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### CHURCH VACANCY FILLED

**W**e are delighted to announce that the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich has approved the appointment of Revd Eleanor Goodison as interim Priest in Charge of the Hoxne Benefice (Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham & Wingfield).



Eleanor has served the parishes well as Associate Priest during the vacancy period and now feels that God has called her to continue the role for at least a further two years: it is testament to her that the appointment has the whole-hearted support of all the PCCs in the Benefice. A licensing service will be announced in due course. Praise be to God!

*Revd Canon Susan Loxton*  
Rural Dean, Hoxne Deanery

*Mary Lewis*  
Lay Chair, Hoxne Deanery



# Notice Board

## J'S MEADOW

The proposed perimeter all-weather path was finally agreed by the Planning Authorities and has now been installed, together with a firmer surface to the access track. The Committee may in time consider adding a different finish, depending on cost.



Meanwhile, we have to thank Northumbrian Water and their contractors Claret Engineering for carrying out the work free of charge, as some recompense to the community for the disruptions caused by the extensions to the Essex & Suffolk Water site. Now we can think about landscaping the area and introducing the planned sensory garden.

*Mary Lewis, Hon. Secretary*

## FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

For the past two years an enthusiastic group of volunteers has coordinated the very successful and well attended display of Christmas trees in the Hoxne Church. This served to raise the awareness of our church both within the local community and further afield, and despite the COVID-19 related restrictions we very

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much hope to be able to hold a display again this year.

At the time of writing it is not clear precisely what restrictions may be in

place at Christmas this year and so planning is inevitably that much more difficult. Notwithstanding this we will be pleased to hear from any of the local groups and individuals who have supported

us so well in the past and we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation so that we are well placed to go ahead if it is safe to do so.

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## ARTS SOCIETY GETS BACK ITS VA VA VOOM WITH ZOOM

Attracting members from Diss and the surrounding area including Hoxne, the Arts Society Diss provides top quality illustrated talks on a wide variety of art-related topics. Our society is delighted to welcome new and existing members to an interesting and varied autumn season. For the moment, on the **third Tuesday** of each month, our lectures will be delivered live on Zoom.

These begin on **Tuesday 20th October** with an exploration of the Field of the Cloth of Gold when our speaker is the artist Joanna Mubbut. Why not join us and be transported to France and a dazzling display of wealth, skill and splendour in the comfort of your own home? Visit [artsocdiss.org.uk](http://artsocdiss.org.uk) for more details and information on how to join.

## Letters to the Editor

### DEAR FRIENDS

It is a long time ago now but I still wish to thank all of you who sent me cards and the many phone calls following my operation and birthday.

I still have wonderful memories of the Flagg family standing in the middle of the front lawn singing Happy Birthday in the cold.

Your very kind messages and thoughts helped me through a very difficult time.

*Thank you*

*Margaret Brawn*

### GOING GREEN

I saw the article in the last issue of the Village Voice by Mr Burrige and thought there's someone with a sense of humour! Well done, I couldn't agree more. Sorry, I couldn't resist a little illustration...

S.O.G



### MEDICAL CENTRE INFO

Just a reminder of the contact details of the local medical centres: For the Fressingfield and Stradbroke NHS Medical Centres, telephone **01379 586456 / 586227** for Fressingfield and **01379 388313 / 384220** for Stradbroke, or visit:

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# Wingfield Barns

## Andy Cutting

Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm

Andy Cutting is a rarity. A musician's musician (BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Winner Best Musician 2008, 2011 & 2016): a soulful and technically outstanding melodeon practitioner with an ear for a fine tune. Many of his tunes have been purloined along the way: some considered contemporary classics on the folk scene. But then, Andy is also a warm and emotive performer, modestly engaging his audiences with his self-deprecating wit and then flooring them with downright staggering musicianship.



There are few melodeon players who put so much feeling into their playing, whether it is a set of dance tunes, or accompaniment to a slow English ballad.

Andy has been a consistent musical force since he came swiftly to prominence with the innovative Blowzabella. As well as a thorough grounding in the English tradition, Andy's influences extend way beyond these isles, particularly to the music of Central France and to the storming Quebecois tradition. These influences will be well-known to all those familiar with Andy's duo with English fiddle player, guitarist and singer, Chris Wood. Wood & Cutting became one of the most influential, and



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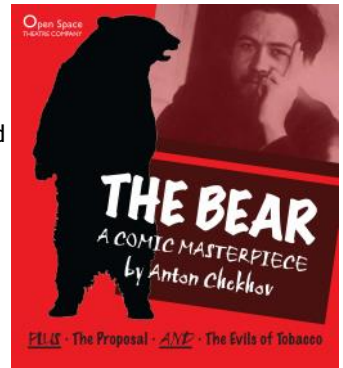
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Tuesday 10th November, 7.30pm

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The Management Committee regret that at the time of writing the hall remains closed for hirings and social gatherings - the position is to be reviewed in November. The hall is managed and staffed by volunteers and will re-open when the committee is confident that it can be done safely, with risk assessments and due protocols in place.

We appreciate that many would like to see this community asset back in use, but we feel that this will need to be done in a safe manner. Notices advertising re-opening will be evident outside the hall and no doubt regular attenders will also hear informally.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back at some time in the future. Meanwhile, keep safe. See you when we see you.

*Mary Lewis & Julie Thompson*

## Hoxne Village Hall

As we reported last edition, Hoxne Village Hall closed its doors in March - emptied the beer barrels, turned off the fridges and went into lockdown. At time of writing (start of September), the Hall Committee have not yet agreed a date to re-open. However, we are meeting at the end of September to consider if we restart in November. The Bar Committee have already decided January will be the earliest that they will consider offering bar services again.

We already know that under current guidelines the main Hall capacity will be reduced to one quarter of the usual numbers (this means down to 25 from 100 for the main Hall and in the lounge down to 15 from 60), and there are restrictions on what types of events that we can accommodate when we do start up again.

We will also have to have a strict cleaning system in place and hand sanitisers are being installed. Whilst some club meetings are permitted, we will have to see if members will want to venture out again! Please contact your regular event organiser for details, or look at our website for information.

Pictured right is the clothing bank in the Hall car park. Sadly it is not a pleasant photo with a toilet aid there that really is not the right sort of thing to leave at a clothing bank!

We have asked before that donations

are not left outside the clothes bank as they get damaged by rain. This appears to be little short of fly tipping and should be reported to the Council. So if you see anyone dumping these sorts of things in our village please do report them.

The eagle eyed amongst you may also have spotted that three Alder trees at the back of the Hall car park have been taken down. Sadly one began leaning after the winds at the end of August and was too close to the Hall roof to leave standing. Waveney Trees came quickly to the rescue and took the offending tree down a week later. Two others also had to be felled due to a root rotting fungus and the Hall Committee will be considering how to replace them.

If you have any questions on your current regular booking or any event please either phone Sharon on **07876 215269** or email Sally/Sharon on **[hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com](mailto:hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com)**

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# Paddle Steamer Wingfield Castle

## A follow up

In the August/September issue of Village Voice, I wrote an article about the paddle steamer PS Wingfield Castle which plied a ferry service with her sister PS Tattershall Castle across the Humber River and ended by posing the question *'why was one of these vessels named after a castle in a small village in Wingfield?'* An interesting lead was supplied by Wingfield villagers Tommy Gee and Bob Elliot which intrigued me to research more. This led me to newspaper articles in the Yorkshire Post of June 2nd, 1931 and the Daily Mail of June 8th, 1931 regarding the visit on June 7th 1931 to Wingfield Castle by the Mayor of Hull and other city representatives who were leading celebrations on the 600th anniversary of the foundation of Hulls mayoral promises.

The party were initially greeted at Norwich Guildhall by the Lord mayor of Norwich after which they travelled to Wingfield Castle where *'people for miles around had assembled in the village, every kind of motor conveyance having been pressed into service'*. They were welcomed by *'the Bishop of Norwich, Mr Groom resident of the castle, the Rector of Wingfield, Sir Shafto Adair Bart., and Mr R.G. Saunders, the people's warden'*. After speeches lunch was served. The party then toured the castle, Wingfield college, and church, after which afternoon tea was taken at Wingfield Rectory before their return home. So, what was the link that brought them all this way?

In the 14th century Yorkshireman William de la Pole (c1290-1366) and his brother Richard founded a wool business

in Hull. Suffolk was a major wool producer and a connection here may have existed. He married Katherine de Norwich, a daughter of Sir Walter de Norwich and they produced four sons and two daughters. On May 6th, 1331, a charter for Hull was set up and its first Mayor was William. He would go on to be chief financier to the Black Prince, son of Edward III. In 1350 he established in Hull a hospital on land he had acquired, known as the Maison Dieu (literal translation, God House).

Williams eldest son Michael (c1330-1389) was born in Hull. In 1361, Michael married Katherine, the daughter and only child of Sir John de Wingfield and Lady Alianore. Sir John died in 1361 and the estates passed to his wife who died in 1375. The estates then passed to Michael and the de la poles. He served the town in various capacities, indeed also serving as its mayor in 1376. His career under Edwards son Richard II soared (albeit temporarily) resulting in his elevation in 1385 to 1st Earl of Suffolk. Amid allegations of financial impropriety, he was banished to France where he died in 1389. However he still maintained his roots by keeping a large house in Hull and establishing a house of the Poor Clares (contemplative Order of nuns in the Catholic Church), the Manor House and the home for aged people. Both William and Michael are (believed) buried in Hull.

So, we can see there is a substantial relationship between the de la Poles, Wingfield Castle and Hull. And so, the railway company named its two new ferries PS Tattershall Castle to represent the Lincolnshire side and PS Wingfield Castle the other side reflecting the acquired ancestral home of Hull's earliest mayor's and benefactors.

My many thanks to Melanie Murray for sourcing the British Newspaper archives.

**Dennis Murray**

# Fressingfield Scouts

**F**ressingfield Scout Group continues to provide activities, friendship, new experiences and personal development to our members.

Virtual Scouting is all that we have known for months, but we are now able to provide some face-to-face Scouting. There are strict rules, a risk assessment and approval system for every meeting, and we will continue with virtual meetings and activities blended with face-to-face outdoor Scouting opportunities.

All face-to-face activities must be outdoors, and socially distanced, at the moment. As the COVID-19 situation hopefully improves, restrictions will relax and we will be able to use inside spaces as well. Our issue with this is until we secure the final piece of

funding for our new HQ we will be unlikely to return to indoor meetings as the Goodwin Hall, (our existing rented building), would not be COVID-19 compliant with regard to toilet provision and hand washing facilities. With all the restrictions in place our Group fundraising has effectively stopped and that has delayed us.

During the summer we began our return to face to face Scouting, first out of the block were the Explorers, in searing heat, seven members of the Unit completed a 20km



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hike in five hours through the beautiful local countryside and had an activity day at the HQ site for a variety of activities including the lining of the pond in the wildlife area, ready for planting up and colonisation by wildlife



over the autumn. The Scout Troops are working together and went on a photography trip to Dunwich Beach. It was great to be out and about together again. Pioneer troop Patrol Leaders accompanied by their Explorer friend went on a 10 mile Project Hike on footpaths from Eye to Stradbroke calling at six churchyards on the way and carrying out wildlife assessments. Section Leaders have been working on blending the

*Pictures: Pioneer Troop Patrol Leaders and their Explorer friend on the Project Hike*



As you may be aware, we are **extremely close** to securing our **New Headquarters**. We have just **£80,000** to raise before the building can be delivered, installed, and connected to the local infrastructure.

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virtual sessions with a small number of outdoor activities. Outdoor sessions will be based at our new site. Scouts are planning martial arts training with fencing, later on a pumpkin carving session and an after dark photography walk around the village. Cubs will be trying out a code breaking scavenger hunt and cooking on a camp fire.

Virtual activities are continuing with Scouts having quizzes, map reading activities and planning for the future. Over the summer, Cubs have been running "Scouts in the Sky" where each week they learn about a different country and try out some traditional games and food from that week's destination, this will continue in the first half of the term.

To find out more about 1st Fressingfield Scout Group speak to any Leader or have a look at our website:

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

# Church Services

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### Sunday 4th October

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am Harvest Service, Hoxne  
11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield  
4pm Messy Church on Facebook

### Sunday 11th October

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am Café Church via Zoom

### Sunday 18th October

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne  
10am Harvest Service, Syleham  
6pm BCP Evening Prayer, Wingfield

### Sunday 25th October

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am BCP Matins, Hoxne  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham  
11am CW Holy Communion, Denham

### Saturday 31st October

4pm Service of Memorial and  
Thanksgiving, Hoxne

### Sunday 1st November All Saints

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne  
4pm Messy Church on Facebook

### Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9am CW Holy Communion and Act of  
Remembrance, Wingfield

10.45am Act of Remembrance, Denham  
10.45am Act of Remembrance, Hoxne  
10.45am Act of Remembrance, Syleham

### Sunday 15th November

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne  
10am Village Service, Syleham  
6pm BCP Evening Prayer, Wingfield

### Sunday 22nd November

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
9.30am BCP Matins, Hoxne  
9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham  
11am CW Holy Communion, Denham

### Sunday 29th November

#### Advent Sunday

8am CW Morning Prayer on Facebook  
11am Benefice Holy Communion,  
Wingfield

## Church News

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### Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

Keats's classic description of autumn may be particularly appropriate this year. Mists cloud any vision of the future, as the uncertainty caused by Covid-19 continues and looks as though it might intensify during the winter months. And yet we are enjoying a season of fruitfulness too -

both literally from our hedgerow berries and orchard trees and in the fruits of neighbourliness and care for each other which the pandemic has borne. God may move in a mysterious way, but he does perform wonders.

For our churches too, this is a time when it is hard to see the future. Our advertisements for a new rector failed to attract any response at all and it has now been agreed not to continue to advertise. We need to be able to go forward and not remain stuck in vacancy, so as to remain an active worshipping community serving our villages while we plan for the longer term. The next couple of years will probably see much wider changes taking place in the church in Suffolk.

Sadly, plans for a belated farewell celebration for Revd Michael Womack have once more had to be put on hold due to government restrictions on social gatherings. But we are now returning to regular services in all our churches, with appropriate precautions. For those who do not want, or are not able for any reason, to come to our church buildings we continue with a selection of online services on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch). Our Café Church continues via Zoom on the **second Sunday** of the month - just get in touch for details of how to join. And Messy Church too is available on [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC). We look forward to being with you in whatever way suits you best.

**Revd Eleanor Goodison**  
**Hoxne Benefice**  
**Tel: 07876 143579**

## St John, Denham

**A**t the time of writing, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for our harvest festival on 20th September which is a cheerful and fitting way to end the lockdown. The church will also have been open all day on 12th September for the 38th Historic

Churches Trust Bike Ride. Very many thanks to our intrepid cyclists whose efforts both in the saddle and gathering sponsorship are much appreciated.

Work on repairing the chancel has begun. The loose plaster on the east wall has been removed and an extensive area between the window and the buttress made good. We have received a quotation to mend the roof and the architect is preparing a schedule that includes work on the south wall, the buttresses and internal cracks in the plaster by the priest's door.

The church is looking much better as a result of the regular maintenance days. Some substantial tombs have emerged from under the spreading yew boughs and work is under way in the porch. We hope you can join us as services start to resume.

**Hilary Castleden**  
**01379 668458**

## St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**T**he church community like all the world is adapting to a Covid-19 life. There is a service in the church most Sundays and it is open for private prayer and sacred space each **Wednesday** 9am - 5pm.

Two members have made fabric face masks which are available at the Village PO Stores, Swan Inn and the church. Thank you to everyone who has put a donation in the box, and is wearing one as necessary.

With the amazing support of many village organisations a Village Covid Calendar for 2021 is being produced to remember our 'lost' year. This will be available and ready for worldwide dispatch to your nearest and dearest from early November, in time for Christmas. The Hoxne Village Stores will be the prime stockist. More information to follow.

## Mothers' Union

The Hoxne branch of the Mother's Union normally meets on the **third Monday** of the month at 2.30pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne.

The current Covid-19 situation has put us on hold, but we share regular News Letters and information from around the diocese and beyond.

Meeting dates should be **Monday 19th October** and **Monday 16th November**, I will send members information nearer the dates.

Our fund raising *J-Chameleon* shop at the Thoroughfare Halesworth will be open from **Thursday 1st to Wednesday 7th October** between 9am and 1pm. Come and visit us for Christmas cards, preserves, good quality bric-a-brac and gifts, books, CD's, DVD's and more. Donations welcome.

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

## Flower rota

**4th and 11th October:** Sue Thornett;  
**18th & 25th October:** Sarah Buckley;  
**1st & 8th November:** Cathie McGregor;  
**15th & 22nd November:** Suzanne Lewis;  
**29th November:** Advent Candle Cathie McGregor.

After the lockdown, once gain the church will have flowers. All flower arrangers will be contacted re access to

the church which remains locked except on Wednesday. There is hand sanitising available for use in the church

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

**T**he church is now partially open! We were so sad to have our church unavailable during the early months of the Covid-19 outbreak: the process of re-opening is under way, and at the time of writing the church remains open for private prayer on **Thursday** afternoons and is also hosting a monthly service, with numbers limited to comply with social distancing requirements. See Page 18 for details as we do not yet have a regular pattern.

**The life of the church** is beginning to broaden out and 'real' services are being held every week, regularly for the Benefice in Hoxne Church and monthly as far as possible in the other churches in the group.

We expect that the current blended approach (in-church services, services streamed on Facebook, and prayer groups and PCC meetings on Zoom) will continue for the foreseeable future.

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**Monthly Messy Church** on Facebook is growing in popularity, with simple home-made videos of story, prayer and craft ideas accompanied by distributed packs of craft materials. A good number of families across the Benefice, and particularly in Syleham, are following.



**Events** - Sadly, it was not possible within the current legal framework to hold the picnic we had hoped for and the Harvest Supper will clearly not take place. Fund-raising this year is likely to be confined to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust *Ride & Stride*: we had one ‘strider’ and two young ‘riders’ taking part and no doubt there will be a report in a later issue.

**Harvest** - It seems we cannot have our Harvest Supper, but we do still expect to hold a Harvest Service on **Sunday 18th October** at 10am. No details at present on its format but those who receive my monthly church email will be informed.

**Remembrance Day** - There will as usual be a simple Act of Remembrance, at 10.45am. Again, those on the circulation list of the monthly email will receive details.

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

## St Andrew, Wingfield

### Annual Meeting

Subject to government restrictions, Wingfield Church will hold its Annual Meeting at 2pm on **Thursday 8th October** in the church (delayed from the spring). All residents of Wingfield are welcome to attend to hear about the church’s activities over the last 18 months and plans for the future.

We need more people to come forward to serve as members of the Parochial Church Council. Please let Revd Eleanor Goodison know if you would be interested in helping in this way.

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## Food for Thought

I have to admit to buying extra rations during the early months of lockdown just in case, but latterly, I have been 'making do' with what is in the cupboard and using up any surplus stock.

When the Editor's reminder came for the latest copy, I had absolutely no idea what to present. I would usually base recipes on a theme or particular ingredient, but my mind was completely blank. I finally decided it appropriate to continue to use what was in the cupboard and although we are delighted to have rediscovered two 'wartime' favourites, I wasn't convinced that many would appreciate corned beef hash or grilled spam and baked beans, however delicious we think them! I hope you like what I am presenting for this edition and decide to give them a try.

### Haddock Scotch Eggs with Curried Mayonnaise

If you like kedgeree you'll also like these – Makes 4 Scotch Eggs

#### Ingredients:

- 6 large eggs at room temperature
- 1 egg white
- 175g of skinned cod fillet
- 175g poached or steamed natural smoked haddock fillet, chilled
- Approx. 150ml double cream
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 - 3 heaped tbsp plain flour for dusting
- 175g dried white breadcrumbs
- Cooking oil for deep frying

#### For the Curried Mayonnaise:

- 150ml homemade or ready-made mayonnaise
- Squeeze 1/2 lemon juice
- 1 tbsp med or mild curry powder
- 1 tbsp of mango chutney
- 1 tbsp double cream

#### Method:

Boil 4 large eggs in a saucepan of water for 6 minutes for a soft-boiled egg or longer for hard boiled. Remove, refresh under cold running water, and set aside to cool. Chop the cod into chunks, place into a food processor and blitz to a purée. Add 1 egg white and blitz again. Add sufficient double cream and juice of 1/2 lemon and blitz to achieve a smooth thick paste. Chill for 2 hours to set. Flake the smoked haddock and gently fold into the cod mousse with salt and pepper. Chill again for 1 - 2 hours. Peel the boiled eggs and gently mould 1/4 of the fish mousse



This is a 9 minute egg

around each egg and set aside. Take 3 small bowls and place the plain flour in one, 2 beaten eggs in another and the breadcrumbs in the third. Roll each egg and coat, firstly in flour, then into beaten egg and finally into breadcrumbs. Refrigerate for about an hour.

In another bowl blend together the mayonnaise, juice of half a lemon, double cream, curry powder and mango chutney. Pre-heat a large pan or deep fat fryer to 180 degrees and cook the eggs, two at a time until crisp and golden, 4/5 minutes. Drain on kitchen paper. Split each egg in half and serve with the curried mayonnaise. Perfect for a starter.

#### Vegetarian Option:

Visit: [www.freefromheaven.com/recipes/spicy-potato-scotch-eggs](http://www.freefromheaven.com/recipes/spicy-potato-scotch-eggs)

## Seafood with Tomatoes, Chilli and Pasta

Serves 2 - 3

### Ingredients:

4 tbsp mild olive oil  
5 garlic cloves, crushed  
4 anchovy fillets, in oil & snipped  
400g cherry tomatoes  
1 tsp chilli flakes  
1 heaped tbsp sweet chilli jam  
350g together of fresh salmon, skinned and cut into bite sized chunks and raw prawns deveined (could also include scallops or mussels)  
Handful chopped parsley to serve  
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon and juice of ½ lemon  
160g linguini or pasta of your choice

### Method:

Place the olive oil, anchovy fillets and garlic into a deep sided lidded frying pan and gently heat. Stir to dissolve the anchovy fillets. Add the chilli flakes and cherry tomatoes. The tomatoes are stewing in the oil rather than frying, to make a

sauce. Add the lid and simmer gently for approx. 30 minutes. The tomatoes will have collapsed but will remain

individual. Stir in the sweet chilli jam and add the fish. Gently stir and replace the lid. Cook pasta according to packet instructions, drain and pile into the fish and tomato mixture. Add lemon zest and juice, stir gently and pile into a warm serving dish and garnish with chopped parsley.



## Vegetarian Option (not shown):

Equally delicious omitting fish and served with a liberal covering of freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

## Sweet Chilli Jam

Makes 4 small jars

### Ingredients:

8 red peppers, de-seeded and roughly chopped  
10 red chillies, roughly chopped (seeds and membrane removed are optional depending on how hot you like it)  
Large finger sized piece of root ginger, peeled and roughly chopped  
8 garlic cloves, peeled  
400g can of Cherry tomatoes  
750g caster sugar  
250ml red wine vinegar

### Method:

Tip peppers, chillies, ginger and garlic into a food processor or use a hand wand. Whizz together until finely chopped. Scrape into a heavy saucepan and add the

canned tomatoes, sugar and vinegar and bring to a boil. Skim off any scum. Simmer for approx. 50 minutes until thickened. Cook for another 10-15 minutes until jam becomes sticky. Stir frequently to prevent mixture sticking. It should now look like bubbling lava. Remove

from heat and cool slightly before putting into sterilised jars. Once opened, store in refrigerator. Keeps for ages.

In truth, all the ingredients were in stock, including delicious fresh fish which is delivered weekly by Spencer.

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# Hoxne Bell Ringers

Now that there is some relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions the Hoxne bell ringing restoration is coming back for consideration by the Hoxne PCC.

The present position is that four bell hanging companies have presented their various schemes for our restoration along with budget quotations. Since the schemes are all different, they cannot be directly compared in financial terms and the resulting peals will be somewhat different.

Having this information to hand and a report by the diocesan bell advisor we are working out what we think the suitable plan might be. The main objectives being:

- Conserve all and use as many as possible of our historic bells in the new peal.
- To have an easy to ring, good sounding peal of six or eight bells suitable for teaching bell ringing.
- Have a simulator training system installed so that people can learn bell ringing without making an anti-social amount of noise.

To achieve this, we will conserve our existing bells by removing the iron crown staples. These are cast into the top inside of the bells to hold the clappers. This means taking the bells out of the tower and transporting them to a bell hangers' yards. There the appropriate machinery is used to drill out the iron. The bronze bells are at risk of cracking



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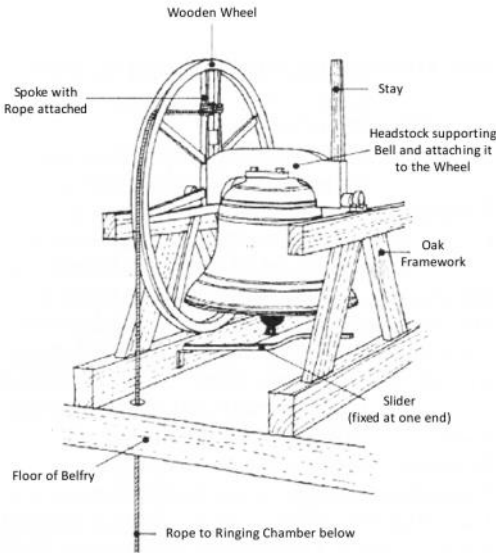
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Sensors will be fitted to the bell wheels and connected to a computer that can play the sound of the bell through speakers in the ringing chamber. The clappers can then be tied and the bells rung so that they cannot be heard outside the tower, but are audible to the ringers.



The computer can also measure the accuracy of the ringer's striking and also ring any method required for the team to practise. This enables much more ringing to take place than might be acceptable if the bells always had to be rung openly.

The PCC have yet to discuss these matters, but after we have done so and agreed to continue with a restoration, we will hold a public meeting. The preferences and ideas from the meeting can then be integrated with the proposals. We are at present constrained by the pandemic, but when a meeting is

allowed this could be held in the church.

We will also have to continue and expand our fund-raising. Any and all help with that will be much appreciated.

I am looking forward to moving forward with this work and I am encouraged to hear three other bell restorations are now proceeding after months of delay.

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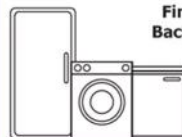
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## Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**A**s you will appreciate, due to the Covid-19 situation the Friends have had to suspend all fundraising activities for the rest of the year. We hope to resume early in the New Year.

Because of the situation, we were not able to hold the AGM in April and so it has been decided that the present committee will continue in post until next April.

However, if anyone is particularly interested, then a copy of the accounts is on display in the Church porch or can be obtained from our treasurer, David Hyde.

Once again thank you for your support and the Friends wish the best of health to you all.

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

## Hoxne Heritage Group

**S**adly it seems to be the norm to report that COVID-19 continues to seriously curtail the activities of the Heritage Group.

Even though restrictions are beginning to relax a little the Group has not yet been able resume regular meetings and is unlikely to do so for the foreseeable future.

Under normal circumstances we would have been looking forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two with our second exhibition covering the years 1942 to 1945 and beyond. Although as already advised, this has had to be put on hold, the good news is that a new date of **8th May 2021** has been arranged and the Village Hall has been booked. This is something for us all to look forward to.

Despite the lockdown, some of our active and enthusiastic members continue to work on individual projects and respond to queries from far afield with regard to Hoxne ancestry and helping with family trees. Don't forget if anyone has a particular experience of the COVID-19 lockdown in and around Hoxne or has an interesting story that should be recorded for future generations please do get in touch with the Heritage Group secretary Margaret Sillis by email at:

*[margaret.sillis@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.sillis@btinternet.com)  
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## Hoxne Phoenix Group

**H**oxne Phoenix group committee has been meeting every two months to discuss current situation and any news of members we know live alone. Each month those members with a "birthday month" are contacted by the Committee in place of the usual posy presented at meetings.

Jenny is planning our 2021 programme using many of the Speakers we had to cancel this year. We obviously won't have an Outing this year although we are hoping to have our New Year Lunch but that all depends on the situation nearer the time.

Keep safe and hopefully the next issue will bring better news from us.

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# Village Voices Community Choir

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## New Reeding Woods Group

### Autumn sights at the woodland

**T**he annual hay cut and baling took place at the end of July though quantities were a little down on last year. This was not surprising given the early dry period and maturing Yellow Rattle starting to impact the vigour of the grasses.

The woodland is looking tidy now after cooler weather made work clearing the branches on the edges of the rides more enjoyable; walkers should be seeing the difference!

The early autumn wildlife was still plentiful and we saw dragonflies, buzzards and even, by chance, a young short-tailed bank vole scuttling through



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the short grass on the main ride. As the trees mature they are providing a feast of berries and nuts for all species, with Dogwood, Hazel, Spindle, Wild Service, Hawthorn, Sloe, Bramble, Dog Rose hips, Crab Apples and Native Pears all ripening among the leaves.

and we hope they will remain. The last of the swallows were hunting insects, although they are now leaving.

Autumn/winter work will see us start to clear among the young trees as it is now 15 years since they were planted. Many members of the original group are



It's not just the wildlife that's benefitting either. Locals have been harvesting too, so with luck winter gloom should be improved with blackberry and apple crumbles and glasses of sloe gin.

Owls were occupying the owl box and seen feeding young earlier in the season

still actively involved but new members are very welcome.

This is a community woodland owned by the residents of Denham, Horham and Athelington and we would encourage anyone who would like to be involved to contact our secretary Peny Conway on **01379 870165**.

# Heraldry in Hoxne Church

It is interesting to look at different aspects of history through the objects which have survived within the church. Every time I go to Hoxne Church, I find something of interest to look at. I did produce an iconographic plan of the church some years ago on display in the church and to this I have added further notes and drawings. If you enter the church and look towards the door to the tower you will find a painted armorial with a crest to the Thurston family tenants of Abbey Farm, over the doorway.

The nearby font has carved shields relating to the de la Pole family and Bishop Lyhart [d.1472] who died at the Bishop's Palace [Hoxne Hall] in the village. No old stained glass armorials

survive, but reconstructions were made from old references and Philip Gunton paid for this work and can be seen within the North Aisle.

The elaborate memorial to Thomas Maynard [1678-1742] the son of William Maynard and Susan Evans is overlooks the Chapel at the far end of the North Aisle. The carving is by the Danish Court sculptor Charles Stanley [1703-1761] with the Maynard family coat of arms above the larger than life figure clad in classical Roman dress.

This Chapel had formerly been dedicated to the Barker family of Chickering and Wingfield during the 15th century and the altar window in the chapel would have been blocked up when the Maynard memorial was erected, perhaps the window contained the lost armorial glass.

Near to the nave arcade are brass inscriptions and armorials to the Thurston



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family. On entering the chancel we can see that the Victorians were at work in restoring the layout. The deeply carved black memorials in the sanctuary are most interesting and form the base to the altar table.

disable horses on the battlefield] a series of three pointed spikes. The old arms of Matthias Kerrison of Bungay are shown impaling those of Mary Barnes of Barsham. The Ellice family coats of arms are not shown but can be found on



These memorials relate to the Thurston family and their allegiances by marriage to the Buxton, Trench and Fincham families. Above the chancel door is a wall tablet to Nathaniel Thurston the son of John Thurston and Elizabeth Godbold. The next memorial of interest is to General Sir Edward Kerrison who fought at Waterloo and was married to Mary Ellice of Pittencrief, Scotland and Brighton, Sussex.

The painted armorial here shows the new Kerrison arms with caltraps [used to

the dedicated engraving of Eye Church by Henry Davy in 1826.

Other memorials relate to the Doughty, Leman, Hesilrige [Hazeltwig], Gould, Press, Revett and Scott families all had the right to display arms but these are not shown at Hoxne.

For those interested in Suffolk Heraldry a starting point would be the Suffolk Heraldry Society and the manuscripts of Edmund Farrer at the Suffolk Record Office.

*Stephen Govier, Elmswell*



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## Parish Council Reports

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### Denham

**W**ork continues on fund-raising for the Village Hall with the immediate ambition of getting the roof done before the winter really kicks in. More and more people are coming forward to help - for which very many thanks - and there has been some extremely helpful publicity in the local papers. Volunteers have done great work clearing the ground around the hall and keeping the area as tidy as possible so that vegetation doesn't do more damage to the fabric of the building.

Great work has also been done on painting and restoring the phone box on

Hoxne Road so that it can become an information resource for the whole village.

The County Council Highways team has now installed two posts on Hoxne Road so that we can purchase - with the generous help of the District and County Councillors - a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which can be moved from post to post alerting drivers to the speed they are doing and encouraging them to observe the speed limit. Many residents have expressed worries about the volume of HGVs using local roads and the SID will also help on that front as it will be able to keep an accurate count of vehicle types and sizes passing the sign. Hopefully the sign will be up and running in the next couple of months.

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

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**Wednesday 25th November.** In line with national and local guidance, meetings are currently being held online in the interests of the safety of all those attending. Meetings are still open for everyone who would like to have their say on anything, or just to listen to what's going on - joining instructions can be obtained from the Clerk. If you don't have a decent online connection, you can still take part by phone.

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 at [denhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:denhamparishclerk@gmail.com) or on his mobile **07785 331217**.

## Hoxne

**T**he Parish Council has recently expressed its' thanks to Mr Allen Burridge who has stood down from mowing and caretaking Low Street Green after over 50 years of loyal service. Mr Burridge was thanked for his unstinting contribution to parish life and the for time he had so generously given to making Hoxne the attractive village it is renowned to be.

Thank you to all who attended the Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation event in the Swan Inn in August. Views collected at these events are being collated and analysed to help

move the plan forward. The Housing Needs Assessment carried out by external consultants and commissioned as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan grant has also been received. Further consultation will take place, and we urge all residents to get involved, and have a say about how they would like their village to develop.

At the time of writing, the revised plans for the development at Abbey Hill have been submitted, and, whilst the Parish Council has welcomed the reduction in scale of the development, at the September meeting, it voted to recommend refusal of the revised application due to the excessive size and out of character design of one of three proposed dwellings, unnecessary tree felling, and concerns over maintenance of the proposed meadow area. It is envisaged that the application will again be heard by the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Committee on 11th November. Further information can be found at [midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning](http://midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning).

The Parish Council will continue to meet via video conferencing, and members of the public are most welcome to observe. Details are published on the meeting agendas or are available from the Clerk. The next meetings will take place on **Thursday 1st October**, **Thursday 5th November** and **Thursday 3rd December**.



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## A Word from Wingfield

### Exhumation

When my wife Anne died ten years ago at midnight in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital as life support was removed in accordance with the Liverpool protocol and after family prayers round her bedside by the duty volunteer hospital chaplain, I asked her whether we might bury Anne in our Abbey Wood. She did not know off the cuff, but went off to her office computer and returned to say that it was possible subject to one condition - that the grave should not be within 50 metres of a water course.

I also asked if she might be willing to attend and conduct a short committal service, which she agreed to do although she lived near Cromer.

NNUH will only hand over the body to an undertaker so Mr Booty of Laxfield brought her home, so deep frozen that when I kissed her a final goodbye, my lips stuck to hers! He lent us an undertakers trolley, boards, and ropes for our family DIY funeral. I thought brass handles were unnecessary, but they would have been useful in moving Anne on to the planks over her grave.

The Wingfield team agreed to ring the tenor bell at 13:00 hrs as the grandchildren lowered her perilously on three ropes as the supporting planks were taken away into the six foot deep grave dug by the my neighbour Allen Pretty in the middle of Abbey wood.

My grandson aged 7 from Beijing, told me he had never done anything like this before. I relied on my Third World experience where such family burials are normal and keep the spirits of the dead in the compound rather than in a

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communal graveyard. I learned early in life after seeing a line of ash around a large tree in a rural compound that this encompassed sacred ground.

In the event, our curate came along rather than the hospital chaplain and said prayers for Anne. That is the background.

Abbey Cottage now belongs to my three children and before they sold it we agreed that Anne should be exhumed and buried elsewhere.

Allen Pretty was willing to dig her up, but I discovered that under Victorian legislation, this required an exhumation certificate from the Ministry of Justice, and would take 30 days and completion of a very lengthy form supported by consents.

The form said that there were some 1000 exhumations per annum, mostly by the police I believe, and are unusual on private land, where an undertaker competent in exhumations is required. No list of them was available, but Mr Booty located someone who had done an exhumation 3 1/2 years ago and was willing to help out with the digger.

It was a two day operation removing the two or three tons of wet blue clay on the plywood coffin buried six foot

down. No remains except a few bones were anticipated.

At the end of day one a thin line of wood was detected, and next morning, with the Public Health Inspector present, the team proceeded cautiously like Egyptian archaeologists to remove the clay from around the simple intact ply, and there she was, still dressed in her Harleston Choral Society dress with her conductors copy of Handel's Messiah, her baton, and a small bouquet of rosemary for remembrance.

Mr Booty transferred her like a Russian doll into the next size ply coffin, and she was cooked to ashes at 7 Hills Crematorium in Ipswich and came home in three green cardboard boxes rather than the more usual one, because of the wood ash from the double coffin. By coincidence, this was one for each sibling.

So, last week, the Revd Eleanor Goodison at short notice committed her ashes to a small grave in Wingfield churchyard.

All concerned cooperated and helped in this very unusual event, but I do wonder what Anne made of it all.

*Tommy Gee*

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

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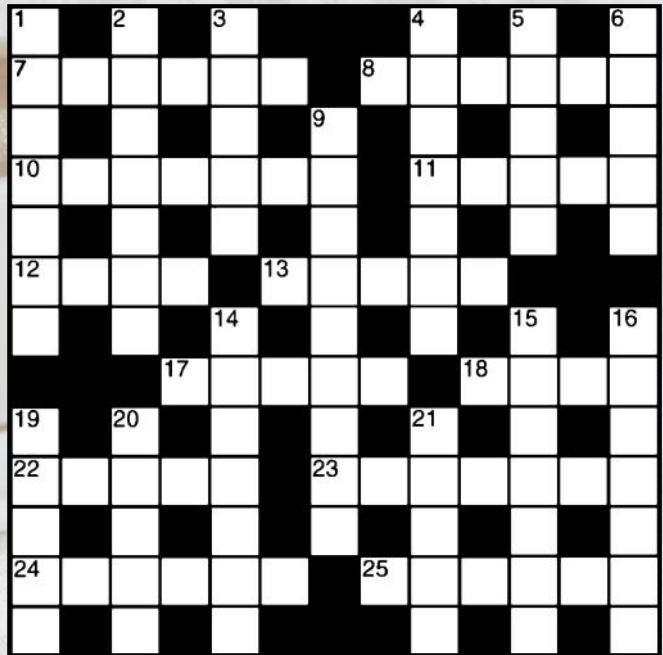
Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55

Wingfield, Post box from 12:00 to 12:20

## Crossword Puzzle No. 137

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 November** latest.

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



### Across

- 7 Good-looking horse drawn cab (6)
- 8 Chap working as a lumberjack (6)
- 10 Angles a meal in Rome (7)
- 11 Volley released from sal volatile (5)
- 12 Single the home help (4)
- 13 Goodbye amigo (5)
- 17 Nimble US soldier covered in beer (5)
- 18 Stupefy for some time I hear (4)
- 22 Tax due to enter a coral reef (5)
- 23 Cite Ken for dodgy clothing accessory (7)
- 24 Most recent removal of hydrogen by stealth (6)
- 25 Hide a clove in a cubbyhole (6)

### Down

- 1 Shakespeare's cruel moneylender (7)
- 2 It's not according to Tom Jones (7)
- 3 Money to be made in a bakery (5)
- 4 Where bemused poet has a cuppa (7)
- 5 Cunningly, not cryptic (5)
- 6 Smarten up a stable lad (5)
- 9 Musical kitchen utensil (9)
- 14 Descriptive of Peter Pan (7)
- 15 Humorous sketch of an empty box (7)
- 16 Young hare depicted in a clever etching (7)
- 19 Large spoon lost in salad leaves (5)
- 20 Entertains armies (5)
- 21 Rebuke a nagging woman (5)

**The winner of crossword puzzle no. 136 was: Sallie Chester, Oakham**

Answers - **Across** 1) Delicate 7) Essen 8) Stiletto 9) Dew 10) Stud 11) Resume 13) Freeze 14) Trying 17) Summer 18) Keel 20) Gap 22) Temporary 23) Teach 24) Ethereal  
**Down** 1) Discs 2) Leisure 3) Chef 4) Titfer 5) Aside 6) Knowing 7) Estuary 12) Azimuth 13) Frigate 15) Iterate 16) Helmet 17) Spear 19) Loyal 21) Sole

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