and we hope to be publishing a map and posting on the noticeboard and website for everyone to use.

Councillor and chairman Malcolm Flounders has been progressing the provision of grit bins for the village. Thanks to funding by MSDC we have been able to purchase three bins to be located in the village at sites agreed with Suffolk Highways.

The night before this Council meeting, councillors from both Wingfield and Syleham met in joint discussion about progressing the Housing Need Survey.

This was convened with Community Action Suffolk who outlined the pathway to execution. The result was serious concerns about the applicability to our villages. An alternative approach will be discussed with our colleagues in Wingfield.

It has been raised with the Council that a RAF Lancaster bomber crashed in Syleham on the night of 18th May 1944 killing the eight-man crew. It was agreed that the Council would liaise with the RAF Memorial Trust the best way to commemorate their sacrifice and aim to execute by VE Day on Friday 8th May.

The next PC meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20th May**, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Wingfield

**O**ur first meeting this year took place on January 24th with a full agenda and our District Councillor Lavinia Haddingham, in attendance.

The meeting began with Lavinia's report that headlined an increase of 1.66% to Council tax for 2020/21.

The village agenda began with discussion of a Housing Need Survey to protect the village against development that did not address resident's needs. The subsequent meeting with

Community Action Suffolk, held on March 3rd, raised concerns of suitability for Wingfield. An alternative approach is now being discussed with our counterparts in Syleham.

Planning the upkeep of Wingfield Green awaits the proposed grazing of the Green with sheep. It was agreed that these proposals will be discussed with concerned residents before final approval.

The new noticeboard for Vicarage Road has been ordered and we await delivery and erection. Our thanks to Lavinia for her MSDC locality award that funded the purchase.

New street signs have been ordered for Earsham Street and Castle Crescent and the track running alongside Goulders Farm has been designated as a road and will be called Goulders Farm Lane.

A resident's suggestion that places of village interest such as "*Nanny Bradshaw's Corner*" should be commemorated was agreed and ways to mark their contribution to Wingfield's colourful history will be investigated.

The Clerk reported that discussions with the owners of Castle Farm about acquiring land for a playground was a possibility, but awaits their experience with the new agricultural legislation expected post Brexit.

VE Day (75th anniversary) celebrations will take place at the Village Hall on **Friday 8th May**. Look out for details to be posted on the hopefully new noticeboard.

At the end of our meeting, with the District Councillor in attendance, we discussed the long running complaint against the Council by one resident. The conclusion to these deliberations is posted on the website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Friday 29th May** at 7.30pm at Wingfield Barns.



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## The Lunch Bunch Visits...

There must be something about a Lunch Bunch visit that makes it rain. It was a miserable morning when we set off to visit the Oaksmere. We hadn't booked as we decided they were big enough to be able to squeeze one table in whatever they were doing mid-week in February!

They have a restaurant and you can also eat in the bar - we opted for the bar and the fire! The staff were friendly and chatty, and we quickly checked over the menu and ordered. While sharing platters were tempting as starters, we headed straight for the main courses.

Here, like the Swan from the last issue, the Oaksmere have opted for the "slate" plates for some of their offerings. The chicken and Halloumi burgers we ordered did look lovely on them, but I'm sure a normal plate would make everyone's lives simpler. Along with the burgers we ordered the traditional Fish & Chips which was presented on an oblong plate.

The food was hot and delicious. The chicken "burger" was actually a chicken breast fillet squeezed into the bun along with salad. The halloumi burger a thick slice of the delicious squeaky cheese on a large flat mushroom, again with salad in a bun, both served with a bowl of chips. The fish was served on top of chips, on top of crushed peas and a small sea of the best tartar sauce we have tried in a long time. The chips as perfect as a fried potato can be, crispy on the outside and hot and fluffy on the inside.



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Despite being reassuringly full from our main course, a dessert menu was offered and accepted. When the hot chocolate brownie with home make Oreo ice cream arrived, everyone picked up a spoon and had a taste. At £8 the desserts are on the expensive side; however, the brownie was certainly worth the price tag. Every mouthful was real treat for the taste buds.



Teas and coffees extended the lunch as by now the heavens had opened further and we all were enjoying the fire and the general upbeat atmosphere. There was sport on a number of TVs around the bar and soft jazz music playing in the background, an odd but not unpleasant combination. A very easy and relaxed place to stop for a hearty lunch or dinner or if the drive home is a long one, you can even stop the night. As we left we noticed what looks like a walled kitchen garden. I can imagine later in the year all sorts of lovely things making their way into the kitchen from there.

Sharing Platters £18, mains from £12 and dessert £8.

*The Lunch Bunch*

# A Word from Wingfield

## Books

There are a lot of books here in my library, so many that I have lost count. Using the librarians trick, I measured the total library shelf length which was about 300 feet, then assuming an average 10 books per foot, that's 3000 books!

The biggest part of the collection is 'literature' arranged author alphabetical by a helpful local scholar making that major section very user-friendly. The rest are roughly assembled by topic and territory e.g. religion or Africa, but although I could not find Pitman's 'Snakes of Uganda' I did spot Hawkings' best selling 'Brief History of Time'. It is more than 30 years since I read it, so made another attempt. Sagan's introduction remarks that few of us spend much time wondering why nature is the way it is; where the Cosmos came from, or whether it was always here; if time will one day flow backward and effects precede causes; or whether there are ultimate limits to what humans can know.

Then the 'phone rang. It was my Workaway driver/companion from Brazil saying it was Ash Wednesday, a public holiday and day 3 of carnival. She handed the phone to her father who is my age, who said to my astonishment "Greetings" and then "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reverse time and both be young again".

H.G. Wells' 'The Time Machine' posited time travel both backwards and forwards through time. Is our concept of time, and space too, an illusion? Our consciousness places us at the centre of our perceived universe. Just as the Ancients until quite recently believed that the earth was at the centre of the cosmos, many still see themselves at the

centre of the world about them. For convenience we devise frames of reference such as postal codes for the GPO and the Greenwich meridian for navigation, but we don't yet have one for the cosmos.

The possibility of runaway global warming could soon become a probability, in which event these may well be our grandchildren's end times, something we don't like to think about, though they are now expressing their concern. Then there will be no-one to ask or to answer these big questions.

But back to books. My library reference section has fallen into disuse. Google has replaced it so my 14th edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica gathers dust. However the 22 pages on Brazil, written in 1929 by a Professor Martin of Palo Alto just after the Americans bought the Encyclopaedia Britannica and it became in effect the Encyclopaedia Americana, describe a very different country from the one that I explored during five weeks over last Christmas.

Martin states that there is no general history of Brazil in English. Looking back to the sixties I recall that our academic interest in South America was even then indeed modest. Since then Brazil has developed apace and is now very evidently one of the so-called five BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). The population of 30 million recorded by Martin is now more than 300 million. We must thank God that the hostile climate for foreigners which politicians are fostering in so many other countries has not yet infected Brazil, where there is a racial spectrum that spreads from Africa and indigenous Indians to Europe. It came into being over 400 years ago and the Brazilian version of Roman Catholicism appears to play an important role in cementing the nation together. Of course there are challenges e.g. the favelas with extreme

poverty, but this very resource rich and enormous country is an example to us all.

In Brasília there is a memorial mausoleum to President Juscelino Kubitschek (1956 - 61) containing many of his personal possessions, including items of his and his wife's wardrobe, and his immense library in which I spotted 10 volumes of an early Shakespeare folio given to him long ago by our Queen which the Curator allowed me to inspect. His better known memorial is of course the extraordinary buildings which dominate, designed by Oscar Niemeyer. Brasília surpasses Canberra.

And now that the House of Commons need a new home, will SW1 be able to do likewise? And if so, where will it be located? Can our North-South imbalance be levelled out?

Perhaps this can be achieved electronically with new thinking about how we live in time and space, recognising that the time has come to bring an end to travel to work and to holidays. We should perhaps be fostering our villages, nurturing the countryside, and focusing on the renewal of brown land and converting empty high street shops and stores into housing in our towns and cities. The time has come to rethink High Speed Rail and the

widening motorways using emergency lanes.

In bygone days, one usually married a local, someone from the next village or town. But then travel by rail, bike and the internal combustion engine broadened our horizons. Now even press advertisements and the internet are in use to help us find a soulmate.

So what will happen to books and libraries? Do we need them when we can Google what we are looking for?

The National Trust has just realised that the books in the little used show-off libraries of their wealthy donors may be a treasure trove of rare books with a considerable monetary value. To give a local example, Amazon recently advertised a copy of Rev J.J. Raven's '*Church Bells of Suffolk*' for £500. Canon Raven was the Vicar of Fressingfield with-Withersdale. Only 500 copies were printed in the first impression, so they have a hypothetical value of £ 1/4 million. Betty Syrett who encouraged us to ring in the Millennium, sold her copy for £100 to help fund the restoration of the Wingfield bells.

I suspect that the National Trust is sitting on a gold mine of books provided it allows them to continue to gather dust and does not flood the market.

*Tommy Gee*

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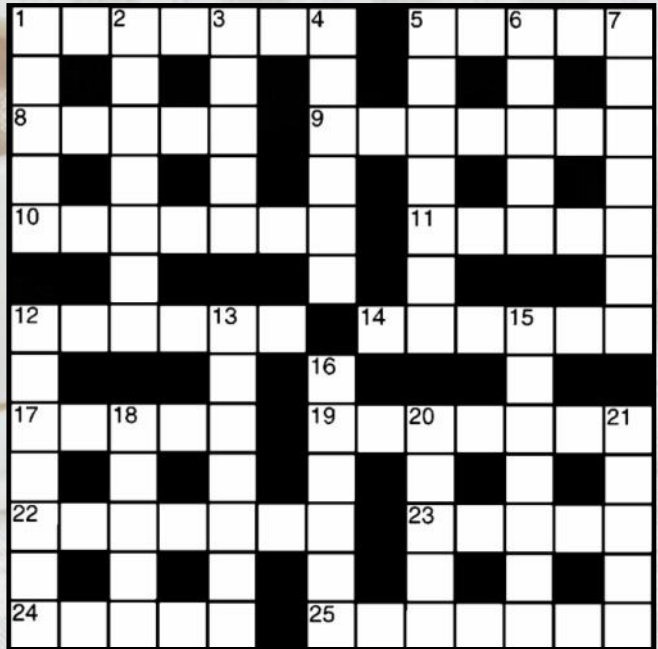
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# Crossword

## Puzzle No. 135

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



### Across

- 1 Audibly Permitted (7)
- 5 Nothing in a bad habit to speak about (5)
- 8 Practice skills on the railway (5)
- 9 Got better and took up a motor sport (7)
- 10 Argue in part that bacon tends to be fattening (7)
- 11 A guru may foresee change (5)
- 12 Fill a puzzle full of holes (6)
- 14 The whole National Trust in the emerald isle (6)
- 17 Lustre of actors Charlie and Michael (5)
- 19 Amy sent a general pardon (7)
- 22 A cut up disc set aside (7)
- 23 Business rated badly (5)
- 24 Perfume remitted I hear (5)
- 25 Narrated a tale about broken treadle (7)

### Down

- 1 Lofty part of house (5)
- 2 Heard about one who is scholarly (7)
- 3 Flinch at victory over the church (5)
- 4 Scorn and dispose of something in a river (6)
- 5 Slightly alter vanilla for a rogue (7)
- 6 Sounds like I croon about cake decoration (5)
- 7 Finish with awfully sore back (7)
- 12 Lives where one desires (7)
- 13 Let song go the furthest (7)
- 15 Ready coffee (7)
- 16 Repartee from urban terrace (6)
- 18 Follow portion of golden suet pudding (5)
- 20 South African birth place (5)
- 21 Give way for a harvest (5)

### ERRATA - Crossword puzzle no. 134

Unfortunately, clues **12 down** and **23 across** were not possible to solve as intended! A new cut-off of **8th May** has been set and the erroneous clues will be ignored. If you didn't send in your entry last time, please do so now.

Entries received so far will be held over for the new draw. Apologies to all.

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